

## **Editorial**

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This issue of the Architecture & Education Journal appears dedicated to a specific theme: Research in Architecture and presents the proceedings of the 3rd International Conference that took place in Lusófona University of Lisbon in April 2011, dedicated also to the same theme. The first conference of this cycle elapsed in December 2010 under the title "Research in Architecture" and presented a series of studies, based on specific projects carried out in practice by young Portuguese architects (MOOV, KAPUTT, MXT Studio, Marcelo Dantas, EMBAIXADA and Arquitectos Anónimos), on the attempt to explain their researches carried out in the daily architectural practice. The second conference, also national in nature and named "Research about Architecture," presented a series of works by national architects researchers (Maria Inês Cabral, Marietta Dá Mesquita, Diogo Seixas Lopes, Eliana Sousa Santos and Patrícia Santos Pedrosa). The realization of this 3rd International Conference on Architecture & Research, was called "Research through Architecture/Research in Architecture", and sought to present three types of lectures, those who dealt with the problem of research (with special emphasis on research based/ led practice), research about architecture - using methods of the humanities - and research based practice.

This cycle, thus, served to place, or replace, the complex and general problem of architectural research, rather than to present solutions. However, we think it contributes to advance knowledge on the various problems facing architectural research.

In this sense, and because the last Conference held, proved to be quite diverse and more representative, we have asked the various stakeholders the preparation of a paper about their lectures. Alongside these proceedings, we have made a limited call for papers on the same topic; those articles are added here in the second part of the Journal.

We are very sorry for the delay in the publication of this issue, which was plane to occur during 2011, but the fact is that almost everything got delayed: the delivery of articles, the peer reviews and the editing. We hope that, despite this delay, this number contributes to promote national and international discussions about a topic that steel continues to care for further considerations.