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**What is Marble** Springer Nature

This book orchestrates a convergence of two discourses from the 1960s—Nelson Goodman’s aesthetic theory on one side and critiques of modern architecture articulated by figures like Peter Blake, Charles Jencks, and Robert Venturi/Denise Scott Brown on the other. Grounded in Goodman’s aesthetic theory, the book explores his conceptual framework within the context of modern architecture. At the heart of the investigation lies Goodman’s concept of exemplification. While his notion of denotation pertains to representational elements, often ornaments, in architecture, exemplification accentuates specific formal properties at the expense of others, including color, spatial orientation, transparency, seriality, and the like. Supplemented by findings from phenomenology, the book traces these effects in buildings, notably those by Ludwig Mies van der Rohe, Walter Gropius, Le Corbusier, and Frank Lloyd Wright—all key figures in the critiques of modern architecture. Employing Goodman’s framework, the book aims to address accusations of emptiness and alienation directed at modern architecture in the postwar era. It illustrates that modern architecture symbolizes aesthetically in a fundamentally different way than architecture from earlier periods. This book will be of interest to architects, artists, researchers, and students in architecture, architectural history, theory, cultural theory, philosophy, and aesthetics.

Metamorphism Springer Science & Business Media

Material Theories takes a radically new approach to well-established thinking on nineteenth-century architecture and design by investigating Gottfried Semper’s classic ideas about dressing, metamorphosis of material, and cultural development, culminating in his two-volume publication *Style*. This book demonstrates how Semper’s theories crystallised among his encounters with material things of the late 1840s and early 1850s. It examines several discursive frameworks and phenomena which shaped the attitude to artefacts in Europe in the mid-nineteenth century, and which were specifically pertinent to Semper’s evolution: archaeology and antiquarianism, the domestic interior, print media, collections, and the embodied relationship between the designer and their work. For the first time, this book examines the construction of a design theory not only as an intellectual endeavour but also as a process of confrontation with material things. It employs recent approaches to material culture, in particular Thing Theory, in order to show that Semper’s artefact references constituted his ideas, rather than simply giving impetus to them. It will be an important investigation for academics and researchers interested in interior design history, as well as scholars of material culture and history of design theory. *Towards a Critique of Architecture’s Contemporaneity* Springer

This book examines prospective climate adaptive building materials in desert and drylands in the context of climate change, desertification, urbanisation demands, and the consequent sustainable urban development challenges. This preliminary collection of ecological materials covers the characterisation of biotic and abiotic

resources for materials, their specifications and benefits for adequate bio-climatic design and construction. Particular emphasis is given to ecological composite materials for advances in desert architecture. Based on the initial collection, the book culminates with potentials for new ecological building materials. The "eComposite Combinator" matrix offers potential research recipes and encourages the reader to conduct further climate-matters related research. The Resistant Object of Architecture CRC Press

The weathering of historical buildings and, indeed, of monuments and sculptures of natural stone is a problem that has been encountered for hundreds of years. However a dramatic increase in deterioration in the structure of our built heritage has been observed during the past century. To understand the complex interaction that the stone in a building suffers with its near environment (the building) and the macro environment (the local climate and atmospheric conditions) requires an interdisciplinary approach and the application of many disciplines. Climate change over the next 100 years is likely to have a range of direct and indirect impacts on many natural and physical environments, including the built environment. The protection of our architectural heritage has both cultural and historical importance, as well as substantial economic and ecological value. Large sums of money are being spent world-wide on measures for the preservation of monuments and historical buildings. The past few decades has seen an unprecedented level of research activity in this area, the result of which is often difficult to access and are summarized in the new edition of *STONE IN ARCHITECTURE*. The 4th edition of Stone

in Architecture: Properties, Durability, is a sophisticated and thorough exploration of stone - its properties, performance and conservation - in monumental contexts. The current editors, Siegfried Siegesmund and Rolf Snethlage, note the pioneering work of Erhard Winkler who wrote the first edition in 1973 when so little information could be found in the literature on the subject. This new edition, also published by Springer, nearly doubles the size of Winkler's 1994 effort. If you are familiar with the field and need to know little more than this statement, you can put aside this review and go buy the book. George Wheeler, Department of Scientific Research, The Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York. *Architect* Taylor & Francis

Today, it is more vital than ever to build, or restore, a sustainable quality in our environment, from small scale interventions to landscape design. Such result can only be achieved by addressing specific theoretical and practical issues, namely how complexity should be conceived in architecture, how nature and architecture should interrelate, how the various disciplinary processes and the subjects who contribute to construction should be managed and mutually integrated.

