

Architecture 100

Term Paper: Due Monday, November 27, 1978

Write a paper of 10-15 pages on the following topic.

The ideas, philosophy, methods, and ideals presented in this course are missing from the world today, partly because the structure of the world -- social system, politics, economics, mainstream ideals of building, construction, money, and so on, are all making it difficult for these things to happen. In order for these things to happen, it will therefore require a slow structural revolution: a gradual change of attitude, change of procedure, change of economics, change of politics, change of social agreements, contracts, ways of building, etc. Try to describe, as concretely as possible, what would be happening in a city of 100,000 people (the size of Berkeley), where all this was happening in a completely developed and full-fledged way. What would it be like? How would the underlying structures of society, of the architectural and building professions, the banks, the social norms, be different? You must write as concretely as possible, with realistically described changes, what you imagine.

To make it perhaps even more concrete, imagine that several years from now, having passed Architecture 100 with flying colors, you are actually in a position, either alone or with some group, to undertake concrete projects in the world. What would you do?