Healing Architecture | Future Geriatric Labs

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Background
- The population in Germany is ageing, highlighting the need to adapt to this aging and declining population.
- One way to understand the needs of the aging population in terms of their health and well-being is to increase related research activities.
- However, most of the geriatric clinics lack the flexibility in their designs to meet the study needs.
- Therefore, this course aims to generate ideas how future geriatric clinics could be designed to promote health-related studies and potentially a more health-oriented environment.
- Considering health and well-being in the design process is an important part of Healing Architecture.
Task(s)
- In the first part of this elective course, an online survey will be developed and distributed among architects to investigate to what extent they consider health and well-being in their design process.
- In the second part, design ideas for future geriatric labs will be developed. Taking the example of the Franziskushospital in Aachen, different rooms within geriatric clinics will be considered and room features will be proposed, which will allow health-promoting experimental studies to be conducted within geriatric clinics. Within the framework of these mini-designs, it is planned to exchange ideas with staff members of the Franziskushospital and the Research module “Geriatric modelstation”, which is working on a similar topic.

Organization
- 1st event: Friday, 14.04.2023 10:30 - 12:00 h
- Regular time is always Fridays from 10:30 - 12:00 - individual dates may vary.
- Some lectures may be in English.
- The elective is in collaboration with Dr.-Ing. Carsten Eiden and Nicole Bode-May, lecturer of the module “Geriatrische Modellstation”.