

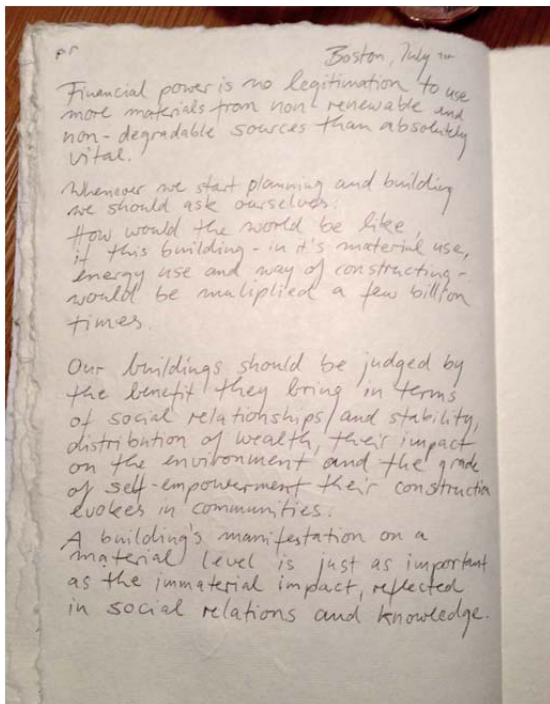
Anna Heringer: A few notes from a discussion about de-materialization

Financial power is no legitimation to use more materials from non-renewable and non-degradable sources than is absolutely vital.

Whenever we start planning and building, we should ask ourselves: What would the world be like if this building – in its material use, energy use, and way of construction – would be multiplied a few billion times?

Our buildings should be judged by the benefit they bring in terms of social relationships and stability, distribution of wealth, their impact on the environment, and the grade of self-empowerment their construction evokes in communities.

A building's manifestation on a material level is just as important as the immaterial impact, reflected in social relations and knowledge.





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