Course ARCH 490

Transformations in African Centered Architecture

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Days: Tuesdays / Thursdays
Time: 11:00am – 12:20pm
Location: ONLINE

Course Outline
This course is designed as an introduction to the architecture and urban design of Africa. By tracing the development of urban design from antiquity to post modern times, students will gain the knowledge required to recognize, define and critique the art of modern African architecture and urban design. This course challenges the romantic notion of the “hut” as the only true icon of African urban design and development and replaces it with the full breadth of Africa’s historical and contemporary contribution to the discourse.

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