Disputation: Hilde Haslum

Architect Hilde Haslum
Trial lecture and disputation on December 18th 2008

TRIAL LECTURE: 10.00 am

Welcome
Introduction to the programme
Professor dr. Margrethe Dobloug

Trial lecture: The candidate lectures on the topic:

*Has public space disappeared; changing public space and changing publicity?*

The trial lecture must not exceed 45 minutes

INTERVAL

DISPUTATION: 12.00 pm -

Introduction to the disputation
Professor dr. Margrethe Dobloug
The doctoral candidate presents her dissertation (max. 30 minutes) *Reading Socio-Spatial Interplay*

First opponent
*Dr. Kirsten Simonsen and the doctoral candidate discuss the dissertation*

**INTERVAL 30 MIN.**

Questions *ex auditorio* *

Second opponent
*Dr. Terttu Pakarinen and the doctoral candidate discuss the dissertation*

Final comments
*Professor dr. Margrethe Dobloug*

**The adjudication committee:**
Professor Dr. Kirsten Simonsen, University of Roskilde; Professor Dr. M. Arch. Terttu Pakarinen, Tampere University of Technology; Gunnar Parelius, NTNU

*Questions must be delivered in writing during the interval.*

About the dissertation: *Reading Socio-Spatial Interplay*

In this thesis the focus is on the interrelations between architecture and social life in the context of ongoing urban transformation. Interrelations between societal development, architecture and everyday ways of life are complex and dynamic and as a result urban landscapes transform in various ways. Different academic traditions provide different points of entry with which to analyze and discuss the various aspects of the processes involved. Using as a point of departure the traditions rooted in structural and morphological analysis, the aim of the thesis is to further develop architectural analyses in ways that open up to traditions that theorize and analyze dynamics of urban social life. The thesis does so by challenging the structural-morphological starting point by reference to other approaches, both theoretical and empirical, to socio-spatial dynamics and by maintaining a focus on architecture as both a precondition for, an agent in, and a product of patterns in everyday urban life.

The research issues are examined along two paths, one theoretical and one empirical:

The aim of the theoretical part is, on the one hand, to establish a set of conceptual reference points for developing architectural analyses that include issues of dynamic interplay and variations in individual and aggregated socio-spatial practices, and, on the other hand, to set up an interpretative framework for empirical investigations. Chapter 1 is a discussion of analytical scope of different theoretical approaches to the complex and dynamic interrelations between societal development, architecture and everyday ways of life. Chapter 2 is a discussion of how architectural issues can be related to two different theories of the production of social space. In chapter 3, a method for architectural analysis of interrelated patterns is presented.
The aim of the empirical part, by way of case studies in three study areas in Oslo, is to explore interrelations between observable patterns in architecture and in individual socio-spatial practices. Chapter 4 is an analysis of the historical development of morphological systems and structural elements in the architectural landscape in which the three study areas are situated. Chapter 5 is an analysis of more recently developed architectural transformations including iconographical and micro-morphological changes. Chapter 6 is an analysis of patterns of socio-spatial practices as reflected in interviews with inhabitants in all three study areas.

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