



## HOW CAN YOU MAKE A SUPER LINK?

### INSTRUCTOR

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## DESCRIPTION

### 1: Super link

A super link is a structure that connects everything.

### 2: HongKong

Hong Kong is a city with extremely high density and highly mixed programs. Multi-dimensional connections between buildings, public space, transportation facilities, etc., are often seen in the city, facilitating people's travel and making urban space rich and exciting.

The Central Mid-Levels Escalator links the urban space from Queen's Road Central to Conduit Road. The extensive pedestrian bridge system “ Central Elevated Walkway “ spanning Admiralty, Central, and parts of Sheung Wan, built by the Hong Kong Government and various developers.

In the process of urban renewal, the existing urban complex is not easy to change. Adding multi-functional connection structures may be an effective way to improve the situation. This studio will focus on the connection space in Hong Kong and try to find new ways of intervention through cutting-edge design and research methods.

### 3: Design Method

Closely connected to the research of FUN Lab, the parametric design will be used as the core design method of this studio. Students will learn the rule-based design method and use the toolboxes to create their design prototypes based on mathematics, geometry, algorithms, structural principles, etc.

### 4: Connect Research to Design

The relationship between research and design has always been the focus. How to make the study become the driving force of the design is a key issue of this studio. Students will focus on how to transfer and quantify various aspects of research into specific mathematical parameters. Parameters are the key to connecting the research and the design prototype.

## PROCESS

### 1: 6 Teams, 6 Territories, 12 Prototypes, 12 Individual Projects

#### 6 Teams

In the first semester, 12 students will be divided into 6 groups.

#### 6 Territories

Each group will choose a site from HK to analyze.

#### 12 Prototypes

Every student will develop one prototype, 12 prototypes in total.

#### 12 Individual Projects

In the Second semester, everyone will work individually.

Students will choose one site from the six and apply their prototype to generate the design.

**2: Research Tasks****Semester One****1. Prototype (4 weeks)**

- 1: Structural System
- 2: Geometrical System
- 3: Material System
- 4: Construction System

**2. History and Typology of linkage (2 weeks)**

Conduct typological research and historical research on this topic.

**3. Site Analysis (4 weeks)**

- 1: Study existing site conditions, including program distribution, traffic flow, activities throughout a day, a week, etc. Find problems and potentials.
- 2: Give a strategic proposal about how you want to make it better. No design is needed, only diagrams and reference images.
- 3: Make study models.

**3: Design Tasks****3.1: Semester One****1. Prototype design (4 weeks)****2. Test the Prototype (4 weeks)**

Test the prototype by applying it to different scales under different constraints. Design siteless projects from furniture (or smaller) to the pavilion (or larger). Make sure the prototype is flexible and open enough to accommodate the different situations.

**3.2: Semester Two****1. Concept Design Model (4 weeks)**

Apply the prototype on site, generate the concept design model.

**2. Parameters (2 weeks)**

Transform all the data and issues from the previous research into parameters, connect the research with the prototype.

**3. Final Design (8 weeks)**

Generate design variations from the prototype and choose the final proposal according to specific standards.

**4: Final presentation (3 weeks)**

Present your work in every possible way.

**5: Technical Report (3 weeks)**

Develop a model of the construction system, and a comprehensive report regarding its technical issues.

**6: Process Portfolio**

Evolution of the project

#### 4: Some Aspects need to consider

- 1: Connectivity
- 2: Program distribution
- 3: Green space
- 4: Ways of use at different times of the day, week, month, year
- 5: Construction system
- 6: Sustainability
- 7: Placemaking

#### 5: Tools

Some computer skills might be helpful.

Through the process, students will learn some of the following software.

Rhino  
Grasshopper  
Karamba3D  
RhinoVAULT  
Kangaroo  
Ameba  
ArchiCAD

#### 6: Collaboration

This studio will collaborate with the studio lead by professor Jingxiang Zhu.

#### 7: Some Online Resources:

Mathworld  
<https://mathworld.wolfram.com/>

Zhun Zhang  
<https://www.bilibili.com/video/BV1ai4y1A7E9?from=search&seid=1896191370698660791>

Klaus Bollinger  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PNVuR3jt4II>  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pXIU570Nj-0>

Gilles Retsin  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Jtvr3fQi7HQ>  
<https://www.bilibili.com/video/BV1vy4y1S7hH?from=search&seid=3355642125940747695>

Cecil Balmond  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Y8qJtamN7yM>

Philip Block  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=a4NJCuj1geg>  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1Lk8wihM22s>  
[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1Lk8wihM22s&list=RDCMUCfE4Y-61\\_QO-JYg0WnT0n6Q&index=1](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1Lk8wihM22s&list=RDCMUCfE4Y-61_QO-JYg0WnT0n6Q&index=1)

### Form and Forces

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=r-tG68WvNDM>

### Manuel Delanda

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5HSMTUZ64bY>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1xJwZcpDnoY>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=u3aE3Z6llMc>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=J-I5e7ixw78>

