

Codes and the Built Environment: A Research Symposium

Monday, 11 October 2010 11am to 5pm The University of Manchester

Building codes play a central role in shaping the built environment by translating cultural values into material realities. All elements of the city - from buildings to streets and from parks to transit networks - are influenced by a multitude of overlapping, reinforcing, and sometimes conflicting regulations that have accrued over decades or even centuries. Social scientists and designers have only recently begun to study the historical, political, and cultural aspects of code production and deployment as well as the particular material and social configurations they produce.

This half-day international symposium will address the influence of codes on the design, construction, and habitation of cities through insights from scholars in architecture, sociology, urban studies, and science & technology studies. Invited speakers include Matthew Carmona (UCL), Michael Guggenheim (University of Zürich), Jeroen van der Heijden (Delft University of Technology), Rob Imrie and Emma Street (King's College London), and Steven Moore (University of Texas at Austin).

This event is free and open to the public. To RSVP, please email Darien. Rozentals@manchester.ac.uk by Thursday, 7 October or visit manchester.ac.uk/marc.

