

Postales de la Tierra Condenada

Educación arquitectónica y subjetividades emergentes en el desplazado contexto puertorriqueño

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A las puertas del siglo XXI, el mundo es una fuente de ansiedad donde las certezas del pasado ya no son el foco de referencia. Las economías globales han dejado de ser un reino optimista de crecimiento y desarrollo. La expansión de la tecnología y su revolución virtual han sido experimentadas por tan solo una fracción de la población mundial, mientras que el resto de ella vive en condiciones que están muy por debajo de las adecuadas. Los cataclismos del futuro cercano parecen ser inevitables si se mantienen los actuales patrones de desarrollo. Puerto Rico no es inmune a este caótico – y a veces traumático – colapso de esperanzas y certezas previas.

Hay una larga lista de disfuncionalidades urbanas y arquitectónicas contemporáneas, así como de patologías percibidas, que resaltan la importancia del diseño en la vida cotidiana. Esto se traduce en un sentimiento de urgencia y responsabilidad social a lo largo de distintos círculos disciplinarios. Aunque, por un lado, se reconoce el papel de la historia como fuente de precedentes para los retos actuales, existe una necesidad cada vez mayor de enfrentar el presente con una mentalidad fresca y desprejuiciada, buscando oportunidades en los fracasos, soluciones en las situaciones comprometidas e invenciones técnicas y estéticas en lo ordinario y lo banal.

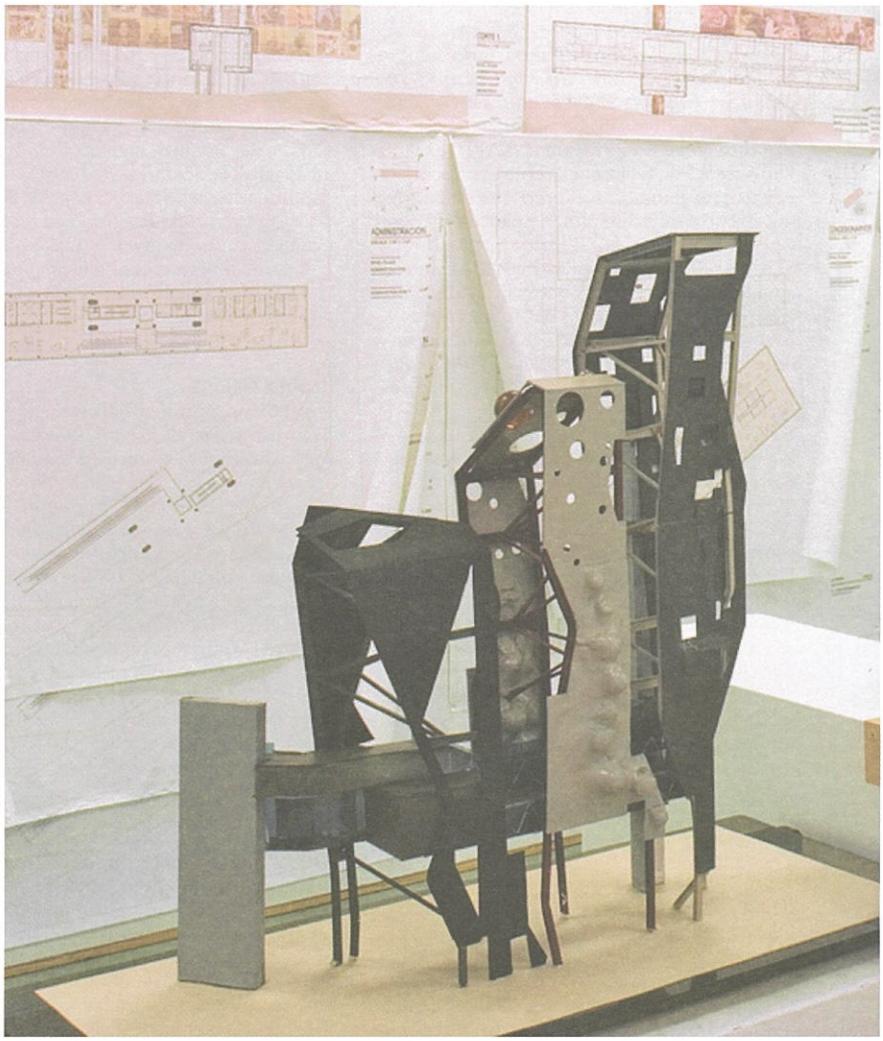
En el contexto caribeño, la frustración actual de Puerto Rico en cuanto a la recesión económica, el bajo nivel de vida percibido y la inminente crisis energética están llevando el discurso arquitectónico hacia una vanguardia sin precedentes. Una reciente reducción en los servicios de vuelo ha enfrentado a la población con su condición de habitantes de una isla sumamente dependiente del petróleo. La situación está desarrollando en los puertorriqueños una conciencia cada vez mayor sobre los asuntos relacionados con el uso de la tierra, las tecnologías de construcción y el daño medioambiental causado por su predisposición sociológica al consumo extravagante. Está alcanzándose un consenso local con respecto a la noción de que Puerto Rico necesita reevaluar su modelo económico, su estatus político y su contrato social con la ayuda de sus mejores bancos de conocimiento intelectual, académico y profesional.

Por otro lado, la coherencia no es una cualidad que represente a la Escuela de Arquitectura de la Universidad Politécnica de Puerto Rico (ArqPoli), como tampoco lo es el compromiso con una sola agenda cultural o arquitectónica. La hibridación – tema recurrente en el sincretismo caribeño – es, en cualquier caso, el término que mejor se adapta a nuestro perfil. En cierto sentido, ArqPoli ha conciliado su heterogeneidad, reconociendo el valor combinado de planes calculados y accidente históricos. La reconciliación – y eventual

validación – de proyecto y producto, diseñador y *bricoleur* y determinismo y contingencia, ha sido un aspecto sumamente importante para el imaginario de ArqPoli. Esta validación, de lo inclusivamente desarticulado desafía el sentimiento de fracaso tan común a las culturas caribeñas, que tienden a mirarse a través de los ojos de sus antiguos gobernantes coloniales y se sienten un tanto humilladas por sus noción del orden.

En términos de educación arquitectónica, nuestra validación (a nivel subgraduado) de la investigación como recurso y herramienta de aprendizaje ha fomentado la curiosidad intelectual entre los estudiantes, ampliando a la vez el alcance de las materias de estudio y los temas de diseño más allá de las prácticas arquitectónicas locales. Nuestro currículo enfatiza el pensamiento crítico aplicado a una serie de temas, como la teoría y la preservación arquitectónica, la tradición local de la arquitectura moderna, la crítica cultural, la historia y las

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subjetividades emergentes, además de promover una cauta visión de los temas de la sustentabilidad más allá de las recientes tendencias. Nuestra responsabilidad ante las oportunidades profesionales del estudiantado también nos ha llevado a dirigir la atención a la importancia de la práctica arquitectónica, así como a fomentar un enfoque inclusivo con relación a otras disciplinas.

Las diferencias culturales en el contexto caribeño son el resultado de diversidades raciales y de clases que, a menudo, no guardan relación con las jerarquías de los Estados Unidos continentales. La naturaleza fragmentaria de nuestro paisaje cultural no se ajusta necesariamente a la cultura de segregación, tal y como la entiende la crítica social estadounidense. Y es justamente esa estructura social y cultural fragmentaria la que requiere de especialización y entendimiento, siendo éste un reto decisivo para la educación en Puerto Rico. Las nociones de origen con relación al lugar, ya sea el barrio o los suburbios, y la manera en la que definen la *otredad* y las subjetividades particulares son aspectos fundamentales en los debates de ArqPoli. Promovemos una actitud saludable hacia las diferencias sociales y de clases, exponiendo a los estudiantes a clientes reales con distintos trasfondos sociales – ya sean individuos o comunidades

enteras – como parte de los ejercicios de estudio. Discutimos las visiones paternalistas, vinculadas al sentido de desapego que caracteriza la narrativa científica empírica, como parte de las múltiples facetas ideológicas en la práctica arquitectónica actual. Estos conceptos se analizan en términos de los legados culturales burgueses del siglo XIX y de cómo éstos afectan la manera en que los arquitectos se ven a sí mismos hoy en día. Los debates abiertos sobre las deficiencias y los retos éticos actuales de la arquitectura suavizan el sentimiento de superioridad cultural y omnipotencia que los estudiantes tienden a atribuir a la arquitectura cuando se exponen a los principios de diseño y a la rica herencia de la historia arquitectónica. Existen límites para lo que la arquitectura puede hacer.

