



# Matthew Crabbe

## M.Sc.

BIO Matt studied Architecture at the TU Berlin and the University of Newcastle in the UK. He joined Natural Building Lab as a teaching and research associate in April 2018. Matt's practice-based doctoral thesis in "Change Now, Architecture Later!" delivers a personal and situated insight into the productive/disruptive tension between university and practice through the experience of recent graduates.

At Natural Building Lab Matt values the chance to collaborate with a huge variety of like-minded and inspirational people on projects which present a hopeful vision for our shared built environment. His motivation is to inspire and empower NBL'ers to realise their transformational agendas in their own spatial practice.

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- Since 2023 Visiting Lecturer, Burg Giebichenstein, Hochschule für Kunst und Design Halle "Aspekte der Nachhaltigkeit beim (nicht) Bauen"
- Since 2022 Member of non-profit organisation [Haus Döschnitz e.V.](#)
- Since 2021 Co-founder and Managing Director NBL Studio gGmbH with Eike Roswag-Klinge & Nina Pawlicki
- Since 2019 Doctoral Thesis "[Change Now, Architecture Later - a practice-based exploration of the controversies between university, profession and society that underlie becoming an architect in Climate Breakdown](#)"
- Since 2018 [Natural Building Lab](#), constructive design & climate adaptive architecture, Prof. Eike Roswag-Klinge, TU Berlin: Teaching & Research Associate
- 2016 - 2019 Project Architect, ZRS Architekten, Berlin
- 2011 - 2016 Student Assistant, ZRS Architekten, Berlin
- 2014 - 2016 Master of Science M.Sc in Architecture, TU Berlin
- 2008 - 2011 BA Architectural Studies, Newcastle University, UK



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## PROJECTS



### CHANGE NOW, ARCHITECTURE LATER!

Forthcoming 2025

Phd Dissertation

Supervisors:

Prof Eike Roswag-Klinge & Prof. Jane Anderson

[www.nbl.berlin/projects/change-now-architecture-later/](http://www.nbl.berlin/projects/change-now-architecture-later/)



### INFOZENTRALE AUF DEM VOLLGUT

Since 2017, Berlin-Neukölln

DesignBuild Project

Natural Building Lab

[www.nbl.berlin/Infozentrale-auf-dem-Vollgut](http://www.nbl.berlin/Infozentrale-auf-dem-Vollgut)  
[www.infozentrale.berlin](http://www.infozentrale.berlin)



### ZU:FLUCHT

2020 - 2021, Berlin Anhalter Bahnhof

Open Air Exhibition Installation

Teaching, Research, Practice

Natural Building Lab & Stiftung Exilmuseum Berlin

[www.nbl.berlin/projects/zufucht/](http://www.nbl.berlin/projects/zufucht/)



### MALL ANDERS

2021 - 2022, Berlin Charlottenburg

6 Month Spatial Installation in Shopping Mall

Teaching, Research, Practice

Natural Building Lab supported by the Berlin University Alliance and TU Berlin Präsidium

[www.nbl.berlin/projects/wilma/](http://www.nbl.berlin/projects/wilma/)



### BEEHIVE

2022, Gropius Bau

Construction of Earth/Bamboo Dome as part of exhibition: Care, Repair, Heal with 30 students

Teaching, Research, Practice

Natural Building Lab & Artist Tabitha Rezaire

[www.nbl.berlin/projects/lehmbau-hands-on/](http://www.nbl.berlin/projects/lehmbau-hands-on/)



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## ACADEMIC PUBLICATIONS

(2025) Crabbe, M. 'Becoming Architects: a Drama in Three Acts', To be published in: Field, Special Issue: Architecture is Climate, University of Sheffield [Preprint]. Available at: <https://www.field-journal.org/issues/> (Accessed: 30 January 2025).

(2025) Crabbe, M. and Pawlicki, N. 'Everyday Architect? – Integrating Transformative Agendas between University and Early Practice'. To be published in: Charrette, no. 10(1)-Productive Disruptive, 2023 aae conference [Preprint]. Available at: <https://www.ingentaconnect.com/content/2054-6718> (Accessed: 30 January 2025).

(2022) Crabbe, M., Pawlicki, N., Jansen, S., and Roswag-Klinge, E. 'On Reflection: Learning, Meaning and Identity in the Design Studio'. IOP Conference Series: Earth and Environmental Science 1078, no. 1 (1 September 2022): 012060. <https://doi.org/10.1088/1755-1315/1078/1/012060>.

(2022) Jansen, S., Pawlicki, N., Crabbe, M., and Roswag-Klinge, E. 'Real-World Laboratories in the Building Sector – Strategies for Transformation and Leap Innovations'. IOP Conference Series: Earth and Environmental Science 1078, no. 1 (1 September 2022): 012109. <https://doi.org/10.1088/1755-1315/1078/1/012109>.

(2021) Crabbe, M. 'Practicing Reflection as a Design Studio Collective'. CA<sup>2</sup>RE / CA<sup>2</sup>RE+ Hamburg. Conference for Artistic and Architectural Research – Book of Proceedings, 2021. <https://doi.org/10.34712/142.18>.

(2019) Crabbe, M., Pawlicki, N. and Roswag-Klinge, E. 'Architectural Education for a Post-Fossil Future'. IOP Conference Series: Earth and Environmental Science 323 (September 2019): 012157. <https://doi.org/10.1088/1755-1315/323/1/012157>.

