



Living in Geneva

Single-family houses and their environment
Monday, October 24th - Friday, October 29th 2022

The detached, single-family house seems to be 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 and its surroundings, with its farms, wineries and estates, has in its self a 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 farms, wineries and mills), the subsequent industrialization and expansion of the city, led to a shift in these structures. 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 during which we follow the development of the single-family house and its environment throughout history, examining the relationship between the house and the topography, between dwelling and working, the connection of the single unit to the urban infrastructure or the social distribution 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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