BEYOND "FORM, DESIGN AND DETAILS": ARCHITECTURAL PHILOSOPHY

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ABSTRACT

Evaluation of styles in Modern Architecture has often ignored the basic and fundamental principles of those Design Approaches, i.e. the philosophy of the entire design process. Historically and even today the Architect has always been the servant of power thus it is important to understand the relationship between 'Power' and 'Architecture' in the modern world. The socially responsive architecture is a phenomenon of the post-war era and a milestone in this regard was the inclusion of worker's housing projects in the curriculum by the Bauhaus School in the 1920s. This paper attempts to identify and discuss some issues like colonization, multinational culture and globalization and suggests that such studies should be included in the Architectural curriculum for the product to become socially responsive. This is suggested with a warning that fruits of such a discussion and studies can be achieved but only after sufficient time.