*Nelson Goodman and Modern Architecture* Leuven University Press Pursuing historical analogies between nineteenth-century theories and the current practices captivated by digital reproducibility, this book offers a critical take on architecture's contemporaneity through four essays: tectonics, materiality, cladding, and labor. Fundamental to this proposition is the historicity of Gottfried Semper's theorization of architecture amidst the outpouring of new materials and construction techniques during the

1850s. Starting with Semper's differentiation between theatricalization and the tectonic of theatricality, this book examines thematic essential to architecture's self-representation. Even though the title of this book recalls the Semperian Four Elements of Architecture, its argument encapsulates a unique historico-theoretical project probing the tectonic of theatricality beyond Semper. The invisible tie between technique and labor is the cord running through the four subjects covered in this book. In exploring these subjects from the theoretical standpoint of Marxian dialectics, this book's contribution is focused on, but not limited to, the topicality of labor today when its relationship with capital has been further obscured by the prevailing digitalization of commodity exchange value, starting roughly in the 1990s. Each essay examines Semper's theorization of architecture in contradistinction to the ways in which technology's mediation has dominated architecture's representation. Burrowing through the invisible tie between technique and work, asymptomatic of architecture's predicament in global capitalism, *Towards a Critique of Architecture's Contemporaneity* advances the scope of architectural criticism beyond the exhausted formalism and architecture's turn to philosophy circa the 1980s and the present tendencies for presentism. It will therefore be of interest to researchers and students of architectural history and theory.

*The Encyclopædia Britannica* Birkhäuser  
At a time of unprecedented levels of change in the production of building materials and their deployment in construction, better theoretical and historical tools are needed to understand

these new developments and how they are altering the practices and concepts of architecture. *Building Materials* offers a radical rethink of how materials, as they are constituted in architectural practice, are themselves constructed and, in turn, uncovers a vast and neglected resource of architectural writing about materials as they are mobilized in architecture. The book is unique in conceiving architectural specification as a starting point for architectural theory, arguing that how materials are prescribed - through a range of practices from the literal processes of procurement and manufacture to epistemological, contractual, social and economic frameworks - radically alters their potential in architecture. Drawing on the work of French philosopher Gilbert Simondon, as well as close readings of everyday specifications from the 18th to 21st centuries, the book reveals that materials do not pre-exist their shaping or use in the world, but come into being through the processes that constitute them. The book addresses three distinct methods of specification each through the lens of a different material - 'naming' through timber, 'process-based' through concrete, and 'performance specification' through glass - in turn revealing how the process of architectural specification (or 'Preliminary Operations' as Simondon puts it) allows for the development of specific relationships between material and function.

*The American Architect and Building News* CRC Press

In architecture, tacit knowledge plays a substantial role in both the design process and its reception. The essays in this book explore the tacit dimension of architecture in its aesthetic, material,

cultural, design-based, and reflexive understanding of what we build. Tacit knowledge, described in 1966 by Michael Polanyi as what we 'can know but cannot tell', often denotes knowledge that escapes quantifiable dimensions of research. Much of architecture's knowledge resides beneath the surface, in nonverbal instruments such as drawings and models that articulate the spatial imagination of the design process. Awareness of the tacit dimension helps to understand the many facets of the spaces we inhabit, from the ideas of the architect to the more hidden assumptions of our cultures. Beginning in the studio, where students are guided into becoming architects, the book follows a path through the tacit knowledge present in materials, conceptual structures, and the design process, revealing how the tacit dimension leads to craftsmanship and the situated knowledge of architecture-in-the-world. Contributors: Tom Avermaete (ETH Zürich), Margitta Buchert (Leibniz-Universität Hannover), Christoph Grafe (Bergische Universität Wuppertal), Mari Lending (The Oslo School of Architecture and Design), Angelika Schnell (Academy of Fine Arts Vienna), Eireen Schreurs (Delft University of Technology), Lara Schrijver (University of Antwerp)

