FILARCH 2026

International Conference on Philosophy and Architecture

From Deconstructivism to the Present
Ethics and Aesthetics of Speculative Design in Architecture

19–21 November 2026 · Architectural Association, London

The symposium will take place at Architectural Association premises in the following spaces:

DRL Lecture Space: 16 Morwell Street (3rd Floor)

First Floor Front: 33 Bedford Square

First Floor Back: 33 Bedford Square

PROGRAMME AT A GLANCE

	THURSDAY 19	FRIDAY 20	SATURDAY 21
Opening	10:00–11:00 · DRL Lecture Space **Welcome and Opening**		
Morning	11:00–13:00 · DRL Lecture Space **1 Architecture Otherwise**	10:00–12:00 · First Floor Front **4 Designing Without Knowing**	10:00–12:00 · First Floor Front **7 More-than-Human Envelopes**
Lunch	13:00–14:30	12:00–13:30	12:00–13:30
Afternoon	14:30–16:30 · DRL Lecture Space **2 After Deconstructivism**	13:30–15:30 · First Floor Front **5A Beyond Growth**	13:30–15:30 · First Floor Front **8A Deconstruction and Responsibility**
		14:00–15:30 · First Floor Back **5B Thresholds of Meaning**	13:30–15:30 · First Floor Back **8B Elemental Encounters**
Coffee	16:30–17:00	15:30–16:00	15:30–16:00
Late afternoon	17:00–19:00 · DRL Lecture Space **3 Architectural Fictions**	16:00–18:00 · First Floor Front **6A Speculation as Pedagogy**	16:30–18:00 · First Floor Front **9A Radical Dwelling**
		16:00–18:00 · First Floor Back **6B Architecture and Survival**	16:00–18:00 · First Floor Back **9B Architecture, Power and the Public**
Coffee		18:00–18:30	
Evening		18:30 · DRL Lecture Space **Conversation on Speculation**	18:00–18:30 · First Floor Front **Conclusions and Thanks**

All presentations are allotted 20 minutes, followed by 10 minutes of discussion. Parallel sessions run simultaneously in the First Floor Front and First Floor Back rooms, 33 Bedford Square.

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Department of Architecture, University of Patras

THURSDAY 19 NOVEMBER 2026

Deconstruction and Its Legacies

10:00–11:00 · DRL Lecture Space, 16 Morwell Street, 3rd floor

WELCOME AND OPENING

Prof. Theodore Spyropoulos PhD, Director, AA Design Research Lab

Prof. Georgios Panetsos, Department of Architecture, University of Patras

Session 1

11:00–13:00

PLENARY

DRL Lecture Space

16 Morwell Street, 3rd floor

ARCHITECTURE OTHERWISE

Representation, Drawing and Speculative Media

CHAIR

Spiros I. Papadimitriou

11:00 **Petra Eckhard** Senior Scientist, Graz University of Technology

Bernard Tschumi's "Joyce's Garden": Designing the Deconstructivist Text

11:30 **Anastasia Tzaka** PhD Candidate, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki

From Open Architecture to Deconstructivism: Exhibitions as Speculative Media in the Early Discourse of Coop Himmelb(l)au

12:00 **Melek Kılınç** Assistant Professor, Mimar Sinan Fine Arts University

A Specter of Drawing Otherwise: Axonometric Projection Haunting Ethical and Aesthetic Pursuits

12:30 **Spiros I. Papadimitriou & Iokasti Foundouka** Associate Professor / PhD Candidate, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki

From Photons to Prompts: Beyond Representation, the Genesis of Technical Images in the Age of Artificial Intelligence

13:00–14:30 LUNCH

Session 2

14:30–16:30

PLENARY

DRL Lecture Space

16 Morwell Street, 3rd floor

AFTER DECONSTRUCTIVISM

Metaphor, Translation and the Instability of Meaning

CHAIR

Justin Fowler

14:30 **Carlo Deregibus** Assistant Professor, Politecnico di Torino

Deconstructing Deconstructivist Deconstruction: Metaphor as Architecture's Necessary Curse

15:00 **Constantinos Petrakos** Adjunct Faculty Member, University of Patras

From Deconstruction to Aphaeresis: Ethics Beyond Critique in Contemporary Architectural Thought

15:30 **Elif Ezgi Öztürk, Melis Acar & Çağrım Koçer** PhD Candidate / Researcher, Duke University / TED University

Retrospective Speculation and Network Dependency: Reconstructing Urban Meaning in Berlin and Ankara

