

# Architectural Representation: Visualization and Description

(Architectural Perspective on Design)

#### Lesson 5: Exhibition and Architecture

- Simulacrum
- Introduction to Architectural Exhibitions
- Toward a Concrete Utopia: Architecture in Yugoslavia, 1948–1980 (MoMA 2019)
- Architecture Without Architects (MoMA, 1964)
- Examples of architectural exhibitions



Piazza d'Italia, New Orleans, Charles Moore (1978)

## Postmodern Architecture



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#### Dictionary

Definitions from Oxford Languages

#### simulacrum

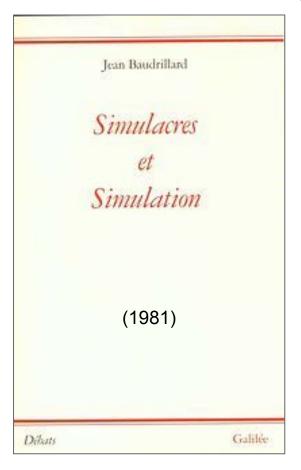
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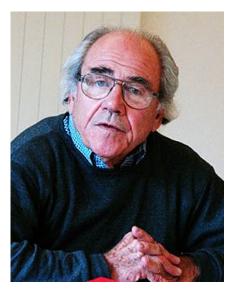
an image or representation of someone or something.

"a small-scale simulacrum of a skyscraper"

an unsatisfactory imitation or substitute.

"a bland simulacrum of American soul music"





Jean Baudrillard (1929-2017)

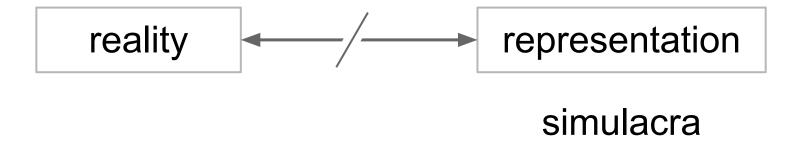
- Contributions to **postmodern** theory.
- **Simulations** (copies of things) have replaced **reality**.
- Hyperreality —a state where it becomes impossible to distinguish between reality and the representation of it.



Las Vegas Strip



Las Vegas Casino



Four stages of how reality and its representation (simulacra):

- 1. Basic Reflection of Reality
- 2. Perversion/ Distortion of reality
- 3. Pretends to be Reality / Masking of the Absence of Reality
- 4. Pure Simulacrum (Hyperreality)

#### 1. Basic Reflection of Reality:

The image or representation is a faithful reflection of something real.

It's a mirror that accurately depicts reality.



#### 2. Perversion/ Distortion of reality:

Involves a distortion of the original. The representation begins to change or exaggerate aspects of reality.



Marienplatz in ChatGPT

#### 3. Pretends to be Reality:

The simulacrum masks the absence of a real, authentic counterpart.

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Big Brother show

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Immersive exhibitions

#### 4. Pure Simulacrum (Hyperreality):

The final stage is when the representation no longer refers to any reality at all.

It becomes entirely self-referential

Creating a **hyperreality**—a world of signs that exist without a direct connection to any authentic reality.



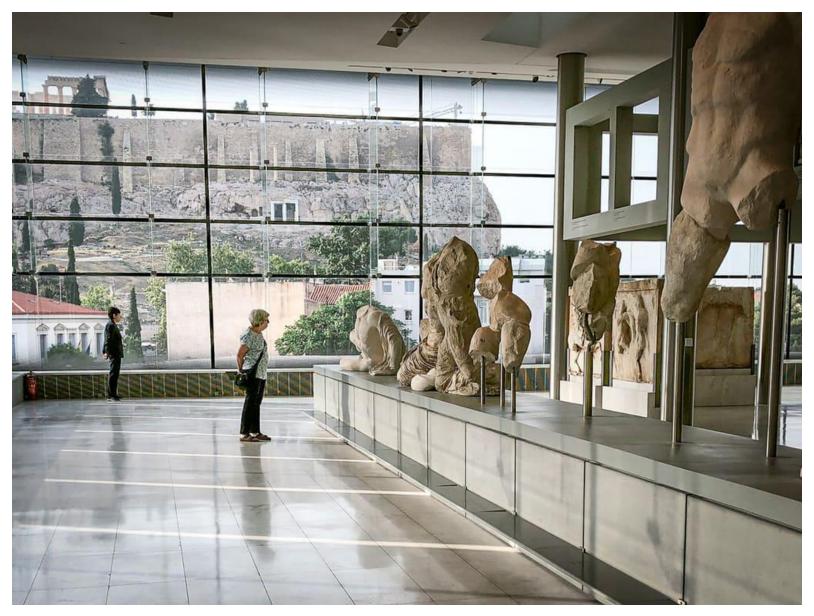
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## Introduction to Architectural Exhibitions



