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"Organizational learning has been dissected by theorists Gregory Bateson and Chris Argyris into three levels: adjustment to a norm, change of the norm, and change of change."

"Might that layering be reflected in a building designed for multi-level adaptivity? Maybe thats what Architecture Department buildings should be designed to handle - triplelevel learning. (Brand. 1994:219)



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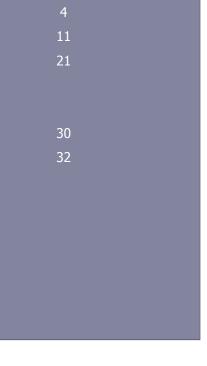




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The Boukunde building - situated along the southern boundary of the University of Pretoria main campus - has housed the Architecture Department since the 1960's.

The building as it stands today has not seen many significant material changes effected over the past 3 decades, although it finds itself within a distinctly different era. We are now in an age where it is not only desirable or admirable to be considerate of the planets resources, but rather necessary to do so for an expanding catalogue of reasons.

The challenge is to situate this necessity within an array of traditional assignments and give it a greater measure of prominence as a driver of design.

The Boukunde building offers an ideal retrospective platform for investigation of an integrated approach to architectural design.

Where a building's history can be confronted by contemporary ideals, and assimilate through minor, measurable change.



BOUKUNDE I - 1960

BOUKUNDE II - 1973

BOUKUNDE III - 2008