16:00 **Justin Fowler** Assistant Teaching Professor, University of Oregon

Afterlives of Abuse

16:30–17:00 COFFEE AND TEA

Session 3

17:00–19:00

PLENARY

DRL Lecture Space

16 Morwell Street, 3rd floor

ARCHITECTURAL FICTIONS

Utopia, the Absurd and Alternative Worlds

CHAIR

Nikos Erinakis

17:00 **Angeliki Bara** PhD Candidate, Athens School of Fine Arts

Architecture Against Itself: Superstudio's Radicality of the Absurd

17:30 **Jana Čulek** Assistant Professor, University of Zagreb

Utopia Deconstructed: Speculative Design after the Grand Narrative

18:00 **Najdat Yawer** Architect, Independent Researcher

Urban Imaginaries in Cli-Fi Cinema

18:30 **Nikos Erinakis** Assistant Professor, University of Crete

Unbuilding as World-Becoming: Speculative Architecture for Alternative Ethical Futures

FRIDAY 20 NOVEMBER 2026

Futures, Value, Repair and Pedagogy

Session 4

10:00–12:00

PLENARY

First Floor Front

33 Bedford Square

DESIGNING WITHOUT KNOWING

Futurity, Uncertainty and the Ethics of the "What If?"

CHAIR

Georgios Panetsos

10:00 **Gem Barton** Professor, Royal College of Art
Architectural Futurity: Reasoning with 'the Future'. What Does Architecture Use the Future For?

10:30 **Constantinos Proimos** Assistant Professor, University of Patras
Tensions that We Can Inhabit: Principles of Speculative Design through Plato's Timaeus and Jacques Derrida's Khora

11:00 **Georgios Panetsos** Professor, University of Patras
On Uncertainty, Ethics and Architectural Curricula

11:30 **Maria Vittoria Faravelli** PhD Candidate, IUAV University of Venice
Emergency Department as Architecture of Suspension: Towards an Ethics of Uncertainty

12:00–13:30 LUNCH

Session 5A

13:30–15:30

PARALLEL

First Floor Front

33 Bedford Square

BEYOND GROWTH

Architecture and Post-Capitalist Value

CHAIR

Konstantinos Grivas

13:30 **Kshitij Dhyani & Shuvojit Sarkar** PhD Candidate / Associate Professor, School of Planning & Architecture, Delhi
Defining "Architectural Style" Ideologically

14:00 **Konstantinos Grivas** Associate Professor, University of Patras
Off-Grid Urban Futures: Speculative Design in Architectural Education

14:30 **Jan Rydén Bonmot** PhD Candidate, Åbo Akademi University
Gotland Under the Sun: Wind Towers and Saffron Pickers

15:00 **Simos Vamvakidis** Assistant Professor, University of Patras
Housing Flexibility

Session 5B

14:00–15:30

PARALLEL

First Floor Back

33 Bedford Square

THRESHOLDS OF MEANING

Deconstruction, the In-Between and the Posthuman

CHAIR

Andrea Canclini

14:00 **Andrea Canclini** Visiting Associate Professor, Lebanese American University
Speculative Design in Architecture and the Ethics of Meaning: From Eisenman's Syntactic Autonomy to the Deconstructive Hinge

14:30 **Yanzhi Yang** PhD Researcher, KU Leuven
From Wall to Threshold: A Speculative Architecture of Negotiation, after Derrida and Jian

15:00 **Amir Shahhosseini Angas** Research Fellow and PhD Candidate, University College Cork
Nihilism After Modernism: Posthuman Agency as the Modern Metropolis' Response to the God Trick's Value Exhaustion

15:30–16:00 COFFEE AND TEA

Session 6A
16:00–18:00
PARALLEL
First Floor Front
33 Bedford Square

SPECULATION AS PEDAGOGY

Teaching, Tools and the Design Studio

CHAIR
Peter Olshavsky

16:00 **Peter Olshavsky** Associate Professor, University of Kansas
Projective Poetics in Libeskind's Cranbrook Pedagogy

16:30 **Dimitris Gourdoukis & Thomas Symeonidis** Assistant Professor / Adjunct Lecturer, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki / Athens School of Fine Arts
Deconstruction, Dissensus and Speculative Design Pedagogy

17:00 **Sebastian Francis Harris** Assistant Professor, Barcelona School of Architecture (ETSAB)
Grounding the "What If?": The In-Situ Sketchbook as an Ethical Foundation for Speculative Design

17:30 **Agapi Proimou & Vasileios Stroumpakos** Associate Professor, University of Patras
Synergetic Creativity

Session 6B
16:00–18:00
PARALLEL
First Floor Back
33 Bedford Square

ARCHITECTURE AND SURVIVAL

Ruin, Repair, Memory and the Afterlife of Form

CHAIR
Dimitris Theodoropoulos

16:00 **Avrokomi Zavitsanou** Architect, Independent Researcher, Educator
Repair as Speculative Design: Informal Preservation in the Everyday Built Environment

