



Design Dialogues Seminar Proposal
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Proposal: Eco-design as a common ground for meeting needs in accommodation, food supply and apparel while living in a disturbed environment.

Question: How to tackle environmental crisis by changing fundamentals of our paradigm?

Thema: Transportation, agriculture, finance and education were built on colonial foundations.

While western part of the world was in prosperity, the other were exploited on the contrary. Their natural resources were transported and local people were used as a work force in the field.

Colonization hampered natural evolution of societies. Their education, culture and agriculture were affected by the colonial invasion.

After industrial revolution, slavery changed its disguise with the capitalist promise of dispersing prosperity among people. But urbanization raised production on massive scale and humanist ideals of dominance over nature end up with neoliberal economy model in which capital accumulation drives market economy. Multinational corporations got bigger than governments.

In the midst of an environmental crisis nature can give a way out and inspire us for a paradigm shift in our practices and consciousness and design praxis lead this paradigm shift.

Humankind is not a destined form of being or tip of the hierarchy but merely one among other life forms. Suggesting a design that meets ecological welfare.

Outline:

- Introduction to environmental crisis we are in and main reasons built by financial models
- Energy and its distribution as a primary concern
- Historical effects and their outcome into today's society
- Industrial practices and their effects in our lives
- Data and research examples
- Greenwashing
- Sustainable and ecological alternatives
- Conclusion