Call for Papers – AIARG 8: Field Conditions
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The eighth annual conference of the All Ireland Architecture Research Group (AIARG 8) seeks to explore field conditions within the profession and the discipline of architecture. It is a useful term in architectural discourse for a number of reasons: it is descriptive of the manner in which buildings can gather the ‘as found’ elements of a site around them; it captures something of the nature of non-hierarchical space; it recognises the way in which architecture draws connections between multiple and distinct bodies of knowledge; and it posits boundaries not as rigid delineating barriers, but instead as rich transitional zones.

We imagine that papers could address various questions, including, but not limited to:
- Where are the rich transitional zones between disciplines?
- In what ways does the architectural design process respond to multiple physical, cultural and social conditions?
- How have field-based compositional principles impacted on the history of architecture?
- How does architecture both draw upon and influence other disciplines?
- How do boundary conditions manifest themselves in urbanism, building and technology?

We welcome abstracts on the theme of field conditions from practitioners, theoreticians and teachers*. We are particularly interested in proposals that explore the critical zones between fields. We welcome proposals for alternative media that may step outside an academic milieu: roundtable discussions, performances, exhibitions, posters, etc. Abstracts (limited to one per individual) of not more that 350 words should be sent to aiargconference2019@gmail.com no later than 3 September 2018. A selection of papers from the conference will be invited to submit to building material, the peer-reviewed journal of the Architectural Association of Ireland.