**Ecological Building Materials for Deserts and Drylands** Cinius Yayınları  
A radical critique of architecture that places disability at the heart of the built environment Disability critiques of architecture usually emphasize the need for modification and increased access, but *The Architecture of Disability* calls for a radical reorientation of this perspective by situating experiences of impairment as a new foundation for the built environment. With its provocative

proposal for "the construction of disability," this book fundamentally reconsiders how we conceive of and experience disability in our world. Stressing the connection between architectural form and the capacities of the human body, David Gissen demonstrates how disability haunts the history and practice of architecture. Examining various historic sites, landscape designs, and urban spaces, he deconstructs the prevailing functionalist approach to accommodating disabled people in architecture and instead asserts that physical capacity is essential to the conception of all designed space. By recontextualizing the history of architecture through the discourse of disability, *The Architecture of Disability* presents a unique challenge to current modes of architectural practice, theory, and education. Envisioning an architectural design that fully integrates disabled persons into its production, it advocates for looking beyond traditional notions of accessibility and shows how certain incapacities can offer us the means to positively reimagine the roots of architecture.

*The Encyclopaedia Britannica* Springer Nature

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original function. For the first time, the book investigates the subject from a historic point of view whilst reflecting on current interdisciplinary research.

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**Metamorphism and Metamorphic Belts** LetteraVentidue Edizioni

This book traces the history of urban design in tropical South East Asia with a view to offering solutions to contemporary architectural and urban problems. The book examines how pre-colonial forms and patterns from South East Asian traditional cities, overlaid by centuries of change, recall present notions of ecological and organic urbanism. These may look disorganised, yet they reflect and suggest certain common patterns that inform eco-urban design paradigms for the development of future cities. Taking a thematic approach, the book examines how such historical findings, debates and discussions can assist designers and policy makers to interpret and then instil identities in urban design across the Asian region. The book weaves a discourse across planning, urban design, architecture and ornamentation dimensions to reconstruct forgotten forms that align with the climate of place and resynchronise with the natural world, unearthing an ecologically benign urbanism that can inform the future. Written in an accessible style, this book will be an invaluable reference for researchers and students within the fields of cultural geography, urban studies and architecture.

**The British Architect** Birkhäuser

My book *Metamorphic Rocks and Metamorphic Belts* (in Japanese) was published by Iwanami Shoten, Publishers, in Tokyo in 1965. A few years

later, Mr D. Lynch-Blosse of George Allen & Unwin Ltd contacted me to explore the possibility of translating it into English.

Thus, translation accompanied by rewriting of substantial parts of the book was made in subsequent years, resulting in the present book *Metamorphism and Metamorphic Belts*. This title was chosen to emphasize the tectonic Significance of metamorphic belts. Metamorphic geology has a long history. The microscopic description and classification of metamorphic rocks began in the late nineteenth century. The theory of equilibrium mineral assemblages began in the first half of the twentieth century. Detailed mineralogical studies and the experimental determination of the pressure-temperature conditions of metamorphism began in the 1950s. The importance of metamorphic petrology in our understanding of the tectonic processes has been realized only in the past decade. This book is intended to synthesize the mineralogic, petrologic" and tectonic aspects of metamorphism. Advanced treatment of the thermodynamic and structural aspects is not intended.

Metamorphism Birkhäuser

Over the concluding decades of the twentieth century, the historic preservation community increasingly turned its attention to modern buildings, including bungalows from the 1930s, gas stations and diners from the 1940s, and office buildings and architectural homes from the 1950s. Conservation efforts, however, were often hampered by a lack of technical information about the products used in these structures, and to fill this gap *Twentieth-Century Building Materials* was developed by the U.S. Department of the Interior's National Park Service and first published in 1995.