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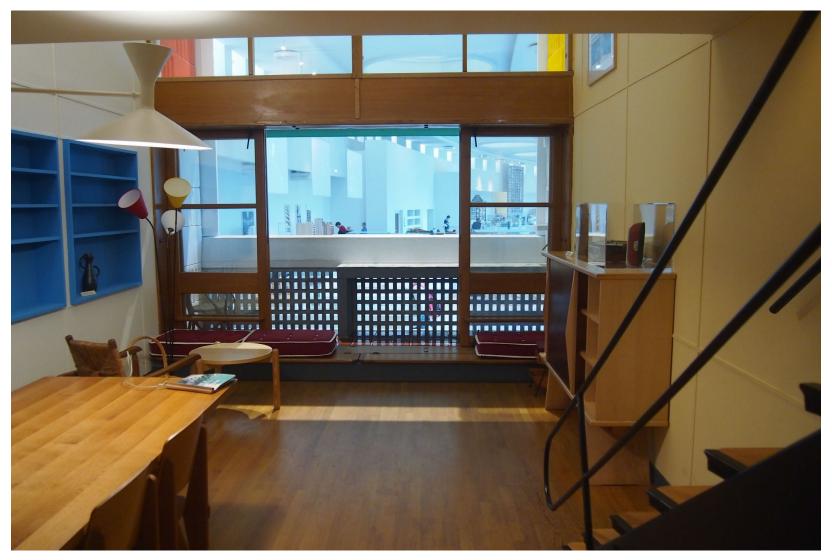
#### Introduction to Architectural Exhibitions



The Acropolis Museum in Athens, Bernard Tschumi, 2009

# Architectural Exhibitions Differ from Other Exhibitions

- Dealing with the **representation** (not real spaces)



Unité d'Habitation, Period Room, Cite de l'Architecture, Paris (1952)

# Architectural Exhibitions Differ from Other Exhibitions

Convey the essence of buildings, urban landscapes, and spatial relationships.



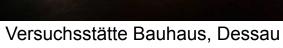
THE CHALLENGE, Tadao Ando, 2019

# Architectural Exhibitions Differ from Other Exhibitions

Requires **innovative display techniques**, such as large-scale models, immersive installations, virtual reality, and interactive elements.

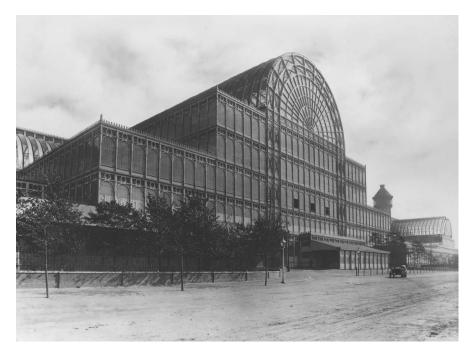








Early Technical Showcases (18th-19th Centuries)



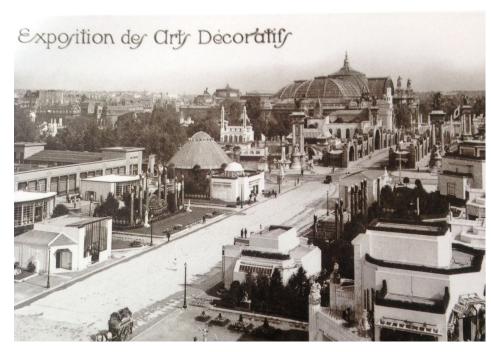
Crystal Palace, Great Exhibition, Joseph Paxton, London (1851)



