



ARCHITECTURE · CUHK · LECTURE

Zhang Ming

Essay and Architecture

Thursday, 26.10.2017

18:00 – 19:30

Zone F, 1/F

AITB

Architecture is based on relationships. Zhang Ming seeks to foreground relationships that emerge from the project, instead of imposing order onto it. As such, his approach is similar to that of a Chinese literary form known as 散文 (essay), which structure is open and casual, allowing for unexpected and variegated results. This lecture will show a series of architectural projects that uses this free-flowing approach, privileging multiplicity of experiences over singularity and objecthood. It offers a new model that embraces the transitory nature of architecture: its changes, its growth, its atrophy, and its revitalisation.

Zhang Ming is Professor at Tongji University's College of Architecture and Urban Planning. He is also Principal Architect at the Architectural Design and Research Institute of Tongji University and Shanghai-based Original Design Studio. Over the years, Zhang has received more than 60 design awards, with creative projects featured in a number of international design exhibitions, including La Triennale di Milano (2012) and Busan International Architectural Culture Festival (2017).