Now, this invaluable guide is being reissued—with a new preface by the book’s original editor. With more than 250 illustrations, including a full-color photographic essay, the volume remains an indispensable reference on the history and conservation of modern building materials. Thirty-seven essays written by leading experts offer insights into the history, manufacturing processes, and uses of a wide range of materials, including glass block, aluminum, plywood, linoleum, and gypsum board. Readers will also learn about how these materials perform over time and discover valuable conservation and repair techniques. Bibliographies and sources for further research complete the volume. The book is intended for a wide range of conservation professionals including architects, engineers, conservators, and material scientists engaged in the conservation of modern buildings, as well as scholars in related disciplines.

**The Architecture of Disability** Getty Publications

Ein Haus oder ein Raum steht nie für sich allein. Als Teil eines Geflechts formt Architektur aus Häusern und Räumen Beziehungen. Unsere Beziehung zum Raum wird stetig neu erfahren und bewertet, zuletzt während der Corona-Pandemie, die Innen- und Außenraum radikal anders gewichtete.

Komplementär dazu bildet die Substanz einen buchstäblichen Schwerpunkt unseres Begreifens von Architektur – in vielerlei Hinsicht: Die konkrete Bausubstanz in ihrer Materialität, ihren Stoffkreisläufen und Transformationen, die Substanz als programmatischer Gehalt von Architektur sowie die Substanz der Stadt. Der UMBAU 32 bringt dieses Spannungsfeld zwischen Raum und Substanz zum Schwingen. Ein

gewohnt vielstimmiger UMBAU über das Dauerhafte und das (Un-)Greifbare, ein UMBAU als Dokument einer außergewöhnlichen Zeit. Innen- und Außenräume, öffentlich und privat Aktuelle Positionen zu Materialkreisläufen und Ressourcen Mit Beiträgen von Stephan Trüby, Elise Feiersinger/Claudia Cavallar u.v.m. Autor:innen (Auswahl) Stephan Trüby über Camillo Sitte im Sitte-Jubiläumjahr 2023 Andrea Erwig über Warteräume in der Literatur Dirk Baecker über die Substanz der Stadt Studio Magic über den Wert der Langsamkeit und das Neuberg College im ehemaligen Kaiserbahnhof Neuberg/Mürz Elise Feiersinger und Claudia Cavallar über Hermann Czech, David Kohn und Raumbeziehungen zwischen Wien und London Maik Novotny und Andreas Vass über neue Raumbeziehungen in der Pandemie Himalayan Tectonics Bloomsbury Publishing

The Architecture of Persistence argues that continued human use is the ultimate measure of sustainability in architecture, and that expanding the discourse about adaptability to include continuity as well as change offers the architectural manifestation of resilience. Why do some buildings last for generations as beloved and useful places, while others do not? How can designers today create buildings that remain useful into the future? While architects and theorists have offered a wide range of ideas about building for change, this book focuses on persistent architecture: the material, spatial, and cultural processes that give rise to long-lived buildings. Organized in three parts, this book examines material longevity in the face of constant physical and cultural change, connects the dimensions of

human use and contemporary program, and discusses how time informs the design process. Featuring dozens of interviews with people who design and use buildings, and a close analysis of over a hundred historic and contemporary projects, the principles of persistent architecture introduced here address urgent challenges for contemporary practice while pointing towards a more sustainable built environment in the future. The *Architecture of Persistence: Designing for Future Use* offers practitioners, students, and scholars a set of principles and illustrative precedents exploring architecture's unique ability to connect an instructive past, a useful present, and an unknown future.