World's Columbian Exposition, Chicago (1893)

#### Rise of Architectural Movements (Early 20th Century)

#### Art déco



Exposition internationale des arts décoratifs et industriels modernes (International Exhibition of Modern Decorative and Industrial Arts), Paris (1925)

#### **International Style**



International Style Exhibition, MoMA, NY (1932)

Architecture as Art and Social Commentary (Mid-20th Century)



Architecture Without Architects, MoMA, NY (1965)



Sol LeWitt, MoMA, NY (1978)

Global Platforms and Thematic Focus (Late 20th Century-Present)





Venice Architecture Biennale (1983)

Deconstructivist Architecture, MoMA (1988)

Global Platforms and Thematic Focus (Late 20th Century–Present)

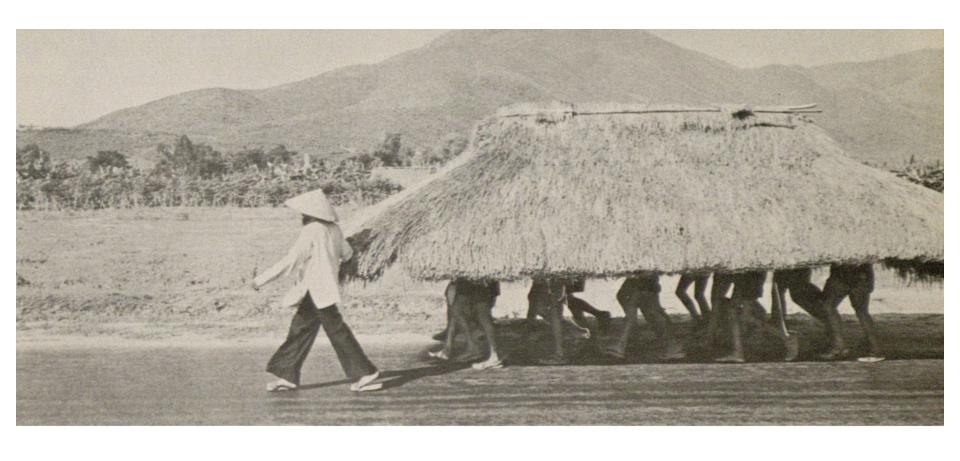




Home Delivery: Fabricating the Modern Dwelling, MoMA, NY (2008)

Rising Currents, MoMA, NY (2012)

# The Role of Architectural Exhibitions



Architecture Without Architects (MoMA, 1964)

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Toward a Concrete Utopia: Architecture in Yugoslavia, 1948–1980 (MoMA 2019)

# The Role of Architectural Exhibitions

Engaging the Public
Influence on Public Appreciation
Inspiring Dialogue



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Distribution of stand in space









