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# Buildings as Contemporary Witnesses?

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## On the Problematic Relationship Between Architecture and History

### Abstract

Based on the motto of the 2024 Open Monument Day, 'Wahr-Zeichen - Zeitzeugen der Geschichte', this article poses the question of the connection between architecture and history and attempts to identify new research perspectives. An interdisciplinary and transdisciplinary approach is advocated, which finally abandons a superficial 'legibility' of the built space and does justice to the dual character of architecture by taking into account both the physical and the socially constructed existence of a building.

### Keywords

Materiality, Building as Source, Transdisciplinary Architectural Studies, Historical Architectural Sociology, Architectural History