



# Images, Artifacts, Architecture

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Through 22 individual projects, the book offers an eyewitness account of a practice deeply embedded in these transformations. As readers explore these works, they will uncover the influences, concepts, and techniques that have shaped SU11’s pioneering design strategies. Organised around distinct conceptual and aesthetic themes, the projects trace a disciplinary arc, positioning them within the broader digital and post-digital discourse. Two guiding questions drive SU11’s research: How do technological innovations intersect with contemporary cultural needs and desires? And how can such entwinements be effectively represented through architectural images, artifacts, and buildings? The evolution of these inquiries forms the core of SU11’s design research and the subject of this book.

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