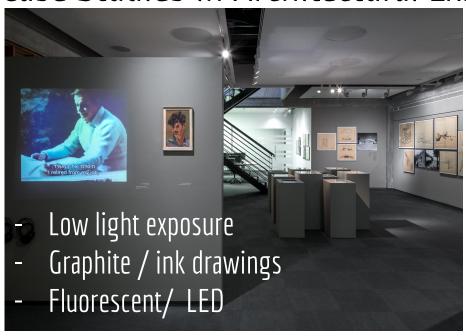








#### Case Studies in Architectural Exhibitions









## Architectural Exhibitions

- Color / hue
- Composition
- Budget







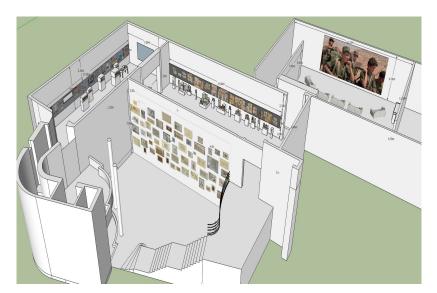
# Architectural Exhibitions









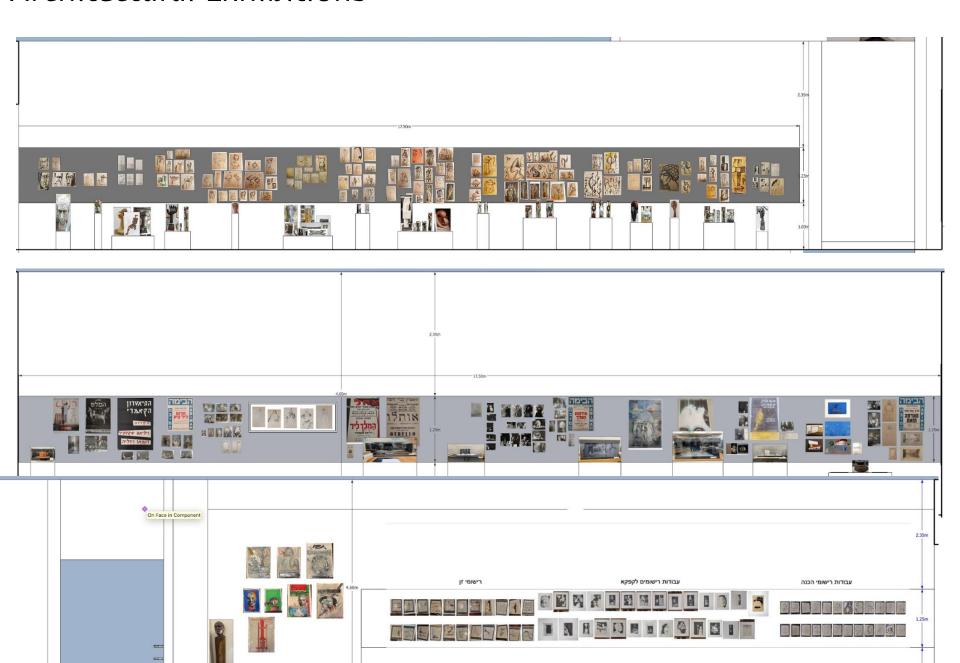