En los cursos de historia y teoría discutimos los orígenes de la opresión en las sociedades occidentales y no occidentales, como método de identificación de los patrones predominantes en la sociedad como conjunto, la profesión arquitectónica y el paisaje mediático contemporáneo. ArqPoli está convencida de que cualquier intento de liderazgo, dentro y fuera de la arquitectura, debe estar mediado por un entendimiento crítico de la ideología y de los desarrollos históricos en el ámbito político. Las tramas sociales y culturales secundarias que forman parte de estos desarrollos históricos, vaticinan algunas de las tensiones contemporáneas entre la arquitectura como artículo de consumo y la arquitectura como instrumento de avance social.

Para ArqPoli, el Caribe es más que un lugar: es una condición de desplazamiento. Su propia especificidad geográfica – el archipiélago – sugiere una unidad precaria, una imagen fragmentada donde la coherencia siempre está mediada por un océano fluido y sin sentido de lugar. La migración, tanto interna como externa, que ha inducido históricamente la diversidad cultural, sigue siendo un agente de cambio constante que afecta a muchas otras ciudades y regiones más allá del propio Caribe. El archipiélago está creciendo. La tensión y el dolor, la fricción y la resistencia, la creación y la destrucción – todos ellos conceptos vinculados a las contradicciones de la condición moderna – han sido y siguen siendo parte de la lógica cultural del Caribe. El centro de este lugar se desconoce, como también se desconocen sus confines. Todas las culturas existentes en este marco geográfico han desarrollado sus propios mecanismos para negociar las diferencias dentro de un cuerpo unificado, que es más el resultado de una imaginación compartida que de un artefacto cultural, concreto e irrefutable.

Aquí se propone que existe un paralelo entre el Caribe, como campo de contradicción, y la Modernidad, como vecindario elusivo que alberga tanto hechos como ficciones. Este supuesto básico se discute en las primeras etapas del programa de ArqPoli y se convierte gradualmente en una teoría más coherente con la ayuda de la sociología y la

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crítica cultural contemporánea. La introducción de lo que parece ser una premisa más bien abstracta en el proceso educativo de un campo tan identificado con las aspiraciones técnicas y materiales cumple un doble propósito: por un lado, ArqPoli quiere que los estudiantes entiendan la naturaleza discursiva del valor arquitectónico y comprendan que la noción de contexto, tan importante para las metodologías arquitectónicas, transciende la objetividad física y espacial que se transmite.

Por otro lado, la integración en el currículo de los conceptos de transnacionalidad y migración, así como de los problemas de identidad asociados a ellos, incita a reflexionar sobre las implicaciones de que la mitad de la población puertorriqueña vive en los Estados Unidos continentales. A lo largo del siglo XX, la migración – de los Estados Unidos al Caribe y viceversa – ha moldeado el paisaje cultural puertorriqueño de muchas formas. El manejo de los retos de adaptación, resistencia y negociación – todos ellos aspectos de los discursos contemporáneos de la política de identidad dentro del contexto globalizado – ha sido y sigue siendo un territorio muy familiar para los puertorriqueños. De esta larga historia de transformación y cambio han surgido muchas tensiones y sus resultados son sumamente parecidos a los del *pathos* de las subjetividades modernas.

Un análisis exhaustivo sobre la manera en que ArqPoli se relaciona con su contexto social comenzaría con una discusión acerca de las nociones críticas de subjetividad y su aplicación dentro del programa. El concepto de *subjetividades emergentes*, tema recurrente en ArqPoli, trata sobre la figura del habitante arquitectónico con una mirada escéptica a las categorías tradicionales de *usuario*, *cliente* y/o *consumidor*. El sujeto se construye socialmente y, como tal, tiene que estudiarse con relación a un conjunto de variables entrelazadas que se oponen a las nociones convencionales del sujeto arquitectónico como receptor pasivo de un *comfort* o placer estético. El aspecto emergente abarca el reconocimiento de patrones sociales embrionarios y cómo podrían traducirse en arquitectura, ya sea influyendo en la manera en que los artefactos son programados, estéticamente concebidos o culturalmente consumidos.

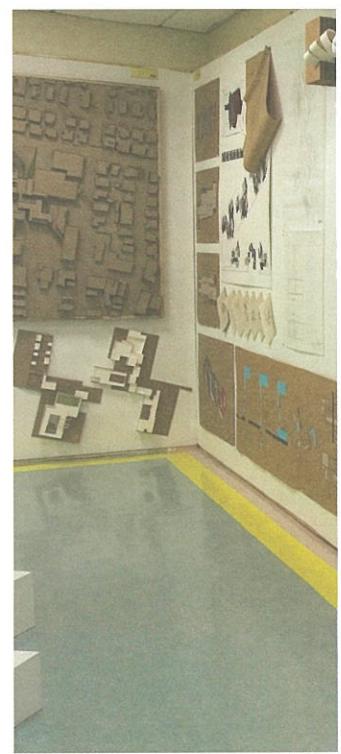
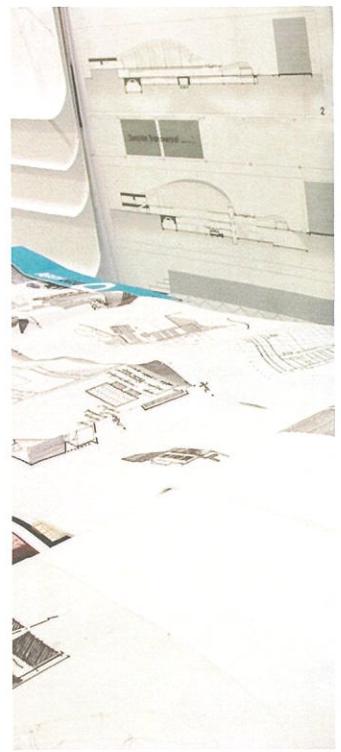
Muchos cursos del currículo fomentan el reconocimiento del sujeto y de su representación en el discurso arquitectónico como crítica del amorío narcisista entre la arquitectura y el objeto, y de su subsiguiente enajenación de las necesidades sociales que persisten. La secuencia de historia y teoría, por ejemplo, no trata tan sólo del desarrollo de un conocimiento basado en objetos, sino también de sus circunstancias sociales y del efecto de la arquitectura en diferentes cuerpos sociales a través de la historia. El marco conceptual de la secuencia transciende la habitual investigación fenomenológica de la sociedad, que tiende a ser estática y unidimensional, favoreciendo una red espacializada de experiencias que no puede reducirse a la voluntad de un punto

de vista fijo. A consecuencia de ello, el sujeto arquitectónico, ya sea individual o colectivo, se entiende como convergencia de circunstancias percibidas, imaginadas y racionalizadas. Este enfoque pluralista de la subjetividad dedica una gran atención a lógicas y figuras sociales emergentes que aún no han sido tratadas ni por el discurso arquitectónico, ni por la propia arquitectura. Nuestro objetivo es el entendimiento crítico tanto de la noción romántica del ser universal, como del concepto neopositivista de la unicidad dentro de la diversidad social.

El Caribe no se puede definir como cultura rígida y homogénea. El cambio es un hecho en la vida caribeña; en cuestión de segundos, el sol puede transformarse en lluvia y hasta en un violento huracán; los húmedos bosques tropicales del norte tienen áridas contrapartes en el sur; la fantasía del inmigrante europeo acerca de la hegemonía occidental se enfrenta a la mitología africana y las representaciones cosmológicas. Para desarrollar un entendimiento global sobre Puerto Rico, hay que tomar en cuenta esta serie de contradicciones y valores conflictivos; abarcar lo visible y lo invisible debería ser una aspiración. ArqPoli podría implantar rigurosamente la autoevaluación e incluso institucionalizarla, pero su verdadero valor reside en el reconocimiento de la ruptura, la falta de uniformidad y la inconsistencia. La meta no debe ser la perfección. Los accidentes son fundamentales y deberían ser evaluados. A fin de cuentas, los arquitectos ofrecen el más articulado testimonio sobre cómo los accidentes pueden mejorar lo que parecía ser perfecto en los planos.