16:30 **Dimitris Theodoropoulos** Associate Professor, University of Patras
Uncovering as a Form of Speculative Architectural Practice

17:00 **Hyunggyu Kim** Architect, Independent Researcher
From Deconstruction to Digital Ruins: Jansang as a Speculative Framework for Architectural Meaning

17:30 **Nikola Beim** Assistant Professor, Academy of Fine Arts and Design Bratislava
Multiversal Image of a Monument

18:00–18:30 COFFEE AND TEA

18:30 · DRL Lecture Space, 16 Morwell Street, 3rd floor

CONVERSATION ON SPECULATION

Chair: Theodore Spyropoulos

SATURDAY 21 NOVEMBER 2026

Ecologies, Responsibility, Dwelling and Power

Session 7

10:00–12:00

PLENARY

First Floor Front

33 Bedford Square

MORE-THAN-HUMAN ENVELOPES

Air, Living Walls and Roofs

CHAIR

Alcestis Rodi

10:00 **Andreas Theodoridis** Assistant Professor, New York Institute of Technology
The Right to Breathe: Atmosphere and the Aesthetics of the Porous Envelope

10:30 **Angeliki Chatzidimitriou** Assistant Professor, University of Patras
Who Lives within Living Walls? Sustainable Design, Natural Materials and Species Hosted in Green Facades and Green Roofs

11:00 **Alcestis Rodi** Professor, University of Patras
From Forma Urbis to Forma Horti: Deconstructing the Fifth Facade of the Polykatoikia

11:30 **Eftihis Efthimiou** Computational Instructor
Speculative Ecologies and Computational Worldbuilding: Non-Anthropocentric Pedagogies in Advanced Architectural Design

12:00–13:30 LUNCH

Session 8A

13:30–15:30

PARALLEL

First Floor Front

33 Bedford Square

DECONSTRUCTION AND RESPONSIBILITY

Ethics, Use and the Conditions of Practice

CHAIR

Sérgio Pinto Amorim

13:30 **Inês Cunha Simão, Ana M. T. Martins Nepomuceno & Natalia Juan García**
PhD Candidate / Assistant Professor / Associate Professor, University of Zaragoza / University of Beira Interior
From Deconstructive Possibility to Ethical Use: Manuel Tainha and the Escola Agro-Industrial de Grândola

14:00 **Sérgio Pinto Amorim** Assistant Professor, CITAD – Lusíada University / CENP – FAUP
Towards a Fourth World. In the Future, Will There Be a ‘Pedigreed’ or a ‘Non-Pedigreed’ Architecture?

14:30 **Ramona Kraxner** Assistant Professor, Graz University of Technology
Embracing Dissonance: The Functions of Responsibility as Speculative Practice

15:00 **Zoen Huang** Architect, Independent Researcher
The Fugitives of Leviathan: Deconstructing the Contractual Structure of Architectural Production

Session 8B

13:30–15:30

PARALLEL

First Floor Back

33 Bedford Square

ELEMENTAL ENCOUNTERS

Weather, Media and Public Space

CHAIR

Katherine A. Liapi

13:30 **Ertuğ Erpek** PhD Candidate, University of Toronto
Cybernetic Ecologies: Speculating New Life in the Arks of the New Alchemy Institute

14:00 **Kanwal Aftab** PhD Candidate, University of Toronto
The Emergence of Environmental Media in Landscape Architecture

14:30 **Alice Stevens** Senior Lecturer, Arts University Bournemouth
When Rain Speaks: Public Shelter as Cultural Infrastructure in a Wetter Climate

15:00 **Katherine A. Liapi** Professor, University of Patras
Migrating Urban Landmark Pavilion: A Community Catalyst for Collective Memory and Social Cohesion in the City of Elefsis

15:30–16:00 COFFEE AND TEA

Session 9A

16:30–18:00

PARALLEL

First Floor Front

33 Bedford Square

RADICAL DWELLING

Collective Housing, Counter-Design and Flexibility

CHAIR

Aleksandar Vujkov

16:30 **Alexander Bala** Lecturer, University of Michigan

A Double Landing of Architectural Verse: The Estrangement of the Pilotis in the Narkomfin

17:00 **Meryem Karim** Architect, Independent Researcher

Social Housing as Speculation: Modernist Form, Cultural Failure and Vernacular Counter-Design in Casablanca

17:30 **Aleksandar Vujkov** PhD Candidate, University of Illinois

Rethinking the Program: Levinas's Philosophy and the Possibility of an Architecture of Infinity

Session 9B

16:00–18:00

PARALLEL

First Floor Back

33 Bedford Square

ARCHITECTURE, POWER AND THE PUBLIC

Dictatorship, Transition and Contested Space

CHAIR

Matenia Kouroupaki

16:00 **Matenia Kouroupaki** PhD Candidate, TUC School of Architecture

Dwelling Against the Monument: Matala's Caves as Counter-Space under the Greek Dictatorship (1967–1974)

