Doctoral Thesis Defence: Lisbeth Harboe

Lisbeth Harboe is set to defend her PhD thesis *Social concerns in Contemporary Architecture. Three Practices and their Works* at AHO on the 27th of February 2012.

Trial lecture 10.00 *Architectural roles and tools in socially concerned design practices*

Disputation 12.00 Disputation

**PhD thesis**

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**Candidate**

Lisbet Harboe (1963) is an architect from NTNU in Trondheim. With ten year experience from practice, she is interested in contemporary architecture and social responsibility. Harboe has been a PhD candidate at the Institute for Form, Theory and History where she currently teaches architectural theory.

**Adjudication Committee**

Professor and head of department Flora Samuel, Sheffield School of Architecture. First Opponent

Associate professor Tom Avermaete, TUDelft. Second Opponent

Associate professor Peter Hemmersam, AHO. Third Member and Coordinator

- Date: 27.02.2012
- Time: 10:00 - 16:00
- Venue: AHO, Main Auditorium
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Disputas: Lisbeth Harboe


Prøveforelesning kl. 10.00 *Architectural roles and tools in socially concerned design practices*

Disputasen starter kl. 12.00

**Ph.d.-avhandlingen**

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**Bedømmelseskomité**

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Førsteopponent
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