

Editorial

Public Space in Architecture.

Issue 37 deals with the concept of public space in the built environment. However, owing to the fact that public space cannot be discussed without considering private space, this concept is also covered. In these articles, both public space and private space are understood as phenomena that arise through action and interaction, through social configurations in the built environment, and through people's knowledge of the respective rationalities and goals, and of the identity of the stakeholders.

The individual texts discuss how the personal and social identities of individuals and groups, of public and private spaces, are defined by architectural design and the interaction between people, by the knowledge that we reveal about ourselves and the information — be it real or presumed — that is collected about us through surveillance and through new media, such as the secrets that we share with each other as groups or from which we exclude others. This applies to squares and streets, to shopping centers, administrations, and residential buildings, to hallways in houses and apartments, and to the access rights for individual open spaces, production facilities, offices, and residential rooms, in the use of structures in the past and present.

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