



Architecture or Techno-Utopia: Politics after Modernism (Paperback)

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MIT Press Ltd, United States, 2010. Paperback. Condition: New. Reprint. Language: English . Brand New Book. The first history of twentieth-century America s architecture that puts architecture and its institutions into a dialogue with the underground -- featuring the experiments, practices, and polemics of the 1960s and 1970s.In Architecture or Techno-Utopia, Felicity Scott traces an alternative genealogy of the postmodern turn in American architecture, focusing on a set of experimental practices and polemics that emerged in the late 1960s and early 1970s. Scott examines projects, conceptual work, exhibitions, publications, pedagogical initiatives, and agitprop performances that had as their premise the belief that architecture could be ethically and politically relevant. Although most of these strategies were far from the mainstream of American architectural practice, Scott suggests that their ambition -- the demonstration of architecture s ongoing potential for social and political engagement -- was nonetheless remarkable.Scott examines both the marginal and the prominent: the Marxist architectural criticism of Meyer Schapiro; the curatorial work of Arthur Drexler at New York s Museum of Modern Art; Emilio Ambasz s introduction of ideas from environmental design, European critical theory, and Italian radicalism at MoMA; the counterculture s embrace of Buckminster Fuller s domes; psychedelic...



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