

LECTURE

Truth in Materials: Looking at Modernism Through Glass

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In the 20th century, glass came to incarnate some of the grandest cultural ambitions of its time: to foster transparency, eliminate secrets, and blend interior spaces with nature. It also came to signify some of the most appalling aspects of its time: totalitarian surveillance, suspicion of institutions, corporate greed, and the fragility of modern civilization.

Professor Rosner will take up these interrelated meanings, reading modernism through glass and glass through modernism, and propose some ideas about the interplay among modernist glass, domesticity, literature, and architecture.

with a response by

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Everyone is welcome to attend.

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