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**“QUT Design Lecture Series”**

### **Research Component**

Discussion of design within the public realm is important from a socio-cultural perspective for cities and places, and practically for the recognition of design practice and patronage which facilitates growth and development. Only in recent years has Brisbane's public, academic and architectural industry been provided with a number of lecture series which focuses upon architectural design as a response to the Queensland State Governments Smart State Design Policy. In 2010, the nominated authors co-convened a public lecture series in association with the State Library of Queensland which specifically broadened the previous narrow lens to accommodate and examine the cross over between architecture, fashion, art, theory and landscape.

The QUT Design Lecture Series 2010 focused upon three main areas of emerging research which warranted public dissemination; intangible media and space, experimental eco-technologies + theories, and the overlap between artistic and design production. Researchers/speakers were specifically chosen and paired to reveal the value of cross-disciplinary research and practice. The format of the lecture series included a final panel dialogue generating further debate and critique concerning the key themes and the intersection between the varied disciplines. Lectures and panel dialogues were digitally recorded for further use within the State Library of Queensland and QUT media reference store. The QUT Design lecture series significantly contributed to the dissemination of design research within the public realm and highlighted the emergence of new themes for research and practice alike. The series was included within the State Library of Queensland's program and advertised both nationally and locally.