Abstract of the Ph.D. dissertation:

"Additive manufacturing in architecture. Preconditions, potential, and consequences for

the design methods."

Author: mgr inż. arch. Marcin Strzała

Supervisor: dr hab. inż. arch. Krzysztof Koszewski

Date: 16.06.2023

Abstract:

The doctoral dissertation deals with the use of additive manufacturing methods (AM),

popularly known as 3D printing, in the direct production of architectural objects. This context

is considered from the point of view of the interrelation of the material, the manufacturing tool,

and the design methods used, with particular emphasis on understanding the consequences for

the latter. The work postulates that in order to fully facilitate the potential offered by this mode

of production, traditional design methods need to change, as they are inadequate to the scale,

detail, and logic with which AM tools work.

The work consists of four parts. Part One; Introduction describes the theoretical and

research background. Part Two; Basic Research, within which a catalog of 82 cases of

architecture fabricated using AM are presented, along with architectural and technological

parameters describing them. Based on the catalog, a quantitative and comparative analysis was

carried out, aiming to systematize knowledge and select 10 cases subjected to qualitative

analysis – a case study. Part Three; Experimental Research, presents successive iterations of

the author's design method used to design, simulate, and optimize internal structures of

architectural objects produced using additive methods. Part Four presents a summary of the

research.

Keywords:

additive manufacturing, 3D printing, architecture, design methods

mgr inż. arch. Marcin Strzała