

MEDIATING MATTER(S)

ARCHITECTURE & BODILY AFFECTS

THURSDAY OCTOBER 23 + FRIDAY OCTOBER 24

Azrieli School of Architecture & Urbanism
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Agora III: Mediating Matter(s) seeks to unpack, contest, and subvert normative relationships between matter and bodies as they take place within architecture practice and discourse. Organized around the question “How does the mediation of matter(s) through architecture and by architects (broadly understood) normalize certain modes of being while undermining others?”, this symposium aims to expand contemporary discussions on how the scales, movements, “animacy,”¹ and “vibrancy”² of matter unevenly affect and act on, through, and between diverse bodies as well as how such bodies are objectified, “thingified,”³ reduced, and transformed into a labour force. Mediating Matter(s) brings together a series of keynote speakers and paper presentations to explore how the “orderly arranging of materials and bodies”⁴ produced by architecture affirms the discipline’s violent legacies of exclusion and how bodies that fall beyond dominant norms of the human disrupt these configurations through non-normative entanglements with matter.

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¹ Mei Y. Chen, *Animacies: Biopolitics, Racial Mattering, and Queer Affect* (Duke University Press, 2012).

² Jane Bennett, *Vibrant Matter: A Political Ecology of Things* (Duke University Press, 2010).

³ Aimé Césaire, *Discourse on Colonialism*, trans. Joan Pinkham (Monthly Review Press, 1952), 42.

⁴ Achille Mbembe, *Brutalism* (Duke University Press, 2024), xii.

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PERFORMING COLONIAL TOXICITY BY SAMIA HENNI

Lightroom Gallery
Thursday October 23 at 5:25pm



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