Para un lugar que experimenta una recesión económica de dimensiones estructurales y sicológicas, mantener la pasión por el diseño y sus posibilidades es una obligación moral. El ambiente pesimista que afecta a la industria de la construcción y a la arquitectura como profesión está impulsando la educación arquitectónica hacia dos direcciones muy distintas. Por un lado, existe un interés por la economía y la manera en que ésta afecta a la arquitectura más allá de un protocolo de sustentabilidad que sólo representa a una fracción de los principales problemas económicos a nivel global. Por otro lado, los aspectos teóricos y especulativos de la disciplina y la manera en que ésta se traslata con otros campos adquieren nueva importancia en la medida en que abren nuevos territorios para la arquitectura, ampliando así su marco de acción tradicional. Ambas direcciones enfatizan la reevaluación de las prácticas actuales y la necesidad apremiante de adquirir nuevas formas de conocimiento. También cuestionan las formas de conocimiento pertinentes y la noción misma de la educación como intercambio de información.

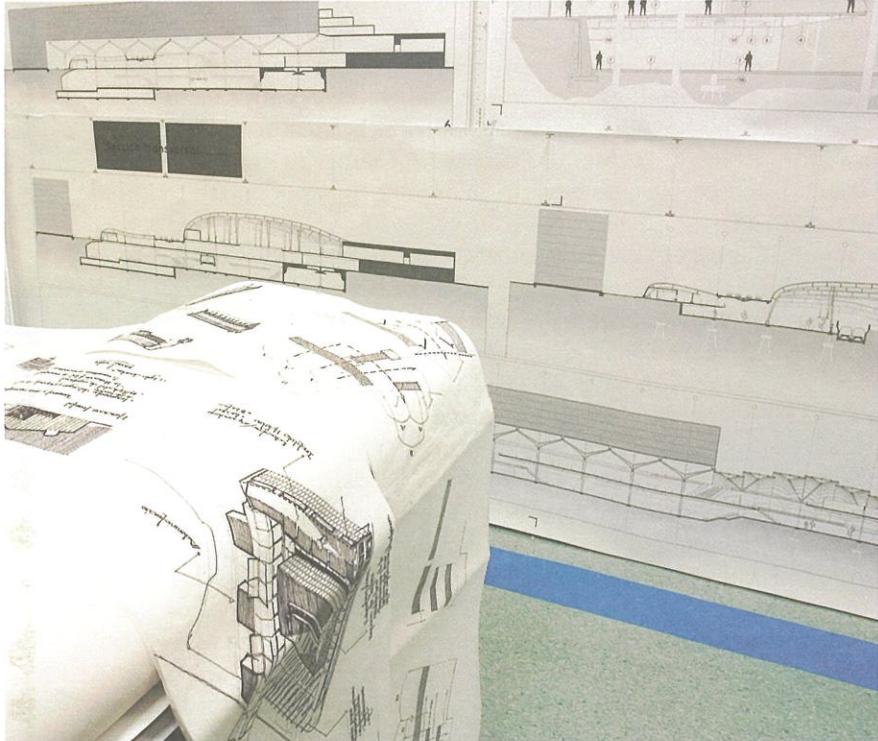
La presión por eliminar ciertas formas de conocimiento de la educación arquitectónica, e incluso las radicales tendencias a la adopción del partido de la obsolescencia, afecta los procesos de evaluación a nivel global, a veces con un enfoque del futuro más neurótico que reflexivo. El tratamiento



de la arquitectura y la educación arquitectónica como artículos de consumo, al igual que la lucha por la novedad que dichos procesos imponen, no facilitan el entorno intelectual ideal para reevaluar la pedagogía arquitectónica. Los nuevos reclamos normativos de lógicas deterministas que promueven el cambio por su propio bien – mientras lo hiperbolizan, a pesar de las evidentes continuidades históricas – están polarizando el discurso arquitectónico. La obsolescencia planificada – la verdadera lógica detrás del modelo cultural posfordista – desestabiliza el debate, que parece ser, más que nunca antes, incapaz

de oponerse a las fuerzas del mercado que en realidad debería analizar.

La búsqueda de una “exterioridad” antiséptica, o bien de un nicho neutral y protegido, dentro de las prácticas discursivas predominantes ya no parece ser posible. La adopción acrítica de la mercadotecnia y el bombardeo publicitario como rectores de la educación arquitectónica es un camino muy peligroso. De acuerdo a estas premisas, que dan tanta importancia a los retos presentes y a un futuro no tan brillante, la historia podría considerarse repentinamente irrelevante. En dicho caso, la tecnología correría el riesgo de ser malinterpretada como único reino de la hiperexperimentación con lo jamás visto, o bien como hipótesis primordial de innovación y progreso, ignorando así los paradigmas tecnológicos sencillos, e incluso banales, y la necesidad actual de utilizar de forma innovadora lo que ya existe. Asimismo, se descartaría la composición, cediendo el paso a aplicaciones informáticas que prometen producir un objeto virtual sin la “lógica lineal” de la representación arquitectónica tradicional, lo que pondría en peligro la importancia de la geometría e incluso del dibujo. La adopción acrítica del desplazamiento de lo que solía ser la norma educativa en la arquitectura, como respuesta a un abstracto sentido de obsolescencia, o a una crisis medioambiental mediatisada que ejerce presión sobre las decisiones rápidas y las acciones inminentes, se podría convertir en la fuerza más destructiva de la educación arquitectónica actual. Por tanto, ArqPoli actúa responsablemente al cuestionar los aspectos críticos de lo que los medios arquitectónicos ilustran consistentemente como una transformación inminente de la práctica profesional actual, que se infiltrará, inevitablemente, en la educación arquitectónica. Puede que el futuro de ArqPoli esté en el resultado de este escepticismo conceptual, aunque también muy pragmático, en cuanto a la actual retórica de cambio. ■■■■■



Postcards from the Stricken Land: Architectural Education and Emerging Subjectivities within the Translocated Puerto Rican Context

In the wake of the 21st century, the world is a source of anxiety where past certainties are no longer a focal point of reference. Global economies have ceased to be an optimist realm of growth and development. The expansion of technology and its resulting virtual revolution have only been experienced by a fraction of the world's population while the rest live in less than suitable conditions. Cataclysmic events appear unavoidable in the near future if current development patterns continue. Puerto Rico is not impervious to this chaotic and sometimes traumatic collapse of previous certainties and references of hope.

There is a very long list of contemporary architectural/urban dysfunctionalities and perceived pathologies that bring forth the relevance of design

to everyday life. This translates into a sense of urgency and social responsibility around different disciplinary circles. While history is acknowledged as a source of precedents for today's challenges, there is an evermore increasing need to confront the present with a fresh, unbiased mind, looking for opportunities within the failures, solutions out of compromising situations, and aesthetic and technical inventions out of the ordinary and banal.

In the Caribbean context, Puerto Rico's present frustration with its economic recession, perceived low standard of living, and the imminent energy crisis are bringing architectural discourse to an unprecedented forefront. A recent reduction in airline services has confronted the population with their condition as inhabitants of an island that is highly dependent on oil. This scenario is making Puerto Ricans more aware of issues related to land use, construction technology and the environmental harm brought on by their sociological predisposition for conspicuous consumption. A local consensus is being reached concerning the notion that Puerto Rico needs to reevaluate its economic model, political status and social contract, with assistance from the best of its professional, academic and intellectual knowledge bank.

On the other hand, coherence is not an attribute that ArqPoli - School of Architecture at the Polytechnic University of Puerto Rico - stands for, and neither is the commitment to a single architectural or cultural agenda. Hybridization – a recurrent theme in Caribbean syncretism – is, in any case, the term that better suits our profile. In a sense, the School has come to terms with its heterogeneity, acknowledging the combined value of calculated plans and historical accidents. The reconciliation – and eventual validation – of both project and product, designer and bricoleur, determinism and contingency, has been an important aspect of the School's imaginary. This validation of the inclusively disjointed defies the sense of failure that is common in Caribbean cultures that tend to look at themselves through the eyes of their ancient colonial rulers, feeling somehow abjected by their notions of "order".

