



ArchKU seminar series

Architecture Discipline
Khulna University

BETWEEN STUDIOS: Complexities and Contradictions

Speaker:

Rashed H. Chowdhury, Principal Architect, DW- Dehsar Works

BIOGRAPHY

Rashed H. Chowdhury is an Architect, Designer, and Educator based in Dhaka. He is the principal Architect of DEHSAR WORKS, an architectural studio, and founding partner of 'LOUDWORKS' a visual identity design company, and 'Workshop Ltd' a design-build company. Born in 1984, he grew up witnessing the building frenzy of a new urban fabric over a 400-year-old city. In 2009, After his graduation from 'Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology' (BUET), he worked as a researcher on sustainable solutions at 'GRACE' (Green Architectural Cell) and later as a full-time lecturer at the 'University of Asia Pacific'. In 2015 he left full-time teaching to pursue his idea for a multidisciplinary design platform. His ventures have since received recognition from home and abroad such as the best architect award in commercial/ mercantile category in the Berger Award for Excellence in Architecture 2017 and the Young Architect award under Foreign Countries Architecture Award in both the 28th JK AYA 2019 & 30th JK AYA 2021. Dehsar Works was featured in the lecture series "Architectures of Transitions - Emerging Practices of South Asia" Organized by Harvard GSD in 2023, as well as in an exhibition named "Bridging binaries" at the Venice Biennale of Architecture 2023. Currently, the studio operates with a vibrant juxtaposition of ideators, working across disciplines to bring out contextual solutions.

SYNOPSIS

The journey from an academic studio to a practicing studio can be overwhelming. To find one's own ground and stand tall to pursue a creative journey needs conviction, resilience, and endless enthusiasm to counter economic and societal expectations.

The talk intends to take the students with our journey into design so that they may find markers to what lies ahead and how to prepare for what's coming!



Time: 3:00 PM- 4:00 PM
Date: February 06, 2025

**Venue: "UTHAAN"(ArchKU Lecture Theater), 2nd Floor
Dr. Satyendra Nath Bose Academic Building**

The venue/schedule/speaker may change if needed. Any such change will be noticed with prior information.

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