Theme: Value

Value is a slippery construct in architecture, leading to thoughts of numbers, colors, measurement, worth, and ethics. Value can be personal or shared, analytical or intuitional, visual or visceral, material or physical. It is a term that can be associated with all the things we hold in high regard or care about and that is the ideological urgency that undergirds and influences the production of architecture. In its many forms, value demonstrates a stance toward the wider world, influencing how we act, sense, imagine, and create, both collectively and individually. In a time of political and social precariousness when all cultural value sets seem publicly permeable, this year’s Architectural League Prize competition asks how notions of value operate in your work. How are your values manifested, and what are the discursive contexts, forms of representation, and/or spaces of action in which these values manifest themselves?

Submission requirements

A single printed portfolio, which may include several projects, must be bound and no larger than 11” × 14”. The portfolio may not contain more than thirty double-sided pages. Digital materials will not be accepted.

Entry fee

Each entrant must submit an entry fee of $35. Entries may pay the fee online via the competition page on archleague.org/competition/lp20 or include cash or a check payable to The Architectural League Prize Competition. If paying online, please be sure that the credit card is in the name of one of the entrants; we are unable to accept payments made on behalf of others.

Entry forms

Each entrant must submit two versions of the entry form, one online on archleague.org/competition/lp20 and one copy included with the submission. Insert the completed hardcopy form into an unsealed envelope attached to the inside back cover of the submission. To maintain anonymity, no identification of the entrant may be included on the entry form, the portfolio, or the entry form and return envelope (see below).

Portfolio return

Portfolios will be returned by mail only if a self-addressed envelope with prepaid postage or a label is also enclosed. Please ensure that return postage does not expire before August 2020. The Architectural League assumes no liability for original drawings. The League will take every precaution to return submissions unharmed; in the case of theft, loss, or damage, Portfolios may be discarded after one year if no return envelope is provided.

Compensation deadlines

February 10, 2020

Entries must be received at the League office by 5pm EST on or postmarked by that date. Entries should be delivered to 594 Broadway, Suite 607, New York, NY 10012.

Selection

Winning entrants will be notified by mid-March 2020.

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