In terms of architectural education, our validation (at an undergraduate level) of research as a resource and learning tool has promoted intellectual curiosity among students, while simultaneously expanding the scope

of subject matters and design themes beyond local architectural practices. Our curriculum emphasizes critical thinking as applied to a series of topics, such as architectural preservation and theory, the local tradition of modern architecture, cultural criticism, history, emerging subjectivities, and a cautious take on sustainability issues beyond recent trends. Feeling responsible for the student's professional outlook, attention has also been given to the importance of architectural practice and to promoting an inclusive approach toward other fields.

Cultural differences in the Caribbean context are the result of both class and racial diversity, in ways that do not often relate to the hierarchies of the continental U.S. The fragmentary nature of our cultural landscape does not necessarily fit into a culture of segregation as it is understood in U.S. social critique. It is that very fragmentary social/cultural structure that needs to be spatialized and understood, and this is a critical challenge for education in Puerto Rico. Notions of origin in relation to place, whether it is the *barrio* or the suburb, and the way they define particular subjectivities and *otherness*, are essential aspects of the School's debates. A healthy attitude toward class and social difference is encouraged by exposing students to real clients – whether individuals or entire communities – of diverse social backgrounds as part of studio exercises. Paternalistic views, aligned with the sense of detachment that is typical of empirical scientific narratives, are discussed as one of the many facets of ideology in current architectural practice. These concepts are analyzed in terms of 19th century bourgeois cultural legacies and how they affect the way architects look at themselves today. Open discussions about architecture's current ethical challenges and shortcomings mitigate the sense of cultural superiority and omnipotence that students tend to attribute to architecture upon exposure to design principles and to the rich heritage of architectural history. There are limits to what architecture can do.

In both theory and history courses, the origins of oppression in Western and Non-western societies are discussed as a means to identify prevailing patterns within the society as a whole, the profession of architecture, and the contemporary mediascape. It is the School's belief that any attempt at leadership, in architecture

and beyond, should be mediated by a critical understanding of ideology and the historical developments of the political realm. The social and cultural subplots that are part of these historical developments predict some of the contemporary tensions between architecture as a commodity and architecture as an instrument of social advancement.

To the School, the Caribbean, more than a place, is a translocated condition. Its very geographic specificity – the archipelago – suggests a precarious unity, a fragmented image where coherence is always mediated by a fluid, placeless ocean. Migration, both inward and outward, which has historically induced the region's cultural diversity, continues to be an ongoing agent of change that affects many other cities and regions beyond the Caribbean itself. The archipelago is growing; tension and pain, friction and resistance, creation and destruction – all concepts related to the contradictions of the modern condition – have been and still are part of the cultural logic of the Caribbean. The center of this place is unknown, as are its boundaries. All cultures that exist within this geographical framework have developed their very own mechanisms to negotiate difference within a unified body that exists more as the result of a shared imagination than as a blatant, concrete, cultural artifact.

It is proposed here that a parallel exists between the Caribbean as a field of contradiction and Modernity as an elusive neighborhood that houses both fact and fiction. This basic assumption is discussed very early in the School's program and is gradually developed into a more coherent theory with the help of contemporary cultural criticism and sociology. The objective behind introducing what seems to be a rather abstract premise into the educational process of a field so identified with technical and material aspirations is twofold: On the one hand, the School wants students to understand that architectural value is discursive in nature, and that the notion of context, which is so important to architectural methodologies, transcends the physical, spatial objectivity that is conveyed.

On the other hand, the integration of the concepts of transnationality, migration, and their associated identity issues into the curriculum incites a reflection on the realities of having half of the Puerto Rican population living in

the continental U.S. Throughout the 20th century, migration – from the United States to the Caribbean and vice versa – has shaped the Puerto Rican cultural landscape in many ways. Dealing with the challenges of adaptation, resistance and negotiation – all of them aspects of identity politics' contemporary discourses within a globalized context – has been and still is a very familiar territory for Puerto Ricans. Tensions arose from this long history of transformation and change. Its outcomes are very similar to the pathos of modern subjectivities.

A comprehensive analysis of how the School relates to its social context should start with a discussion of critical notions of subjectivity and their application within the program. The concept of *emergent subjectivities*, a recurrent theme at the School, addresses the figure of the architectural inhabitant with a skeptical eye towards the traditional categories of *user, client, and/or consumer*. The *subject* is socially constructed, and as such, it needs to be studied in relation to an intertwined set of variables that resist conventional notions of the architectural subject as the passive receptor of aesthetic pleasure or *comfort*. The "emerging" aspect encompasses the recognition of embryonic social patterns and how they might translate into architecture, whether they affect the way artifacts are programmed, aesthetically conceived and/or culturally consumed.

In many courses throughout the curriculum, the acknowledgement of the subject and its representation in architectural discourse is encouraged as a critique of architecture's narcissistic affair with the object and its consequent alienation from persistent social needs. The history/theory sequence, for instance, not only deals with the development of an object-based knowledge, but with its social circumstances and the effect of architecture on different social bodies throughout history. The conceptual framework of the sequence transcends the usual phenomenological inquiry on society, which tends to be static and one-dimensional, in favor of a spatialized network of experiences irreducible to the will of a fixed point of view. The architectural subject, whether it is individual or collective in nature, is then understood as the convergence of perceived, imagined and rationalized circumstances. This pluralistic approach toward subjectivity gives particular

attention to emergent logics or social figures not yet addressed by architectural discourse or even architecture. The goal is the critical understanding of both the romantic notion of a universal self and the neo-positivistic concept of the unique within the socially diverse.

The Caribbean cannot be defined as a rigid, homogenous culture. Change is a fact of Caribbean life; sun can turn into rain – or a violent hurricane – in just seconds; moist tropical forests in the north have arid counterparts in the south; European immigrants' imagination of western hegemony is confronted by African mythology and cosmological representations. A comprehensive understanding of Puerto Rico has to take into account this array of contradictions and conflicting values; embracing the visible and the invisible should be an aspiration. Self-assessment could be implanted rigorously in the School, even institutionalized, but it is in the acknowledgement of fractures, unevenness and inconsistencies where its true value resides. Perfection should not be the goal. Accidents are essential and should be valued. At the end of the day, architects offer the most articulated testimony of how accidents can improve what was believed to be perfect in plan.

For a place that is experiencing an economic recession, of both psychological and structural dimensions, to keep the passion for design and its possibilities is a moral imperative. The pessimistic environment that is affecting the construction industry and the architectural profession is pushing architectural education into two very distinct directions. On the one hand, there is an interest in economics and how it affects architecture beyond a sustainability rubric that represents only a fraction of major global economic issues. On the other, the speculative, theoretical aspects of the discipline, and its imbrications with other fields, acquire a renewed relevance as they open new territories for architecture beyond its traditional framework of action. Both directions emphasize the reevaluation of current practices and urgency for new forms of knowledge. They also raise questions regarding the forms of knowledge that are pertinent and the very notion of education as information exchange.

The pressure to eliminate certain forms of knowledge in architectural education, and even the radical tendencies to embrace the obsolescence bandwagon, are

globally affecting the assessment processes, sometimes in ways that seem neurotic toward the future rather than reflective. The commodification of architecture and architectural education, and the race for newness that such processes impose, do not promote the best intellectual environment for a reevaluation of architectural pedagogy. The new standard claims of deterministic logics that promote change for its own sake – while hyperbolizing it in spite of obvious historical continuities – are polarizing architectural discourse. Planned obsolescence, the true logic behind the post-Fordist cultural model, is disrupting the debate, which seems more than ever incapable of resisting the market forces that it should be analyzing instead.

