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# Spatial Reparations: Material and Territorial Practices of Justice

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Undergraduate Architecture

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Lisa Oppenheim, *Nature Mort*,  
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This interdisciplinary seminar will look at the ways in which acts of historical repair and justice have been materially negotiated through landscapes, sites, buildings, and objects. Historic and collective trauma – from the injustices of colonialism, slavery, war, dispossession, genocide, and ecocide – often involves multiple, interconnected scales of harm, and accordingly demands responses that consider multiple forms of healing. Forms of repair might include the restoration of a local ecosystem, the establishment of an archive, the preservation of a building or street, legal acknowledgement of heirs, the transfer of property rights, or the repatriation of artworks.

This course will consider approaches and strategies of redemption through both readings and case studies, which will be international and interdisciplinary in scope. One of the goals of this course is to explore how architectural, urban planning, and landscape approaches to reparations can be in dialogue with other fields, and students from different disciplinary backgrounds and interests are encouraged to register. Classes will consist of weekly discussions of readings, student presentations on case studies, and peer feedback on final projects.