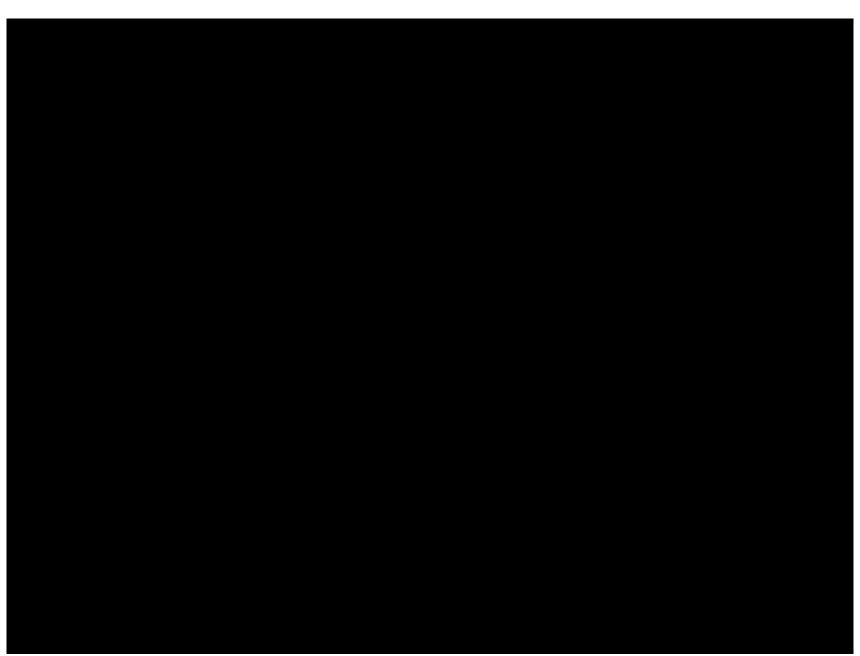


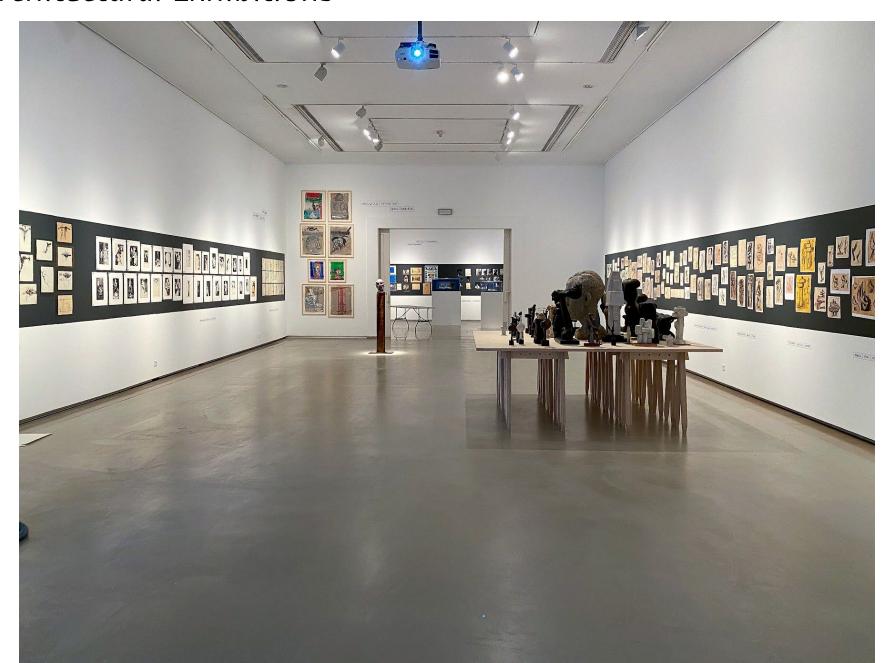
- Architecture
- Theater
- Cinema
- Plastic art
- Music



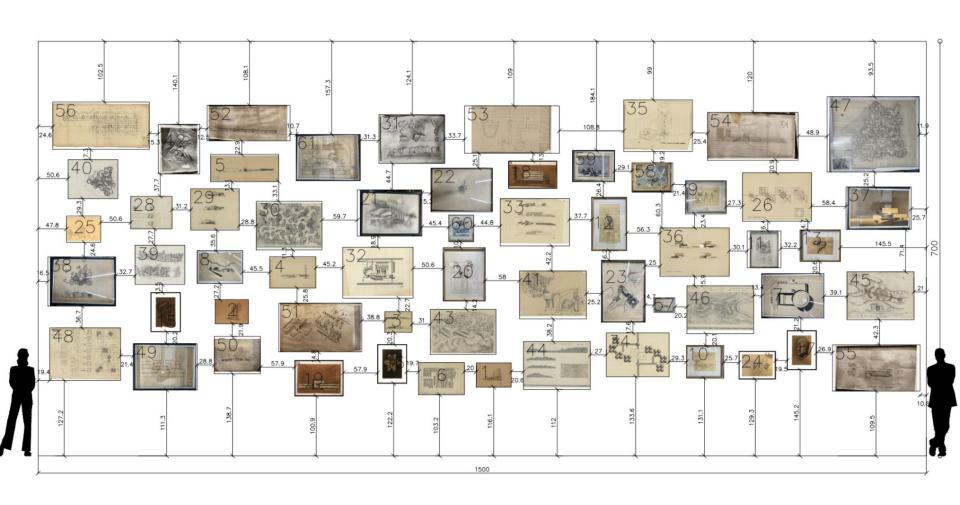
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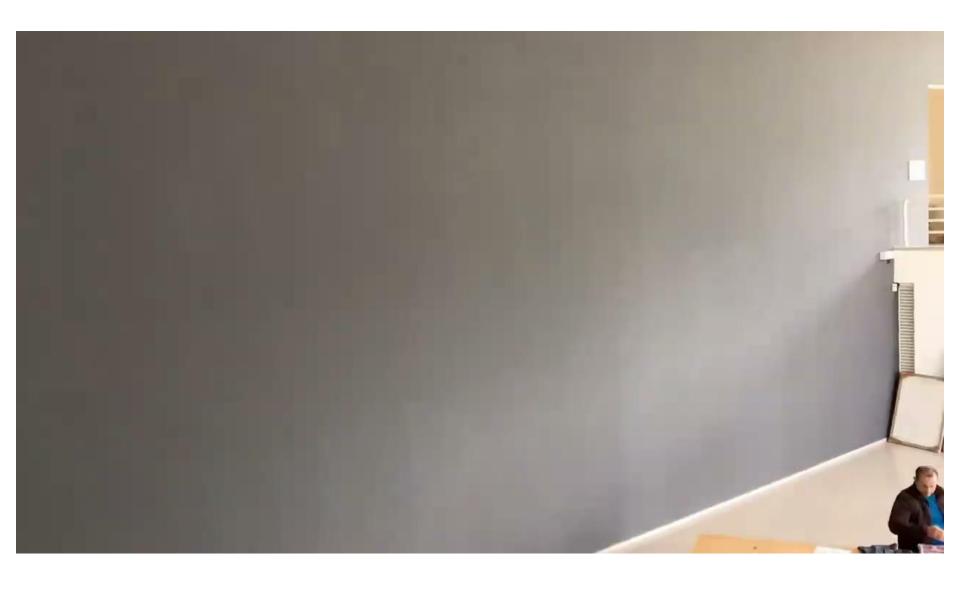
