The search for an antiseptic "exteriority" within prevailing discursive practices, or a neutral, protected niche, seems no longer possible. The uncritical embracing of hype and marketing as rectors of architectural education is a dangerous path. Under such premises, History could suddenly be considered irrelevant when so much weight is given to present challenges and a not-so-bright future. Technology would then face the risk of being misunderstood as the sole realm of hyper-experimentation with the unprecedented, or as a hypothetical bottom-line of innovation and progress, while simple, even banal, technological paradigms and the current need for innovative use of what is already available remain unaddressed. Composition would also be discarded, in favor of computer software that promises to produce a virtual object without the "linear logic" of traditional architectural representation, thus endangering the relevance of geometry and even sketching. To uncritically embrace the displacement of what used to be standard in architectural education, responding to an abstract sense of obsolescence or a mediated environmental crisis that puts pressure on fast decisions and imminent actions, could turn out to be the most destructive force in architectural education today. Consequently, the School is acting responsibly by questioning the critical aspects of what is consistently represented in the architectural media as an imminent transformation of current professional practice that will inevitably seep into architectural education. The future of the School is perhaps embedded in the outcome of this conceptual but also very pragmatic skepticism toward the current rhetoric of change. ■■■■■

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Map of Old San Juan Patios: Grand Prize, VII Architecture Biennal of Puerto Rico

Competition
Students Lionel Ortiz, Nelson Cotto and Miguel Moreno win Juncos Steel First Prize for CAAPPR Booth in steel construction.



september

october

Lecture
Architect Fernando Redón Huici, Pamplona

Tour
Map of Old San Juan Patios: Librarians' tour of the Old City

Award
AIA Chapter, Student Project Award: Capilla del Cristo (Conservation Lab)

november

Visit
Students and professors from Hampton University visit the school

Lecture
Errol Barron, Tulane University

Award
Dean Jorge Rigau wins Premio Nacional de Arquitectura CAAPPR.

december

Tour
Girl Scouts' visit and hands-on exercise at Capilla del Cristo, Old San Juan

Award
Dean Jorge Rigau wins Premio Nacional de Arquitectura CAAPPR.

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Award
2004 AIA Education Honor Award for excellence in course development and architectural teaching. AIA Education Honor Awards Program: awarded to the Preservation Praxis Course (One of two National Awards)

Competition
New Building for the Agronomists' Association of Puerto Rico, Mentions: Students Luis Rafael Robles, Nelson Cotto

june

Event
Architecture Summer Camp for high school students

Award
Student Tanmay Morales wins TRG Firm Scholarship

january

march

Guest Professor
Dean Jorge Rigau, Guest Professor at Universidad Pablo de Olavide, Seville, Spain

Lecture
Etienne Borgos, Borgos Dance Partners, London



Community
"Proyecto Enlace del Caño Martín Peña," new housing project for 2,300 people in Santurce, Puerto Rico



Competition
Christmas Ornaments

Student Trip
AIA's to California. Student Iván Bonilla (President)

Award
Puerto Rico AIA Honor Awards, Students win 2 Honor Awards: "The Future of the Historic Street"

Lecture
Antón-García Abril (Spain) / Mimi Hoang & Eric Bunge (USA), courtesy of the PR AIA Chapter

Lecture
Dorothée Imbert, (Harvard University)

Conference
Victorian Society of America meets in San Juan: professors coordinate lectures and tours

Award
Student Guillermo Marcano wins Cultural Landscape Award for his Mid-Career Research Project

Student Trip
Students Cristina Salvesen, Yadira Adorno, Douglas Candelario are selected to the Fallingwater Summer Program in Pennsylvania

Event
"Urban Culture Fair" Event at Train Stations in San Juan, Prof. Irene Torres assists in an installation with students

Event
Architecture Summer Camp for High School Students

Seminar
"Decorar es Gobernar: la agenda oculta del proyecto de Arte Público" Interdisciplinary Investigation Seminar with Prof. Miguel Rodríguez Casellas, Félix Jiménez, Manuel Alvarez Lezama and Deepak Lamba

Event
School of architecture's Tenth Anniversary Celebration

Roundtable
ARQPOLI's Roundtable Discussion Series: "Suburban City: Mutations and Variations of the Dispersed Model."



Competition
Christmas Ornaments

Student Trip
AIA's to California. Student Iván Bonilla (President)

Visit
Girl Scouts at the Conservation Laboratory

Event
Public Presentation by students for the Casa Brunet Restoration, with the Municipality of Manatí; Conservation Course taught by Prof. Diana Rivera

Award
"Premio de Plata de Impresión" Award to the book "100 preguntas que nos hemos hecho sobre Puerto Rico"

Faculty Lecture/Trip
Dean Jorge Rigau lectures at the Latin American Cities Symposium, Cornell University

Conference
ACSA International Conference, Mexico; Dean Jorge Rigau lectures at the "Practice Integration Young Faculty Seminar"

Achievement
World Monuments Fund includes San José Church on its 100 Most Endangered Sites in the World.

Conference
Prof. Beatriz Del Cueto participates at the Association for Preservation Technology meeting

Article
"La nueva Escuela de Arquitectura: Recuento de una década de éxitos" El Politécnico Internet Journal www.pupr.edu

Exhibition
"In Search of Architectural Design," exhibit at Casa Roig, Santurce

Competition
Faculty and students awarded at the Colegio de Arquitectos Photography Competition

Event
10th anniversary of ARQPOLI; doors were closed recalling the first day in the school in 1995, when access was through the fire stair



october
november
december

Publication/Exhibition
10th Anniversary Celebration School Publication: "100 preguntas que nos hemos hecho sobre Puerto Rico," Project Exhibition on the book at the Museum of Contemporary Art of Puerto Rico



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July

Award
2004 AIA Puerto Rico Chapter "Vietnam 50-50 Project"

Student Trip
Italy, with Dean Jorge Ríau

Student Appointment
Third year student, Elisa Muñoz Storer, is appointed to serve on Harvard University's 2005 NAAB Accreditation Team

Lecture
"Los cuasi-objetos, el tiempo iterativo y otras negociaciones" by Javier García Germán, Madrid

Award
Dean Jorge Ríau's book presentation of his award-winning play "Tornavaje"

Lecture
Architect Abej Míla, (Ponce, Puerto Rico)

Student Trip
AIAS Convention New Orleans, LA

Fundraiser
Capilla del Cristo Fundraiser at Pueblo Supermarket

Event
"Governor Citizen," Students meet with Governor Aníbal Acevedo Vila to discuss urban public policy issues

Student Trip
Fourth Year Urban Design Course trip to Barcelona; Professors José Lorenzo, Jordi Barri and Marcelo López Dinardi

Visit
Middle States visits Polytechnic

Puerto Rico & Higher Education Landscape Architecture

august

Student Trip
Three students selected to the Fallingwater Summer Program: Cristina Salvesen, Yadira Adorno, Douglas Candelario

Award
Special accomplishment Honor Award: "The Rooms of a City: An Architectural Map of Old San Juan"; Student Research Honor Award: "Christ Chapel in Old San Juan"; Honorable Mention for the Magazine Publication "Onomatopeya Urbana", by alumnus Marcelo López and Oscar Oliver

Tour
AIA Chapter Tour of Old San Juan Patios

september

Exhibition
"Galería de las Tierras," by Prof. Jaime Suárez at The Kennedy Center, Washington, DC

october

Conference
XI Iberian-American Congress on Urbanism sponsored by ARQPOLI in collaboration with the Puerto Rico Housing Department

Appointment
Prof. Ivonne Marcial and Diana Rivera are appointed members of the Members of the Commission at the Colegio de Arquitectos de Puerto Rico. Prof. Marisol Rodríguez appointed to the Landscape Architecture Commission

november

Award
World Monuments Fund Awards. American Express donation for the Preservation Project of San José Church in Old San Juan

december

Lecture
"Modern Color, Modern Architecture," by William Braman, (University of Pennsylvania)

Lecture
Hernán Díaz Alonso, (Columbia University)

january

Lecture
Josep Maria Montaner, Zaida Musí, Barcelona

february

Lecture
Marine biologist Alfredo Torruella on artificial breakwater

march

Lecture
Frank on Pre-Manhattan Guggenheim

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Dean Jorge Ríau I of Virgin

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Article
"Intermodal Istanbul": Squares Hashim Sarkis, Professor Oscar Oliver

Faculty Trip
Dean Jorge Ríau attends juries at the University of Virginia

Visit
Polytechnic University's Open House for high school students

Architectural Conservation
San José Church restoration project

Student Trip
Trip to Cemex installation in Ponce for the Conservation Course ARTE 0451 (Architectural Conservation Lab), Prof. Beatriz Del Cueto

Article
"Arquitecto de su éxito" El Vocero, on Prof. Jorge Ríau, Sep 23, p. 18

Exhibition
The School of architecture shows their upcoming events at the Annual Convention of the Colegio de Arquitectos de Puerto Rico, Puerto Rico Convention Center

DOCOMOMO Conference
Dean Miguel Rodríguez Casellas present: "Laboratory Ankara, Turkey where the S received the approval to have Chapter of DoCoMo (DOC) Conservation of the Modern

april

Publication
"Everett Industrial Media Campus" Studioworks 11, p. 81, Prof. Oscar Oliver (Harvard University)

Publication
Thajudeen V. Alaiar, "Harvard students briefed on Dubai's Urban Designing," AME Info, April, Prof. Oscar Oliver

lecture
Farewell / Welcome Farewell to Dean Jorge Ríau and welcome to incoming Dean Miguel Rodríguez

lecture
Fernando Menis, (Tenerife) Sponsored by the Puerto Rico AIA Chapter

event
Remodeling of ARQPOLI by students and faculty members

july

lecture
"The Architecture of Transgression: a study on Matthew Barney's Crewmaster 3 by Octavio Lealco Borgatell (Argentina)"

august

lecture
"Una nueva cara para la casa de los arquitectos," El Nuevo Día, Sep 27, p. 12

september

Lecture
Associate Dean Nadja K. Henrich presents thesis: "Space and Memory in Contemporary Global Communities: the New Urbanist Approach" at the 19th International Association for People-Environment Studies Congress in Alexandria, Egypt.