### Architecture and Complexity Conference

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TZ2Zv6lMcwQ&list=PLI1nDzeohfkn05dTBOxamSebSuZ3PCbl3&index=1>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MFWjfyNaYMY&list=PLI1nDzeohfkn05dTBOxamSebSuZ3PCbl3&index=2>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tOQrD0PCIFs&list=PLI1nDzeohfkn05dTBOxamSebSuZ3PCbl3&index=3>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=inBZXevhEuY&list=PLI1nDzeohfkn05dTBOxamSebSuZ3PCbl3&index=4>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5KhO3UeXNj4&list=PLI1nDzeohfkn05dTBOxamSebSuZ3PCbl3&index=5>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ex1Cl3k3do8&list=PLI1nDzeohfkn05dTBOxamSebSuZ3PCbl3&index=6>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tkdbWXmKPtY&list=PLI1nDzeohfkn05dTBOxamSebSuZ3PCbl3&index=7>

### Rob Tullis (Place Making)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gJn8obSVJNk> thought

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LN8eLZ4xno0> Form

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ws\\_MaSTOXs0](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ws_MaSTOXs0) Activity

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VNX5uGU1T5k> sense of place

## DELIVERABLES

### For the first semester,

#### Midterm Review 1

- 10 portrait A2 panels (per group),
- One site model per group,
- Several study models regarding the prototype (per student),
- One PPT (per group)

#### Midterm Review 2

- 10 portrait A2 panels (per group),
- One site model per group,
- Several study models regarding the prototype (per student),
- One large scale installation regarding the prototype (per student)
- One PPT (per group)

**For the second semester,****Midterm review 3**

10 portrait A2 panels (per student) ,  
 One site model (per student),  
 Several study models regarding the variations of the concept design (per student),  
 One large scale model of the WIP final project (per student) ,  
 One PPT (per student )

**Final Review**

10 portrait A2 panels (per student) ,  
 One site model (per student),  
 Several study models regarding the variations of the concept design (per student),  
 One large scale model of the final project (per student) ,  
 One PPT (per student )

**Technical Report**

Technical report A3x 30 pages

**Process Portfolio**

Process Report A3x 30 pages  
 Evolution of the project

**LEARNING OUTCOME**

1. Ability to create architectural designs that satisfy both aesthetic and technical requirements.
2. Adequate knowledge of the histories and theories of architecture and the related arts, technologies and human sciences.
3. Knowledge of the fine arts as an influence on the quality of architectural design.
4. Understanding of the relationship between people and buildings, and between buildings and their environment, and the need to relate buildings and the spaces between them to human needs and scale.
5. Understanding of the methods of investigation and preparation of the brief for a design project.
6. Ability to generate complex design proposals showing understanding of current architectural issues, originality in the application of subject knowledge and, where appropriate, to test new hypotheses and speculations.
7. Ability to evaluate and apply a comprehensive range of visual, oral and written media to test, analyse, critically appraise and explain design proposals.
8. Awareness of the theories and methods of inquiry that seek to show the relationship between human behaviour and the physical environment.
9. Understanding of the basic principles of sustainable development and architects' responsibilities with respect to the social, economic and environmental sustainability in architecture and urban design.
10. Understanding of the principles of structural behaviour in withstanding gravity and lateral forces, and the range and appropriate applications of contemporary structural system.
11. Ability to assemble a comprehensive programme for an architecture project, including:
12. Ability to respond to natural and built site characteristics in the development of a programme and design of a project.
13. Ability to work cooperatively with others in a team setting. Ability to discuss architectural ideas with non-architects, to listen objectively to their opinions and to consider those opinions in designing.
14. Ability to speak and write effectively on subject matters contained in the professional curriculum in English.
15. Ability to use appropriate representational media, such as drawings, models, diagrams, charts, including computer technology, to convey essential design information at each stage of the programming and design process.

## ASSESSMENT SCHEME

### 1\_Midterm Reviews (30%)

1. Midterm Review 1, October (10%)
2. Midterm Review 2, December (10%)
3. Midterm Review 3, March (10%)

### 2\_Final Review (50%)

1. Final Project Presentation, May (50%)

### 3\_Project Book (20%)

1. Project Book to have three parts: Position/ Technology / Process
2. To be started at the beginning of the year and reviewed throughout.

## COURSE FORMAT

### 1\_Group Work

1. Students are allowed to work in groups only the first semester.
2. The second semester will be all individual projects.

### 2\_Teaching Days

1. The Design Studio will be taught two days a week Monday and Thursday 13:30 to 18:00

### 3\_Studio Spaces

1. Each studio will have their own space, accommodating a desk for each student
2. Layouts will be issued at the start of the academic year

## FIELD TRIP

At present all foreign trips are suspended until further notice. If the COVID-19 situation improves, the school will inform the Design Studio tutors.

