

A Talk & Conversations

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PoroCity & Enabling Structures

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BIOGRAPHY

Niklaus Graber studied architecture at the ETH Zurich and at the GSAPP at the Columbia University, New York. He is a co-founder of Graber & Steiger Architects based in Lucerne, Switzerland. He taught at the Lucerne University of Applied Sciences and Arts (HSLU) in the BA and the MA courses between 2008 and 2015. He currently serves at the HSLU as a juror of the Master thesis projects. Since 2012 he has been maintaining a steady exchange with the architecture scene in Bangladesh and explored the country and its architecture on numerous and extensive research trips. In 2016 he was invited to be a visiting faculty member at the Bengal Institute for Architecture, Landscapes and Settlements in Dhaka. Niklaus Graber is the curator in chief of the exhibition 'Bengal Stream – The Vibrant Architecture Scene of Bangladesh' at the S AM Basel in 2017/18, at Arc En Réve Bordeaux 2019 and at DAM Frankfurt 2019.

SYNOPSIS

'PoroCity – Enabling Structures' is a site-specific spatial intervention by the Swiss architecture studio Graber & Steiger. The installation gives the opportunity to explore the notion of 'Enabling Structures' in different architectural and urban scales. It aims to trigger a dialogue about architectural structures that may be the actual DNA of welcoming places which unfold a porous setting for vivid social interaction and future oriented transformations. The exhibition provides a glimpse into architectural works, which are characterized by permeable spatial structures that invite for a free appropriation by the users. The scenography of the installation is embedded in a circular concept for the reuse of the modular exhibition structure in the everyday life in micro-urbanism. Besides the visitors to the exhibition, any city dweller is invited to participate in the project in a long term.

Discussant: Kashef Mahboob Chowdhury

Principal Architect, URBANA



Venue: 'UTHAN'

2nd Floor, Dr. Satyendra Nath Bose Academic Building, Khulna University

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