



***workshop**

Saturday, 17 May 2025

**Fünfzigwanzig / Salon Rosa Beige
10 am - 1 pm**

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"TRANSING" ARCHITECTURE: GENDER, DISABILITY AND UNDESIGNING DIVERSITY

***abstract**

Through notions of queer space, inclusive design and the intersection between trans and disability justice, this workshop will reflect on how our identities inform how we move through space, by shifting how we think of accessibility and inclusion: as lenses through which we design instead of afterthoughts.

Elio will discuss how we can use architecture as a framework for reinvention, a reclamation of how transness and disability exist and are coded in the built environment. As an artist, a writer, and an architect with 12 years of experience in private, community and institutional settings, they will show their more recent work as well as previous research on envisioning architecture from a queer and "queered" perspective.

The presentation's main goal is first, an interactive lecture by Elio that offers opportunities for reflection and speculation — on how to shift how we think about accessibility and inclusion from something that comes once the design phase is completed instead of before or during, as is almost always the case in current architectural practices; and second, a workshop with active participation from the audience, on how we can learn to design and "undesign" space differently, on how a sustainable architecture is also an inclusive one.

Elio aims to propose new ways of thinking and a space for discussion, on how our identities constantly alter and challenge the way we exist and move through the built environment, by showing examples of "queered" architecture and of inclusive vs exclusionary design, by differentiating accessibility, equity and inclusion, by speaking on the evolution of disability justice and its intersection with trans issues, and by generating ideas and hopeful manifests anchored in those conversations. They will provide opportunities to deepen the conversation and encourage attendance participation, as a way to advocate for and create a dialogue between people of various backgrounds, lived experiences and expertise.

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