16:30 **Konstantin Dimitrov** PhD Candidate, UACEG Sofia

Architectural Cynicism in a Post-Socialist Laboratory: Deconstruction of Architectural Ethics in 1990s Bulgaria

17:00 **Oleg Zubchenok** PhD Candidate, Kyiv School of Economics

Designing the Fortress City: Sevastopol and the Ethics of Permanent Militarization

17:30 **Elisavet Parisi** PhD Candidate, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki

Topological Publicness: Deconstructing the Fixed Categories of Public Space through Relational Ontology

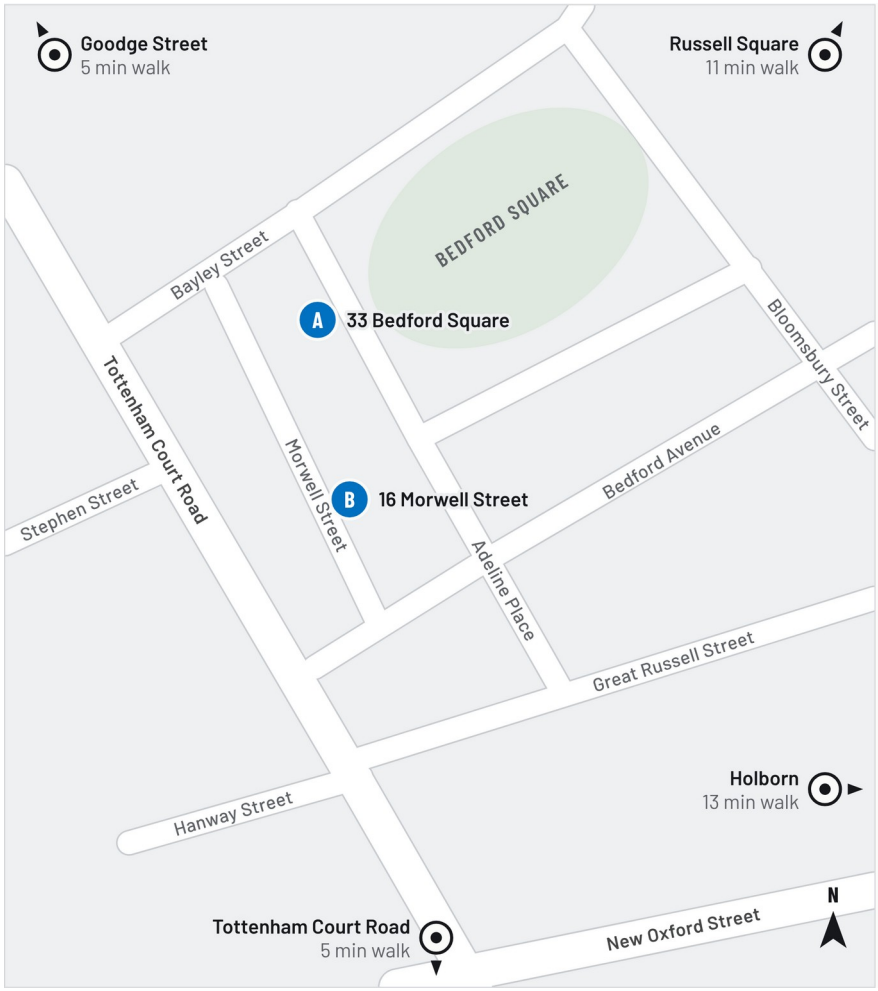
18:00–18:30 · First Floor Front, 33 Bedford Square

CONCLUSIONS, CLOSING REMARKS AND THANKS

Constantinos V. Proimos and Vasileios Stroumpakos

GETTING THERE

Both venues are on the west side of Bedford Square, Bloomsbury, two minutes' walk apart.



VENUES

A — First Floor Front and First Floor Back
33 Bedford Square
Sessions 4 to 9, Friday and Saturday. Parallel sessions run in the two rooms.

B — DRL Lecture Space
16 Morwell Street, 3rd floor
All of Thursday, and the Conversation on Speculation on Friday evening. About 2 minutes' walk from A.

NEAREST UNDERGROUND STATIONS

Tottenham Court Road
About 5 minutes on foot
CENTRAL · NORTHERN · ELIZABETH

Goodge Street
About 5 minutes on foot
NORTHERN

Russell Square
About 11 minutes on foot
PICCADILLY

Holborn
About 13 minutes on foot
CENTRAL · PICCADILLY

Schematic map, not to scale. Walking times are estimates from 33 Bedford Square.