Citation
"Una nueva cara para la casa de los arquitectos," El Nuevo Día, Sep 27, p. 12

article
"Maestro Arquitecto," on Jorge Ríau, in El Nuevo Día, Sep 18, p. 70

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article
"Una nueva cara para la casa de los arquitectos, presentes y futuros" in El Nuevo Día, Sep 27, p. 12

article
"Una nueva cara para la casa de los arquitectos, presentes y futuros" in El Nuevo Día, Sep 27, p. 12

october

conference
Conference and Award delivery to Jorge Ríau at the Annual Convention of the Colegio de Arquitectos de Puerto Rico, Convention District

article
"Educación del Arquitecto," Revista Entorno 04, Dossier, Dean Miguel Rodríguez Casellas, Sep-Nov

article
"Introducción a dibujos 'inteligentes'" by Prof. Eduardo Rolón, Revista Entorno 04, Sep-Nov, p. 46

article
"Reacción encadenada," Javier Santiago, http://www.reaccionipr.com, Sep 28

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Miles de estudiantes de Santiago de Compostela

Review
"Plaza las Delicias" designed by Prof. Carlos Belencourt, Revista Entorno 06, p.12

Article
"Google lanza al mercado SketchUp 6" by Prof. Eduardo Rolón, Revista Entorno 06, p.42

Article
"Problemas de la práctica profesional" by Prof. Andrés Mignucci, Revista Entorno 06, Dossier

Lecture
Sixth lecture of the series "Hispanic Nomads" by Mexican Architect Michel Rojkind

Lecture
Seventh lecture of the series "Hispanic Nomads" by Brazilian Architect Angelo Bucci

Article
"Laureada Conferencante: Eva Castro", on lecturer Eva Castro, El Nuevo Día, May/5, p.21

Lecture
Eighth lecture of the series "Hispanic Nomads" by Argentinian Architect Eva Castro, currently living in London

Student Trip/CIUDAD LAB
"Puerto Rico en Orlando," Professors: Deepak Lamba, Oscar Oliver, Marcelo López: Dinardi, Nadya K. Nenadic, José Lorenzo and Miguel Rodríguez.

Article
"Cuadros en movimiento: rock, sociedad de consumo y modernidad" by Prof. Javier Santiago, El Nuevo Día, La Revista, May/20, p.30

Column
"Masa crítica" by Dean Miguel Rodríguez Casellas, El Nuevo Día, May/17, p.76

Review
"Parque de Santurce" by Prof. Andrés Mignucci, Revista Entorno 06, p.18

Study Abroad
AROPOLI's first study abroad program, in association with Universidad Torcuato Di Tella, Buenos Aires, Argentina

Publication
Preservation Student, Dianneent, Dianett, San Juan"

Article
"El camino a la libertad" by Prof. Javier Santiago, El Nuevo Día, La Revista, April/1, p.33

Award/Citation
"Sobresale la Politécnica," AROPOLI student G. Vigo, El Vocero, April/11, p.27

Citation
"Arquitectos en Cleres," invitation to AROPOLI's Summer Camp, El Nuevo Día, April/28, p.20

Competition
"Valencianas" win national volleyball tournament where AROPOLI's administrator and public relations director, Lourdes Isern, was a key player (literally)

Faculty Trip
Dean Miguel Rodríguez Casellas and the Director of Academic Affairs Maribel Ríos, visit AROPOLI's students participating of our first study abroad program in Buenos Aires, Argentina, at Universidad Torcuato Di Tella

Roundtable
AROPOLI Roundtable Discussion Series: "Body and Domesticity: The New Makeover Culture" by Architects Heather Chrichton and José Fernando Vázquez, Psychologist Javier Santiago and Cultural Critic Félix Jiménez

Lecture
Ninth lecture of the series "Hispanic Nomads" by Argentinian Architect Clorijo, now based in Buenos Aires and New York

Lecture
Opening session keynote "The Problems of Preserving Paradise: Architectural Conservation in the Hispanic Caribbean," by Professor Jorge Rigau, at the APT-San Juan 2007, "Old World Technologies Adapting in the New World"

Article
"Aniversario en la Poli," El Nuevo Día, Nov/10, p.18

Column
"Amebal" by Dean Miguel Rodríguez Casellas, El Nuevo Día, Nov/29, p.78

Article
"Opciones festivas contra el consumismo" El Nuevo Día, Dec/23, p.74

Opciones festivas

Visit
For the re-accreditation of The Polytechnic University of PR: CES "Consejo Educación Superior"

Student Trip
Urban Design Course, ARCH 4020, travels to Savannah, Georgia, with Prof. Jorge Rigau

Lecture
First lecture of the series: "Revisiting the Rhetorical Masters of the Architectural Neo-avant-garde" by Mario Gandelsonas (Princeton University)

Publication
"Arquitectos: ¿Seguidores de la moda o árbitros del buen gusto?" by Rafael Castro, Revista Entorno 09, p. 34

Article
"Un sexy coloquio sideral... (y nocturno)" by Prof. Fabián Morales, Revista Entorno 09, p.56

y Trip
convention, for the "Truth" at polis, MN: attendees, Miguel Rodríguez Casillas, Director of Academic Affairs Maribel Ríos and Prof. Diana Rivera

Article
"Refugio el arte de Recitar" El Nuevo Día, Nov/11, p.74

Lecture
Celebrating the 13th anniversary of the School of Architecture by Architect Nataniel Fuster, who joined the faculty as part-time professor

Article
"El cantante" Javier Santiago Diálogo, Nov-Dec, p.29

Event
Student Competition for Christmas Ornaments crafted with recyclable materials

Citation
"Alegria y Nostalgia por la Reapertura" Primera Hora, Dec/10, p.12

Exhibition
Student projects exhibition as a salute to the visit of "Consejo de Educación Superior" at Polytechnic University Library

Article
"Creatividad en toda su expresión" on AROPOLI's Materials Lab Work and its director, Prof. Roberto Pérez, Primera Hora, Jan/29, p.8

Article
"El versátil universo de Jaime Cobas" on the work of Prof. Jaime Cobas, Revista Entorno 09, p.16

