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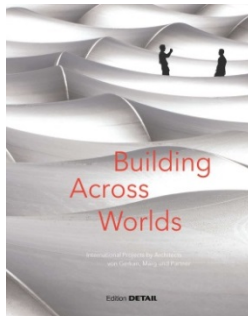
Building Across Worlds

International Projects by Architects von Gerkan, Marg und Partner

The Hamburg-based architects von Gerkan, Marg und Partner, also known as gmp, belong to the internationally most recognised architecture offices. From single-family homes to master plans, gmp has realised some 400 projects worldwide - many of them built in Asia. But how does one build in other cultural environments and on the proper scales in, for example, China or Vietnam? How much knowledge from the European construction practice can be transferred - and how do construction projects in their sociologically and culturally familiar settings benefit from the experience gained there?

The new title *Building Across Worlds. International Projects by Architects von Gerkan, Marg und Partner*, from the Edition DETAIL series, mainly presents current projects by gmp. Unlike the usual retrospectives on renowned architects, however, these are not presented in an isolated manner. Instead, well-known authors correlate two or more buildings according to a specifically defined subject or typology. This leads to such projects as the Kunsthalle Mannheim in Germany being compared with Vietnam's Hanoi National Museum, BerlinBrandenburg Airport with the Tianjin West Railway Station in China. Common features and differences are thus presented, but also evolutions in design, features specific to the respective countries or locations, questions on the appropriateness of scale as well as cultural distinctions. Furthermore, the topic of co-operation and collaboration with clients and specialised planners is raised on several occasions. Last but not least, the authors also discuss the political and sociological dimensions as well as the urban context of the individual projects. After all, it is the architects of gmp themselves who set the aspiration of designing their buildings according to the functional circumstances and the special identity of the respective location: the holistic approach takes centre stage.

This extract from the gmp portfolio grants a special insight into 50 years of development of the office and shows that gmp's architecture is developed within a permanent learning process.



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