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ELEMENTS OF ARCHITECTURE –
THE MAKING OF

Stephan Trüby



Architecture is considered a holistic cultural technique: It is about the *whole* – and about the engineering of an enclosure. Yet this hermetic world of architecture – some already talk of a closed architectural system – can be opened up by an alternative approach to architecture. This approach, which amounts to a reverse engineering, selectively puts into focus, not the *whole* of architecture, but its component parts. According to this reading, architecture is like a drone that crash-landed in some desert, and was disassembled by investigating powers, in order to comprehend, at least to some extent, its functioning. Elements are inter-related with other specific elements, but are hardly considered as the whole, which has become an unattainable threshold value. What, throughout the history of architecture and its theory, was ever discussed under the heading of *Elements of Architecture*? Are there any contemporary approaches to elements of architecture? Stephan Trüby will talk about the *Making Of* of the research project Elements of Architecture, which led to the main exhibition of the Venice Architecture Biennale 2014, directed by Rem Koolhaas.

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The conference will be held in English / La conferenza si terrà in inglese

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