Article
"The temporality of Being: Conservation Through Subtraction" by Associate Dean Nadya K. Nenadic, DoCoMoMo Newsletter

february

Article
"Supersudadas" a

SUPERSUD

<p>Commencement and Graduation</p>  <p>Article "Concubinato de lo colonial y lo moderno" by Prof. Jorge Rigau, Revista Entorno 07, Dossier en Cuba</p> <p>Activities ARQPOL's graduation candidates and alumni meeting at Petra Café</p>  <p>Column "PowerPointless" by Dean Miguel Rodríguez Casellas, El Nuevo Día, Jun/14, p.86</p>	<p>Publication "La transformación del punk" by Prof. Javier Santiago, El Nuevo Día, La Revista, Jul/15, p.30</p> <p>Seminar First Design Seminar: "Arquitectura del makeover," in association with Hospital Oncológico, by Professor Josué Rivera</p>  <p>Publication "Arquitectura en PR ¿Quién es quién?" on architects Manuel Bermúdez, Carlos Betancourt, Brígida Hogan, Nataniel Füster, Andrés Mignucci, Jorge Rigau, María Rossi, José Toro; El Nuevo Día, Sep/8, p.13 (these architects are part of ARQPOL's faculty or have been in the past three years)</p>	<p>Column "Septiembre" by Dean Miguel Rodríguez Casellas, El Nuevo Día, Sep/6, p.78</p>  <p>Article "Proyecto de la edición: Prefabricados" by Prof. Nataniel Füster, Revista Entorno 08, p.26</p> <p>Student Trip Héctor José Montalvo presents his Project "Gráfica Urbana Viva en la calle" at the 7th ELEA, (Encuentro Latinoamericano de Estudiantes de Arquitectura; Latin American Meeting of Architecture Students) in El Salvador</p>
<p>Review "Industrial" on work of professors: Fernando Vázquez, Rafael Castro and Nataniel Füster</p> <p>Article "Ser moderno en Puerto Rico" by Prof. Nataniel Füster, Revista Entorno 07, Dossier</p> <p>Article "El problema del Tiempo en la Conservación de la Arquitectura Moderna" by Prof. Nadya Nenadich, Revista Entorno 07, p.56</p>	<p>July</p> <p>Article "Lichtdom", by Dean Miguel Rodríguez Casellas, El Nuevo Día, Jul/26, p.68</p> <p>Event ARQPOL's Summer Camp for high school students visit Tren Urbano</p> 	<p>August</p> <p>Column "Militares" by Dean Miguel Rodríguez Casellas, El Nuevo Día, Jul/12, p.78</p> <p>Column "Ecofascismo" by Dean Miguel Rodríguez Casellas, El Nuevo Día, Ago/9, p.78</p> <p>September</p> <p>Student Trip Empresas Carmelo in Bayamón with the Preservation Technology course ARTE 0410</p>
<p>Review "de Calle 13" by Pier Santiago, El Nuevo Día, La Revista, p.30</p> <p>ing of ARQPOL's er Camp for high students</p>	<p>October</p> <p>Roundtable Discussion Series: "Radical Inertia: Professional Practice, Guild and Academy" by Professors Manuel Bermúdez, Miguel Calzada, Luis Flores and Nataniel Füster</p> <p>Student Trip For the course ARCH 3010: Intermediate Design, "Imagining the future of the Museum of Modern Art" Professors: Marcelo López Dinardi, Nadya K. Nenadich and Diana Rivera</p> 	<p>November</p> <p>Series DE M</p>

Study Abroad
Students of the Design Course, ARCH 4020, (Advanced Design II) joined the first study abroad program in Barcelona at the Instituto de Arquitectura Avanzada de Catalunya (www.iaac.net), led by Architect Willy Muller

Faculty Trip/Lecture
"Soldiers and Tourists: the Subjective Selves of Puerto Rico's Modern Architecture" by Dean Miguel Rodríguez Casellas at Caribbean Modernist Architecture Symposium, sponsored by UTECH / MOMA, in Kingston, Jamaica

Citation
"Kenneth Frampton" Primera Hora, Mar/13, p.43
at Universidad Politécnica de Puerto Rico

Lecture
"Soviet Architecture 1960-1990, Beyond The Mass Construction" by Anna Bronovitskaya, preceding 2008 CIUDADLAB Course trip to Russia

Citation
"Andrés Mignucci en la Universidad Politécnica." Goinfemal.com

Citation
"La Luz Material" on lecture by Andrés Mignucci, Universidad web page

Publication
"El nudo vial de la entrada a la Isleta de San Juan" by Prof. Bennett Diaz, Revista Entorno 10, p.42

The collage consists of several rectangular panels, each containing a different news item. The panels are arranged horizontally and have varying background colors (black, white, and grey). Each panel includes a title, a brief description, and a small image related to the story.

- Community Outreach**
Signing of the agreement between the Fundación Sila M. Calderón (former Governor of Puerto Rico) and ARQPOLI to develop a Strategic Plan for the Santa Rita Community in Rio Piedras. ARCH 3010 (Intermediate Design I, Conservation); ARCH 4010 (Advanced Design I, Housing); and ARCH 4020 (Advanced Design II, Urban Design) participate with professors Deepak Lamba, Marcelo López, Andrés Mignucci, Nadya Nenadic, and Oscar Oliver
- march**
- Citation**
"Pacto Firmado" on Fundación Sila M. Calderón/ARQPOLI Agreement, Primera Hora, Mar/09, p.15
- Citation**
"Arquitecto Frampton visita la UPR," Revista Apontt
- AL MINUTO**
- Award**
AIA, American Institute of Architecture Honor Award for the Urban Design Course ARCH 4020's "Hercules Project" with Prof. Jorge Ríagu
- Faculty Trip**
ACSA Annual Convention at Houston, Texas, Dean Miguel Rodríguez Casellas and Associate Dean Nadya K. Nenadic.
- Lecture**
Second lecture of the series: "Revisiting the Rhetorical Masters of the Architectural Neo-avant-garde" by Kenneth Frampton (Columbia University)
- Event**
IAS/ViceVersa Jury, where students review professor's work
- WELCOME TO FRAMPTON**
- Award**
"Bending the Parameters" on Prof. Imel Sierra, Metro San Juan Magazine, March, p.65
- "La Concha": reinterpretación vs. Nostalgia" by Prof. José Vázquez**, Revista Entorno, 10, p.15
- Article**
"Trascendencia e inmanencia material," Prof. Javier Santiago reviews Prof. Imel Sierra's artwork at "Art Now Fair," New York City
- Article**
"XVII Premios Cemex," on Dean Miguel Rodríguez Casellas's nomination for 2008 Cemex Award Jury Suplemento El Nuevo Día, Mar/16
- Article**
"Cárcel Pasivo, Paseo Caribe" by visiting Prof. Félix Jiménez, Revista Entorno 10, p.52
- Article**
"The Voice of Architecture" by Miguel Rojas, Juan Magán

Citation
"Renowned Architect Kenneth Frampton at Universidad Politécnica," Caribbean Business, April/10, p.47



Symposium

Symposium of the Foundation for Puerto Rican Humanities: "Santurce: Trace/Transition." Dean Miguel Rodríguez Casellas participates in the panel "Limits and Borders history, architecture and urbanism."

Column
"Papitour" by Dean Miguel Rodríguez Casellas, El Nuevo Día, April/17, p.54

Event
Dean Miguel Rodríguez Casellas and students Héctor Montalvo and Cristina Parilla participate in the jury of the XVII CEMEX Prizes

Article
"Tropical Chic" Rafael Castro Metro San Juan Magazine, April, p.72-77

Event
Orientation for High School students at Colegio Santo Tomás de Aquino

Event
AIAS, American Institute of Architecture Students, "ViceVersa" Jury, where students review professors' projects



Citation
"Verano en la Poli" El Nuevo Día, May/10, p.13



Article
"The Ultimate Paradigm," on Prof. Fabián Morales, Metro San Juan Magazine, June, p.75-77

Event
Beginning of ARQPOLI's Summer Camp for high school students



Student Trip/CUADALAB
"Utopia en Moscú" Professors: Marcelo López, Oscar Oliver, and Miguel Szendrey

Event
"Prospects for Municipal Planning," Second Symposium of the "Urban Forum" sponsored by the Center for Urban Studies, (CEUPOL); panelists: Arch. Juan Santiago, Plan, Leslie Rosado, Plan, Sandra Velázquez, Plan.

Eileen Poueymiron, from the Municipal Planning Offices of Ponce, Manati, Caguas, and Bayamón respectively; Plan. Luis García Peñatti; Jun/19

Citation
"Campamento para mayores" Galería Peñatti presents by Dr. Miguel Rodríguez Casella, Nuevo Jul/7, p.1

Citation
Charla: Luz Primera Hora, Apr/3, p.72

Citation
"Arquitectura de la," Primera Hora, Apr/24, p.75

Lecture
"Luz Material" by Prof. Andrés Mignucci

LUZ MATERIAL

Lecture
"Luz Material" on Dean Sella, Metro San p.79

Convention/Lecture

First Annual Convention of the Puerto Rican Organization of Architectural Students (OPEA) two lectures, "Traditional Construction Materials, Technologies and Climatic Realities" and "Architectural Conservation in Puerto Rico: Concepts, Regulations and Intervention Process," by Professor Beatriz Del Cueto, Director of ARQPOLI's Architectural Conservation Laboratory



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Column
"Integrados," by Dean Miguel Rodríguez Casellas, El Nuevo Día, Apr/3, p.54

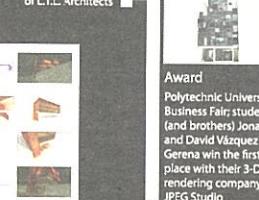
Award

ARQPOLI's students win the first three awards at the OPEA (Organización Puertorriqueña de Estudiantes de Arquitectura) Charette



Lecture

Third of the series: "Revisiting the Rhetorical Masters of the Architectural Neo-avant-garde" by Marc Surumaki of LTL Architects



june

Article
"Decoding San Juan's Revitalization Laws" on Prof. Bennett Diaz, Metro San Juan Magazine, May, p.73



June

Publication
"Interés Real por el medio ambiente" C. Salvissen, El Nuevo Día, En Punto, Jun/ 4, p.11.



