

CONFERENCE  
**THE SIGNIFICANCE OF PHILOSOPHY  
IN ARCHITECTURAL EDUCATION**

**DEPARTMENT OF ARCHITECTURE  
POLYTECHNIC SCHOOL – UNIVERSITY OF PATRAS**

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On the commemoration of 40 years since the death of Panayotis Michelis, the Department of Architecture is organizing a Conference on '*The Significance of Philosophy in Architectural Education*', which will take place between 9-11 October 2009, at the Conference Centre of the University of Patras. The conference will be sponsored by the 'Panayotis and Effie Michelis Foundation'.

The aim of the meeting is to investigate the role of philosophy in architectural education. This quest is part of a greater discourse, which is already taking place at an international level, regarding the relationship between philosophy and architecture. Philosophers and architects have engaged in a public dialogue, particularly during the second half of the 20<sup>th</sup> century, in an attempt to correlate and interact productively between the two cognitive fields. Despite such attempts, the bonds between the two disciplines still appear uncertain and tenuous, at least in Greece and especially within architectural education.

By explicating the similarities and differences, the elective affinities and even the conflicts between the two fields, we hope to elucidate the possibility of a fruitful relationship between philosophy and architecture and the degree to which philosophers may contribute to the education of architects, enriching their theoretical and practical investigations. Following these ascertainments certain fundamental questions seem to arise, such as:

- 1) Can philosophy play a constructive role in the education of contemporary architects?
- 2) Is the presence of philosophy today necessary in architects' spatial investigations, in their search for new forms and manners of dwelling and their ideological transformations?

We invite all those interested in addressing issues such as the above to participate in the conference. Proposals should be submitted by 10 April 2009. Keynote speakers will include architects, philosophers and academics in the field of aesthetics, who are also involved in architectural education.

Closing date for registration	<b>Friday 10 April 2009</b>	e-mail: <b>arcphil@upatras.gr</b>
Closing date for submission of abstracts (max. 250 words) in Greek and English	<b>Monday 11 May 2009</b>	

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