

Welcome to:

**Open Lecture @ Department of Architecture and Built Environment,
Lund University
Sölvegatan 24 (The A Building), Auditorium A:B**

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Archives: How Architecture Makes History

The lecture will offer insights on the effects of archives' relation with architecture as a complex enterprise that starts and ends much beyond the act of building, or the life of specific artefacts or creators. Drawing on ethnography of the Canadian Centre of Architecture and interviews with practitioners (Alvaro Siza and Peter Eisenman), Yaneva scrutinizes what constitutes an archive in architecture, what form it takes, and what systems of classification and epistemology it performs at specific times. Following different *moves of archiving* in the practices of conservators, archivists, librarians, cataloguers, digital archivists, museum technicians, curators and architects, she traces the documentary techniques, the experimental tactics and the technologies needed to produce an archive. This is also a story about how architectural collections are shaped so to form the epistemological basis of Architectural History.

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