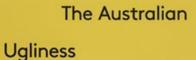






## Engaging the public

#### labels



The third and most recent iteration of the Ambassador is the artist's most ambitious work to date. The Australian Ugliness is a contemporary examination of perhitectures' role in shaping national identity, using Robin Boyd's 1960 polemical book of the same name as its catalyst. In his text, Boyd ponders Australian unbanism and its tendency towards "featurism" – a lazy satisfaction with the mediacre or cosmetic. Aligned with his discussion of architecture and aesthetics is Boyd's still timely and bitting assessment of Australias's national identity as one satisfied with the status quo.

More than half a century later, Eugenia Lim locates her video and photographic series as an almost wordless yet outspoken update to Boyd's text. In the era where box-like apartment buildings and cookie-cutter project homes form concentric rings cround Australian cities, Boyd's scothing approial still holds. In Lim's The Australian Upliness, the Ambassador shape-shifts as a student, tourist, client, property investor and resident os she visits over thirty architectural sites and spaces across Australia. Tracing architecture from the academy to the office, the city to the suburban fringe, and controsting places of lesser privilege with the grand icons of Australian architecture. In a interested in the limits of architecture – where is architecture absent, where can it do more? Is 'The Australian Dream' unsustainable and in need of an update?

As the Ambaisador negotiates each space, from Jern Utzan's Sydney Opera House to Denton Corker Manshall's Melbourne Museum, she appears incongruous, at times obsured, in her surrounds. In The Australian Ugliness, Lim and her small cost of performers of diverse ages, body shapes, fluid genders and sexualities interviene into public and private space, "othering" architecture through charecography and costume to ask: who holds the right to design our spaces, and who are they designed for? Who shapes our built environment and, in turn, how do these forces shape us?

This project was commissioned by Open House Melbourne and Melbourne School of Design, supported by Australia Council for the Arts, Creative Victoria, City of Melbourne, Museum of Contemporary Art and the Australian Cultural Fund, Gertrude Contemporary studio program, The Ridbin Boyl Foundation, The Post Lourge and Kone Constructions. The Australian Ugliness, (the leg), 2018 Digital C-type print, 39.5 x 59.5 cm Photographed by Torn Ross

Courtesy of the artist

- Audience -> architects / general public
- Narrative -> generate interest
- Overall exhibition -> main / several topics
- Quality / quantity
- Proportions / size / scale



#### Final Task

- 1. Choose Building in Munich, you are allow to enter and take videos/ pictures
- 2. Choose a concept of representational perspective
- 3. Outline a narrative, story
- 4. Connect between history and present day
- 5. Produce **5 min** movie

A building? A compound?

Focus on: the obvious / hidden aspects.

Collect materials, filming

Narrative - Story: Timeline / Formatting / Subcontext / Buildup

Point of views

Academy - justified decisions - critically and wisly to make your point.

Elaborate ideas, such as: old and new, details, society, ecology, etc.