

# Bergen School of Architecture

## Searching for new sustainable strategies in architecture and urbanism

### Program

23rd of January 2009

09:00-12:00 **MARIANNE SKJULHAUG**  
Principle at Bergen School of Architecture

**ROY ERIKSEN**  
Professor of English Renaissance Literature and Culture,  
University of Agder at Kristiansand.  
Translator of the Norwegian edition of  
"Six Memos for the Next Millennium" by Italo Calvino.

#### BREAK

**BJØRN BRUNSTAD**  
Econ Pöyry. Works within scenario planning and related foresight  
methodologies aimed at tackling situations of great complexity  
and unpredictability.

**OLAF GIPSER**  
Olaf Gipser Architects. Teaching at TU Delft, Berlage Institute and IaaC in  
Barcelona. Former project architect at Un Studio, Amsterdam.

12:00-13:30 **LUNCH & STUDENT PRESENTATION**  
(mastercourse)

13:30-18:00 **WORKSHOP**

24th of January 2009

10:00-13:00 **WORKSHOP**

13:00-13:45 **LUNCH**

13:45-16:30 **WORKSHOP**  
(including summery/presentation/exhibition)

15:30-16:30 **BYFRIKSJON-WORKSHOP**

17:00-19:30 **PETER TRUMMER**  
Head of the Associative Design Research Program at Berlage Institute,  
Rotterdam.

**MORTEN NAG OPSAL & HEIN BERDINSEN**  
Developed the "new" subject Miljøfilosofi at the University of Bergen.

**SABINE MÜLLER & ANDREAS QUEDNAU**  
Founder of Smaq, Berlin.

**CLOSING DEBATE**  
lead by Olaf Gipser.

19:30 **PUB/PARTY/FOOD ARRANGED BY STUDENTS**

We are undergoing a time of massive change; we are facing a global climatic crisis with an unforeseen outcome. According to the UN climate panel, there is a need for an immediate action. The technology we surround us with is developing at a pace hard to keep up with. Urban growth is escalating and in 2007 more than 50% of the worlds population was living in urban areas, and numbers continue to grow. When dealing with such complex environmental ecologies, it becomes crucial to search for new operative architectural solutions and models and to understand that the built environment is a continual mediation between culture and nature

Bergen School of Architecture has for a long time acknowledged the subject and the multitude (the one and the many) as a core model for achieving social and sustainable architecture. With this as a background, sustainability has been the agenda for 2008. In the courses the students have been working with finding low cost and low-tech solutions with a "Hands on" approach, together with a holistic understanding of the physics in energy efficient buildings. The school building is seen as a laboratory and urban landscape where these sustainable interventions are being tested in 1:1 scale.

#### New ideas to the table

In the January seminar Bergen School of Architecture would like to continue the discussion and search for new sustainable strategies in architecture. In this regard the school is inviting other lecturers from other institutions and architectural discourses working with ecology and sustainability as a theme. We hope the introduction of other ideas and concepts will put the question of a sustainable future under a critical light, and widening our perspective.

Through the lectures and workshops, we wish to expose that sustainability is a complex problem. That arches from pure technical solutions to highly elaborated strategies. Responsible for the education of future architects we have to look for operative ways of coping with the future challenges.

## Workshops with:

**SVEIN HATLØY**  
Founder of BAS, Professor and former principal at BAS.

**OLAF GIPSER ARCHITECTS**  
lead by Olaf Gipser, Amsterdam based company.

**SMAQ**  
lead by Sabine Müller & Andreas Quednau, Berlin based company.

**OFFICE FOR ARCHITECTURAL RESPONSES**  
lead by Jørgen Grahl-Madsen & Lotte Sponberg, Bergen based company.

**HANS MARTIN AAMBØ**  
Landscape architect Fuggibaggi, Bergen.

**ANNEMIE WYKMANS**  
Post doktor, Faculty of Architecture & Fine Art, NTNU, Trondheim.

**SARAH WIGGLESWORTH ARCHITECTS**  
UK based company.

**BJØRN BRUNSTAD**  
Econ Pöyry, Oslo.

**HARALD RØSTVIK & MICHAEL REYNOLDS**  
Harald Røstvik: architect and founder of SunLab, Stavanger  
Micheal Reynolds: known especially for low cost projects and  
the movie Garbage Warrior, based in New Mexico.

The workshop will be for the students at BAS, and students from Norwegian University of Science and Technology (NTNU), The Oslo School of Architecture and Design (AHO) and Norwegian University of Life Sciences (UMB) are invited. The groups of students will be a mix of all years, - masters and bachelors.

The Saturday Lectures will be for the students, and is also a part of an ongoing architectural discussion in the city of Bergen, - ByFriksoner. Therefore it will be open to architects and others involved in urban planning.

Students at BAS sign up to preferred workshop at BAS within 19th of January. Others sign up by sending a mail to [line@bergenarkitektskole.no](mailto:line@bergenarkitektskole.no), within 19th of January. Subject marked with: BASOPEN2009. Registration by name, school, bachelor/master level and preferred workshop.

Remember to bring warm clothes and be prepared for cold and rainy weather. Welcome to Bergen!

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