## REQUIRED READINGS

On Growth and Form

D'Arcy Wentworth Thompson, 1992, Dover Publications

Origins of Form

Williams, Christopher, 1995,

Architectural Geometry

Helmut Pottmann / Andreas Asperl / Michael Hofer / Axel Kilian, 2007 , Bentley Institute Press

Tilings and Patterns

Branko Grunbaum / G. C. Shephard, 1989, W H Freeman & Co (Sd)

Informal

Cecil Balmond, 2002, Prestel

The Function of Form

Farshid Moussavi, 2009, ACTAR, Harvard Graduate School of Design

Digital Culture in Architecture: An Introduction for the Design Professions

Antoine Picon, 2010, Birkhäuser Architecture

ARCH 5110\_ADVANCED ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN STUDIO I

Ornament: The Politics of Architecture and Subjectivity (Architectural Design Primer)  
Antoine Picon, 2014, Wiley

Form and Forces\_\_ Designing Efficient, Expressive Structures  
Edward Allen / Waclaw Zalewski / Nicole Michel / Boston Structures Group, 2009, John Wiley and Sons Ltd

The Art of Structures  
Aurelio Muttoni, 2011, EPFL Press

Architectures of time\_\_ Toward a Theory of the Event in Modernist Culture  
Sanford Kwinter, 2002, MIT Press

A thousand years of nonlinear history  
Manuel De Landa, 2000, Zone Books

## IMPORTANT NOTE TO STUDENTS

### Attendance

Class attendance is required in all courses. For an excused absence, the instructor must be notified and presented with documentation of illness or personal matter. Please note: **Three (3)** or more unexcused absences may result in a failing grade for the course.

### Academic Honesty

Attention is drawn to University policy and regulations on honesty in academic work, and the disciplinary guidelines and procedures applicable to breaches of such policy and regulations. Details may be found at: <http://www.cuhk.edu.hk/policy/academichonesty/>. With each assignment, students may be required to submit a statement that they are aware of these policies, regulations, guidelines, and procedures.

### Student Work

Submission of studio documentation must be complete and correctly formatted. Missing or incomplete submission of the documentation folder will result in the grade for the course being withheld. This will prevent registration for the following term or delay graduation. In addition, a grade deduction of *one letter grade* will be made.

## SCHEDULE

### Important Dates

#### SEMESTER 1

##### 1\_Midterm Reviews (30%)

Midterm Review 1, 25-29 October 2021 (10%)

Midterm Review 2, 06-10 December 2021(10%)

#### SEMESTER 2

Midterm Review 3, 01-04 March 2022 (10%)

##### 2\_Final Review (50%)

Final Project Presentation, 03-06 May 2022 (50%)

##### 3\_Project Book (20%)

Project Book to have three parts: Position/ Technology / Process, 13 May 2022 (20%)



**Term 1: 6 September 2021 (Mon) – 4 December 2021 (Sat)**

<b>WEEK 01</b>		
06.09	<b>INTRODUCTION</b>	<b>STUDIO SELECTION</b>
09.09		Results Announced
<b>WEEK 02</b>		
13.09		
16.09		
<b>WEEK 03</b>		
20.09		
23.09		
<b>WEEK 04</b>		
27.09		
30.09		
<b>WEEK 05</b>		
04.10		
07.10		
<b>WEEK 06</b>		
11.10		
14.10		Chung Yeung Festival
<b>WEEK 07</b>		
18.10		
21.10		
<b>WEEK 08</b>		
25.10 – 29.10		<b>MIDTERM REVIEW 1 (10%)</b>

WEEK 09		
01.11		
04.11		

WEEK 10		
08.11		
11.11		

WEEK 11		
15.11		
18.11		

WEEK 12		
22.11		
25.11		

WEEK 13		
29.11		
02.12		

WEEK 14		
06.12 – 10.12		<b>MIDTERM REVIEW 2 (10%)</b>

**Term 2: 10 January 2022 (Mon) – 23 April 2022 (Sat)**

WEEK 15 (2022)		
10.01		
13.01		

WEEK 16		
17.01		
20.01		

WEEK 17		
24.01		
27.01		
WEEK 18		
31.01 – 05.02		Lunar New Year Vacation
WEEK 19		
07.02		
10.02		
WEEK 20		
14.02		
17.02		
WEEK 21		
21.02		
24.02		
WEEK 22		
01.03 – 04.03		MIDTERM REVIEW 3 (10%)
WEEK 23		
07.03		
10.03		
WEEK 24		
14.03		
17.03		
WEEK 25		
21.03		
24.03		

<b>WEEK 26</b>		
28.03		
31.03		
<b>WEEK 27</b>		
04.04		
07.04		
<b>WEEK 28</b>		
11.04		
14.04		
<b>WEEK 29</b>		
18.04		<b>Easter Monday</b>
<b>WEEK 30</b>		
25.04		
28.04		
<b>WEEK 31</b>		
02.05		<b>The day following Labour Day</b>
03.05-06.05		<b>FINAL REVIEW (50%)</b>
<b>WEEK 32</b>		
09.05		
13.05		<b>PROJECT BOOK (20%)</b>
		Project Book to have three parts: Position/ Technology / Process