



Disputas: Mark Robert Mansfield

Mark Robert Mansfield forsvarer sin doktoravhandling "Modernism and National Romanticism in the Work of Architect Magnus Poulsson (1881 – 1958)" for ph.d.-graden ved AHO fredag 12. juni. Disputasen vil foregå på engelsk.

- **Prøveforelesning kl. 10: "The idea of national architecture in Scandinavia and its relevance to our understanding of modern architecture/architectural modernism."**
- **Disputasen starter kl. 12**

Om avhandlingen

Architect Magnus Poulsson is one of the primary figures in Norway's history of 20th century architecture and is most often hailed as Norway's great national romantic architect. While in the early 20th century, national romanticism was seen as representing a modern and progressive approach, later critics would label it as reactionary and anti-modern. This study investigates how the historical reception of Poulsson's architecture is marked by various definitions of (national) romanticism. This research places Poulsson's work in its wider historic and cultural context. It traces Poulsson's historic reception and uses new archival material to investigate the particular definitions of modernism and romanticism which, in turn, shape an understanding of his work. In the process, we get an expanded view of Poulsson's own history and architecture, as well as his architectural aims and vision beyond what has previously been emphasized.

Om kandidaten

Mark Robert Mansfield (1969) is interested in critical theory and contemporary architectural practice. Mansfield holds a Master's degree from the Graduate School of Design, Harvard University, with the Dimitris Pikionis Award for outstanding achievement; an MBA from the University of Washington; and a BA in Communication from the University of Puget Sound. Mansfield's professional experience is in business and historic property development, which has received local, regional, and state restoration and preservation awards in the United States.

Bedømmelseskomité:

-Associate Professor Eeva-Lisa Pelkonen, School of Architecture, Yale University. First opponent.

-Associate Professor Espen Johnsen, Department of Philosophy, Classics, History of Arts and Ideas, University of Oslo. Second opponent.

-Professor, Thomas McQuillan, Institute of Architecture, AHO. Coordinator of the committee.

- Dato: 12.06.2015
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