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Today, architecture often is simply understood as a matter of concept and design ending up in the production of a building. The problem with reducing the architect to someone who merely designs or conceptually develops buildings is that work and projects are determined by externally set parameters. Architects often merely re-act rather than initiate, re-spond rather than take action, re-ply rather than co-formulate. The lecture will unravel episodes of architecture where spatial intelligence is applied beyond a built project through engaging with the unknown in mutual collaborations yet starting from a clear theoretical or sometimes ideological basis. This form of 'spatial agency' transgresses traditional disciplinary boundaries to understand architecture as an essentially political event.

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