



Living in Geneva

Single-family houses and their environment
Monday, 24 October - Friday, 28 October 2022

The detached, single-family house is the most consistent type in the history of housing in Switzerland: farms, mills, villas, family homes, ateliers, and holiday houses are testimonies of its reoccurrence.

Geneva, with its farms, wineries and estates, has an especially rich tradition of this type. While in pre-industrial times an inherent link existed between the landscape, the house, and the labour of its inhabitants (e.g. in mills), the industrialization and subsequent expansion of the city, led to a shift in these relations. As more and more people began working in factories, moving away from the countryside and into urban dwellings, industrialists and merchants, working in the city began to occupy residences along the lake shore or in the countryside of the hills above, which in turn changed from a landscape of production to one of recreation and leisure.

During the seminar week we will take daily walks to follow the development of the single-family house and its environment throughout history and to examine the relationship between the building and the topography, between dwelling and working, and between single units and the urban infrastructure that connects them throughout the city. Each house will be studied in detail through historic research as well as on-site investigations in the form of drawings.

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