



## Objets de la recherche

### 4 - Patterson - The Art of Living in a Damaged World

Année	<b>3</b>	Heures CM	<b>35</b>	Caractère	<b>obligatoire</b>	Code	<b>D</b>
Semestre	<b>6</b>	Heures TD	<b>0</b>	Compensable	<b>oui</b>	Mode	<b>-</b>
E.C.T.S.	<b>3</b>	Coefficient	<b>3</b>	Session de rattrapage	<b>oui</b>		

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#### Objectifs pédagogiques

(voir par rapport aux R6 A & B : méthodologies et produits de recherche)

#### Contenu

Can architecture be used to communicate a particular ideology or political message? If so, how and with what consequences?

We will focus on various forms of symbolic violence in relation to architecture, exploring concepts such as 'urbicide' – the intentional targeting and destruction of the city and its architecture in the context of war, civil conflict or through acts of terrorism. This destruction is intended to eradicate the visibility or the possibility for certain identities and heritages to exist, however this destruction is not readily visible in the history of our discipline. This course evokes a counter-history of architecture. How can the study of various cases of urbicide offer an alternative understanding of architectural history and heritage? How can we theorise this destruction of architecture and the city?

This semester we will build on last year's focus on postcolonial contexts, notably in Africa and the Middle East, being attentive to environmental factors. We will address subjects such as: iconoclasm – vandalism of monuments and heritage sites in danger. The seminar will also consider forms and apparatuses of (in)security and surveillance including walls, divided cities, camps, emergency architecture – "states of exception" and the threat to public space. What can be done during a conflict or environmental disaster to help both besieged citizens and local ecologies? What becomes of these sites of destruction and the traces of catastrophe – a contemporary 'ruinology'? How are they represented? How can architecture be used as a tool of propaganda, censorship, evidence (forensic architecture)? Can architecture respond to experiences of collective trauma? What is a commemorative architecture, a landscape of memory or a counter-monument? How should reconstruction be approached? What roles do architects and urban planners play? What political and ethical questions are raised?

Working with contemporary theoretical writings, we will first determine a clearer understanding of ideology in relation to architectural symbolism. We will then use an interdisciplinary approach to address a number of themes and analyse specific cases of architectural and urban destruction.

#### Mode d'évaluation

Active participation in discussion, readings - understanding and analyses of texts (think book club), visual representations, a critical research paper with images.

#### Travaux requis

Presentations, critical mapping, research article (voir le descriptif des R6s)

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