(2019) Roswag-Klinge, E, Crabbe, M., Pawlicki, N. and Sommer, S. 'Infozentrale Auf Dem Vollgut – Circular Construction for a Post-Fossil Society'. IOP Conference Series: Earth and Environmental Science 225 (24 February 2019): 012022. <https://doi.org/10.1088/1755-1315/225/1/012022>.

## CONFERENCES/ SYMPOSIUMS

(2024) "CA2RE Symposium: Experiments" Community for Artistic and Design Driven Research, Universitat Politècnica de València (València)

(2023) "CA2RE Symposium: Intersections" Community for Artistic and Design Driven Research, University of Zagreb (online participation)

(2023) "AAE Productive Disruptions", Association of Architectural Educators Conference, Cardiff School of Architecture (Cardiff)

(2023) "NBL FIVE" Natural Building Lab (TU Berlin)

(2022) "SBE22 – Building Within Planetary Boundaries", DACH Conference, Natural Building Lab (TU Berlin)

(2021) "CA2RE Symposium: Reflection" Community for Artistic and Design Driven Research, Hafen City University (Online Conference)

(2020) "MAPPING FOR CHANGE? Cartographies of the Urban: Intersectionality and Climate Change Adaptation", International Symposium, Labor K, Institut für Stadt und Regional Planung (TU Berlin)

(2019) "Bridging Divides: Building, Maintaining and Moving Forward Mutually Beneficial Relationships for Social Change and Social Justice" as part of the School for Civic Action at the Tate Exchange with Public Works (London)

(2019) "LowTech im Gebäudebereich", Veranstalter: Bundesministerium des Inneren, BBSR, Natural Building Lab – TU Berlin, Architektenkammer Berlin (TU Berlin)

(2018) "BAMB Buildings as Material Banks: Research Days", Sustainable Built Environment Conference series (Brussels)



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- INVITED LECTURES**
- (2024) Werkstatt Klimagerecte Methodik, Nexture+, TU München,
  - (2023) CHANGE NOW ARCHITECTURE LATER – 4 Thesen für eine transformative Architekturlehre am NBL, Plattform Baukultur – Studium Baukultur?, Vienna, [LINK](#)
  - (2023) CHANGE NOW ARCHITECTURE LATER – 4 Thesen für eine transformative Architekturlehre am NBL, fbta Fachbereichstag 2023, Augsburg, [LINK](#)
  - (2023) “Überall – nur nicht im Architektur Gebäude”, Raumfragen, Multhesius Kunsthochschule Kiel
  - (2023) “Walking a Fine Line: Five Years of Balancing Acts at Natural Building Lab”, BAS Bergen School of Architecture
  - (2022) “Kreislaufgerechte Architektur oder gar keine Architektur?”, Bremer Stadtdialog, RE:Material Bremen, [LINK](#)
  - (2022) “Building in Planetary Boundaries”, Summer University: Globale Gerechtigkeit & Nachhaltigkeit, TU Berlin
  - (2022) “BAUSTOPP JETZT!”, Landdialog. Die Zukunft im ländlichen Raum, Haus der Architektur Graz, [LINK](#)
  - (2021) “Critical Perspectives für Lehre, Forschung & Praxis: Wir könnte eine selbstbestimmte Architekturlehre aussehen?” with Magda Böttcher, Spannweiten: Wir brauchen eine neue Lehre, TU Dresden, [LINK](#)
  - (2020) “Infozentrale auf dem Vollgut: Designing and Building a Post-Fossil Prototype” with Maire Cordts & Max Pfeffer, ex\_kurs interdisciplinary Summer School 2020, Hamburg Wilhelmsburg, [LINK](#)
  - (2019) “Building Natural Change: Change Prozesse zwischen Akademie & Praxis”, ex\_kurs interdisciplinary Summer School 2019, Hamburg Wilhelmsburg, [LINK](#)
- SCIENTIFIC COMITTEE**
- (2022) SBE 22 BUILT ENVIRONMENT IN PLANETARY BOUNDARIES, TU Berlin
- REVIEWER**
- (2023) EAAE/ARCC 2024 – Architecture Into the Unknown, May 2024 | Aarhus School of Architecture
  - (2023) ARCC 2023 THE RESEARCH-DESIGN INTERFACE April 2023 | Dallas, Texas
  - (2022) SBE 22 BUILT ENVIRONMENT IN PLANETARY BOUNDARIES Sept 2022 | TU Berlin
- OTHER MEDIA**
- (2024) “Change Now, Architecture Later: Die productive/disruptive Spannung zwischen Universität und Praxis” in Baumeister Magazine “Kritische Masse Architektur als Plantage Größe”, B7, Juli 2024, Georg Media, München
  - (2024) “Change Now, Architecture Later: Auseinandersetzung mit einer breiten professionellen Identität” guest piece in Baunetz Campus Blog, <<https://www.baunetz-campus.de/news/change-now-architecture-later-auseinandersetzung-mit-einer-breiten-professionellen-8617131>>
  - (2024) “Architekturforscher: Was ist unser Job?” Matthew Crabbe in Baunetz Campus Alumni Podcast #48 <<https://www.baunetz-campus.de/podcast/architekturforscher-was-ist-unser-job-8591575#&gid=1&pid=1>>