Award
Polytechnic University Business Fair: students (and brothers) Jonathan and David Vázquez Gerena win the first place with their 3-D rendering company JPEG Studio



Community
Final presentation of the Santa Rita Strategic Plan for the Sila M. Calderón Foundation and its Board

Faculty Trip
Dean Miguel Rodríguez Casellas travels to Victoria, British Columbia, Canada, invited to a Color Forecast Workshop sponsored by Comex Group



July
"Lawmaking and urban development" Symposium of the "Urban Forum" by the Center for Urban Studies, panelists: senators Kenneth McClintock, Antonio Faz Alzamora; Lic. Margarita Cárdenas and Lic. Omar Jiménez, professors at Universidad Interamericana de Puerto Rico

"The Housing Market" Symposium of the "Urban Forum" by the Center for Urban Studies, panelists: Rafael Rojas, Homebuilders Assoc.; Steven L. of the Puerto Rico Mortgage Marisol Aja, President of the Puerto Rico Realtors; Jorge Rivera, Director and former director Finance Authority; José Villegas

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Student Trip

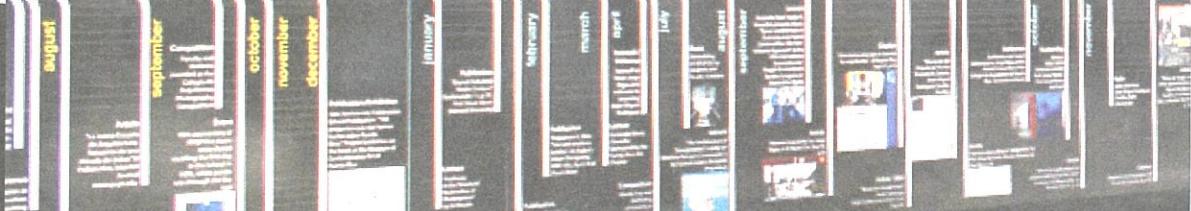
Prof. Marcelo López Dinardi invited juries in Mexico City: Javier Sánchez, Irvine Torres, Benedikt Fahrbusch, Aisha Ballesteros, Arturo Ortiz y Productora DF, Carlos Bedoya, Abel Perles, Wonne (ARCH 4010)



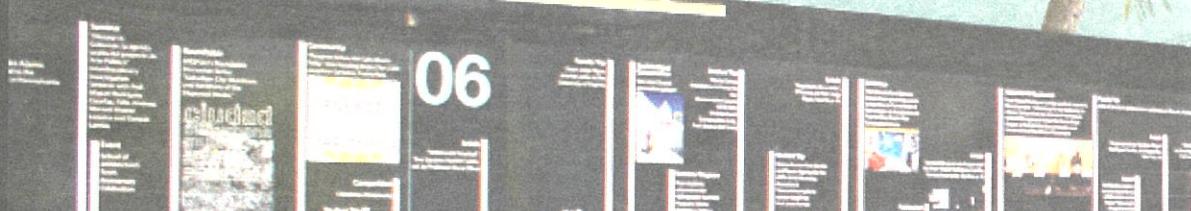
january



Exhibition
"En Búsqueda del Espacio Público en Puerto Rico: Diagramación del sentido colectivo local" La Respuesta, Santurce, Puerto Rico. Professor: Oscar Oliviers; students: Edgardo Aponte, Rubén Correa, José Juan García, Rubén González, Andrés Gutiérrez, Walter Montañez, Andrea Nevárez, Pedro Santiago, Victor Torres, Celso Vargas, Wilberto Zayas



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Charette
Reliable Mortgage's Charette on Sustainable Housing co-sponsored by the Colegio de Arquitectos, Professors Marcelo López and Oscar Oliver; Jonathan Vázquez, David Vázquez, David Figueroa, Rafael Rivera, students



Event
"Party Platform on Urban Development and Infrastructure: Puerto Ricans for Puerto Rico Party" Fifth Event of the "Urban Forum" sponsored by the Center for Urban Studies, (CEUPOL); participant, Rogelio Figueroa, Governor Candidate for the PNP Party; Aug/13



Exhibition
Ciudadlab: Utopia en Moscú in the Puerto Rico Architects' Association Professors: Marcelo López Dinardi, Oscar Oliver Didier y Miguel Sznajrej Students: Camilla Lamela, Jean Paul Rocafort, Mariela Bravo, Erwin Díaz, Dalenna Carrero, María Inirio, Mariloria Ramos y Jean Jilbe www.ciudadlab.com



Event

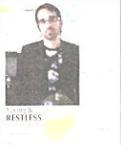
"Party Platform on Urban Development and Infrastructure: 'The New Progressive Party of Puerto Rico'" Seventh Event of the "Urban Forum" sponsored by the Center for Urban Studies, (CEUPOL); participant, Luis A. Fortuño, Governor Candidate for the PNP Party; Sep/10

Faculty Trip

10th International Docomomo Conference: The Challenge of Change, Rotterdam, The Netherlands. Professor Ivonne Marcial and Dean Miguel Rodríguez Casellas



Lecture
Eighth lecture of the series: "Revisiting the Rhetorical Masters of the Architectural Neo-avant-garde" by Bjørke Ingles (Royal Danish Academy of Arts)



Article
"Art of Noise" on Prof. Marco Trevišani, Metro San Juan Magazine, September, p.77-79

Event
"De la casa al Parking" Eighth Symposium of the "Urban Forum" sponsored by the Center for Urban Studies, (CEUPOL); panelists: Juan G. Gelpi and Rubén Ríos Ávila (from Comparative Lit.); Dorian Lugo (School of Public Communication), and Liliana Ramos Collado (School of Architecture), all of them are teach at the University of Puerto Rico



Lecture

13th Anniversary of AROPOL: Dean Miguel Rodríguez Casellas announces the school's extension plan

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Fourth of the series: "Revisiting the Rhetorical Masters of the Architectural Neo-avant-garde" by Felicity D. Scott (Columbia University)



Event

"Party Platform on Urban Development and Infrastructure: 'Puerto Rican Independence Party'" Sixth Event of the "Urban Forum" sponsored by the Center for Urban Studies, (CEUPOL); participant, Dr. Edwin Irizarry Mora, Governor Candidate for the PIP Party; Aug/27

september

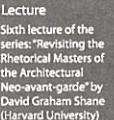


Lecture

Fifth lecture of the series: "Revisiting the Rhetorical Masters of the Architectural Neo-avant-garde" by Larry Busbee (Arizona University)



October



Lecture

Sixth lecture of the series: "Revisiting the Rhetorical Masters of the Architectural Neo-avant-garde" by David Graham Shane (Harvard University)

november



Lecture

Seventh lecture of the series: "Revisiting the Rhetorical Masters of the Architectural Neo-avant-garde" by Reinhold Martin (Columbia University)

december



Lecture

Ninth of the series: "Revisiting the Rhetorical Masters of the Architectural Neo-avant-garde" by Joan Ockman (Columbia University)

Event

"City and the Press" Ninth Symposium of the "Urban Forum" sponsored by the Center for Urban Studies, (CEUPOL); panelists: Huascar Robles (Metro San Juan), Larissa Vázquez Zapata (ENDI), Omaya Sosa Pascual (Center for Investigative Press), and Prof. Félix Jiménez (Columbia University)

Lecture

Tenth lecture of the series: "Revisiting the Rhetorical Masters of the Architectural Neo-avant-garde" by Mary McLeod (Columbia University)



Cronología de eventos montada en el patio de la Universidad Politécnica
Timeline mounted at Polytechnic University's patio
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