

Exercise 12: Individually plan a Comparative Case Study

Work as an individual

Plan a *comparative* case study, which will be of benefit for your own research project.

Tasks

Choose a case study topic which interests you.

For example:

- a study of (the design, use or performance of) a single building
- an examination of (the evolution or current state of development of a specific) building type
- an investigation of (or the application of) a design principle, technology or material
- a study of the work of a specific architect or practice
- an investigation of different forms of architectural practice

Identify an issue/question which can be answered by a comparison of different cases.

Comparative case studies require selection of cases which share many common properties, but which differ in a limited number of key characteristics, thereby helping to answer the research question.

Deliverables

	Individual submissions to include responses to the following paragraph headings:
1	the purpose of proposed study (define your specific research question/problem/issue)
2	identification of buildings/details/architects selected for comparative analysis
3	list of information requirements
4	proposed methods for specific information collection and analysis
5	the expected findings of the study
6	effective means of presenting your result(s)
7	identification of problems likely to be encountered when undertaking the case studies