AAE 453/653 Visionary & Utopian Architecture: Plato to Blade Runner

CALENDAR OF TOPICS AND READINGS

Aug 30  Introduction: Visionary or Utopian? Why should designers care?

Sept 6  The Ideal City in Europe though the Renaissance

Readings:

Due in class: Drawing assignment on More’s Utopia

Spt 13  Visionary Architecture of the Enlightenment and the Industrial Revolution

Readings:

Due in class: Reading Response

Sept 20  Utopian Built Environments in the “New World”

Readings:

Due in class: Reading Response
Sept 27  Female Utopias

Readings:

Due in class:  Reading Response
Annotated Bibliography

Oct 4  Modernism and the City of the Future
Readings:


Due in class: Reading Response

Oct 11  Megastructures and Post-Modern Visions
Readings:

Due in class: Reading Response

Oct 18  The Architecture of the Future in Film: Utopia and Distopia
Readings and Viewings (videos are on reserve in Arch. Lib.):
View: “Blade Runner.” Director, Ridley Scott
“Playtime.” Director, Jacques Tati
In A.D. Profile #112 Architecture and Film:
In *Film architecture from Metropolis to Bladerunner*: *“Playtime” & “Blade Runner”*, pp.140-159.

Due in class: Reading (and viewing) Response
Thesis Statement

Oct 25  Contemporary Utopias: New Urbanism


Nov 1  World Trade Center Proposals

[http://www.renewnyc.com/plan_des_dev/wtc_site/new_design_plans](http://www.renewnyc.com/plan_des_dev/wtc_site/new_design_plans)

Due in class: Reading Response

N.B.: From this point on, reading assignments will be selected by the students presenting each class, who will turn in a reading (which I will then put on reserve) one week before their presentation date.

Nov 8  Presentations and discussion of research by student
Due in class: Reading Response

Nov 15  Presentations and discussion of research by student
Due in class: Reading Response

Nov 22  Presentations and discussion of research by student
Due in class: Reading Response

Nov 29  Presentations and discussion of research by student
Due in class: Reading Response

Dec 6  Utopian Thought in the Design Process
Due in class: Research paper