

# MSc *Integrated Urbanism & Sustainable Design* (IUSD)

## **ERASMUS GUEST LECTURE BY CRISTIAN SUAU MANIFESTO FOR MINIMUM DWELLINGS: AGAINST OVERSIZED ARCHITECTURE**



**Eco-Urbanism  
Community Design  
Sustainable Environmental Consulting**

Space is a limited resource especially in cities. Architects are dealing with new facts such as speed and lightness. Thinking about the minimum offers a manifesto of Elementarism against oversized architecture. Small design opens up unexpected trails of spatial production and provides new functional flexibility with spatial interoperability. Do more with less. The sculptor Richard Serra stated "the biggest break in the history of sculpture in the twentieth century occurred when the pedestal was removed". If we relate this statement to architecture, what happens when the foundation is removed? With less weight, might it shrink? Can architecture become lighter and smaller?

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