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Model Workshop

Building as a Common Process

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- Documents an integrative, practice-based program at the University of Liechtenstein that brings together students and trades businesses
- Demonstrates how concrete design and realisation processes form an integral part of architectural training
- Architecture pedagogy and didactics are current and frequently discussed topics among both teachers and students of architecture

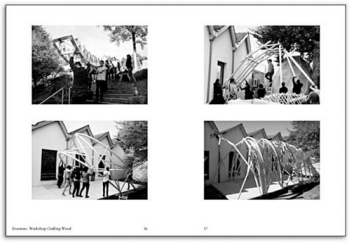
The Institute of Architecture and Planning at University of Liechtenstein in Vaduz pursues highly innovative approaches in architectural education. A focus on practice and bringing students together with craftsmen and their businesses are a key part of this. ***Model Workshop*** documents one of these programs at the institute. Students are confronted with different aspects of construction at a scale of 1:1, ranging from experimental wood structures through assembly techniques to questions of manufacturing. Complementing theoretical groundwork, the students' design ideas are produced by timber construction firms as prototypes at a scale of 1:1, tested for functionality, and further developed.

The book introduces this design work and direct transition into practice and analyses the learning process of building at full scale. It also offers guidance through texts and images for an in-depth engagement with these didactic methods in close cooperation with local trades businesses.

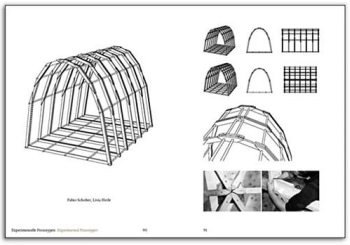
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