

## On Power in Architecture #2: A Phenomenological Perspective

**Speakers:** Andrew Benjamin, Dean Komel, Jeff Malpas, Luka Skansi, Peter Trawny

**International Symposium, 13 September 2018, 10:00–16:00**

**Venue:** Museum of Architecture and Design, Ljubljana

At the second symposium of the series *On Power in Architecture*, internationally renowned philosophers (Andrew Benjamin, Dean Komel, Jeff Malpas, Peter Trawny) and an architectural historian (Luka Skansi) will examine **architecture** in regard not only to **its heterogeneous relationship to power** using a **selected case study**, but this time from a **phenomenological perspective**.

Slovenian philosopher **Dean Komel** will sketch a possible phenomenological approach to the problem of “power within architecture” to rethink how architecture can play a critical role in addressing different positions of social power, rather than finding self-satisfaction as their subservient toy. Australian philosopher **Andrew Benjamin** will talk about architecture of the *counter-measure* and about possibilities for an architecture beyond nihilism. Australian philosopher **Jeff Malpas** will focus on architecture in the age of technological capitalism. Croatian architectural historian **Luka Skansi** will approach the topics of “power in architecture” and “phenomenology in architecture” through a specific case study – monuments built in Socialist Yugoslavia to commemorate the World War II battles and genocides that occurred during the Nazi-Fascist occupation. And finally, German philosopher **Peter Trawny** will base his case study on the favelas of Rio de Janeiro to discuss the power of the powerless and elaborate on another understanding of power in architecture.

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Architecture has served throughout history as one of the most prominent **tools of power**, functioning as both its representation and its manifestation, embedded as it is within the **public** and the **private** realm.

The symposia series aims to enable a theoretically **relevant discussion** on the topic while gathering renowned thinkers to propose **concepts upon which to reflect** on the intertwined relation between power and architecture.

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**Pre-event, 12 September 2018, 18:00, Faculty of Architecture, Ljubljana**

A conversation between **Mladen Dolar & Andrew Benjamin**.

The programme will be in English. Entry is free of charge.

Video recordings: [On Power in Architecture: A Materialist Perspective](#) (2017)

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