*The Encyclopædia Britannica* Prof. Dr. Bilal Semih Bozdemir

La arquitectura, a través de la materia, ofrece la oportunidad al hombre de habitar en las entrañas de esta. La materia es el mediador entre las condiciones que rodean al proyecto de arquitectura, y la realidad física que se ocupa de su constitución. Por eso, la materia debe constituir el constructo formal de la arquitectura. La arquitectura establece un vínculo entre el hombre y la naturaleza. La materia es la encargada, a través de su condición constitutiva, de reforzar el vínculo espiritual entre ambos. Así, hombre, naturaleza y materia, se enlazan a través de la condición puramente material. La obra de arquitectura unifica los anhelos del hombre para habitar la tierra, para encontrar un refugio en ella, en conjunto, con los diferentes factores sociales, culturales, económicos que nos ofrece la realidad temporal en la cual vivimos. Esta relación entre el ser humano y el cobijo se establece a través de la materia como instrumento de

diálogo entre ambas partes. Dado que la arquitectura es el espacio donde se desempeñan las relaciones entre el hombre y el lugar habitado, la materia comparece ante ambos para crear el marco idóneo entre ser humano y naturaleza. La arquitectura es un proceso relacional complejo, donde la obra establece una serie de vínculos entre dichas relaciones en un determinado espacio. De esta forma, la condición objetual de la obra carece de sentido si no se cristaliza a través de una realización que asuma el contexto específico en el cual se asienta. La materia es el escenario silencioso que se ocupa de confirmar la relación entre el contexto y la obra, anulando toda autonomía formal que no provenga del interior de ella. La materia comparece para esclarecer la compleja realidad entre el ser humano y el contexto, por lo tanto, se ocupa de una realidad constructiva concreta. Establece una comunión entre la acción de la mano y el pensamiento del hombre, en conjunto con los recursos de un determinado lugar. Será de este mero vínculo donde nazca la conformación del espacio y la configuración del límite construido entre obra y emplazamiento.

*Building Technology and Culture in the Asia-Pacific Region* John Wiley & Sons  
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#### NEXT GENERATION BUILDING MATERIALS

The 21st century faces a radical change in how we produce construction materials – a shift towards cultivating, breeding, raising, farming, or growing future resources. This book presents innovative industrialized production methods for cultivated building materials, like cement grown by bacteria, bricks made of mushroom mycelium, or bamboo fibers as reinforcement for concrete. Spanning from scientific research to product development and architectural application, this book builds a bridge between the academic and the professional world of architecture. The book describes the challenges, strategies, and goals in the first part, followed by a second part on bamboo, A cultivated building material and a number of examples in the third part which form the bridge from cultivated materials to building products.

**Building Theories** Nobuko/Diseño editorial

The publication rethinks climate control – a key concern of the discipline of architecture – through the lens of city climate phenomena over the course of the 20th century. Based on a history of climate control on urban scales, it promotes the integration of indoors and outdoors in order to reduce environmental and thermal loads in

cities. Just as heating and cooling practices inside the buildings are affecting the (urban) climate outdoors, urban heat islands are influencing the energy requirements and thermal conditions inside the buildings. While the first part of the book focuses on the interwar period in Europe, the publication's second part considers examples from all over the globe, tracing the growing significance of ecological thinking for the design of urban environments.

*Building Materials* Elsevier

The Himalaya-Karakoram-Tibet mountain belt resulted from Cenozoic collision of India and Asia and is frequently used as the type example of a continental collision orogenic belt. The last quarter of a century has seen the publication of a remarkably detailed dataset relevant to the evolution of this belt. Detailed fieldwork backed up by state-of-the-art structural analysis, geochemistry, mineral chemistry, igneous and metamorphic petrology, isotope chemistry, sedimentology and geophysics produced a wide-ranging archive of data-rich scientific papers. The rationale for this book is to provide a coherent overview of these datasets in addressing the evolution of the mountain ranges we see today. This volume comprises 21 specially invited review papers on the Himalaya, Kohistan arc, Tibet, the Karakoram and Pamir ranges. These papers span the history of Himalayan research, chronology of the collision, stratigraphy, magmatic and metamorphic processes, structural geology and tectonics, seismicity, geophysics, and the evolution of the Indian monsoon. This landmark set of papers should underpin the next 25 years of Himalayan research.

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