

ROADMAP FOR P-EDU

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Background

Knowledge and learning in architecture cannot be the proprietary of either academic institutions or the bodies that control them. The nature of architecture as a discipline demands a more pluralistic approach towards education.

Many of the students of architecture in India (and it is true of most of the country) might not have or have had access to the very best tutors, references and course material during their academic pursuits. Moreover the regional quota system has ensured that not necessarily the best are allowed to enter the so called premier architecture schools of the country. In short some of the best potential architects do not have access to the best institutes of the country. Moreover each school of architecture today has more areas of weakness than strengths, and unfortunately these institutes are the only source for learning that we depend upon. Then there is the case of practicing professional and academician who wish to hone their areas of expertise, but have no access to any formal education in any schools of India.

The p-edu portal is an attempt to fill this gap and do more. It is not an alternative to one to one interaction or the education experience at schools of architecture. It is an attempt to use information technology as a tool to make knowledge accessible to all

Best practices

The portal provides for web based learning environment for students of architecture, academician and practicing professionals who would like to have access to the very best resources in architectural education and research. This portal is seen as an opportunity by us to bring the best academician across the globe to contribute to the web based learning at p-edu.

International

The opportunities offered by web based technology is be used to bridge nationalities and regions. Users can choose from different versions of the same course. The contents and emphasis of the course will change depending on the location from where it is being offered and by who (tutor). The belief here is that different personalities in different locations of the globe will during about varied flavors to the courses.

Exhaustive, single point gateway

p-edu portal should eventually provide a single point gateway to the range of p-edu products in form of architectural courses in (HTM, design, humanities, technology etc.), architectural research (journal and conferences) and professional up gradation courses and programs. (Eventually the p-edu links should be provided from the universities website for further reference)

Content

Lecture Slides, lecture notes, assignment box, references, audio recording of course lectures, virtual library, links to resources and software's, interviews of architects, reviews of buildings, invited lecture series, online-assessment grading, critical reviews and one to one interaction

Reference

www.p-edu.architexturez.org

www.cnx.org

www.ocw.mit.edu