

Cultivating Research Culture – Application for ARCC Student

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It would be an honor to be elected as a Student Representative on the ARCC Board of Directors, where I can serve our research community through my experience as a Ph.D. student engaged in research, journal editing, and undergraduate education. My doctoral work at Penn State University, where I am writing my dissertation, explores the intersections of architecture, media, and politics in Iran during the Pahlavi dynasty, with a particular focus on architectural journals from the 1940s to the 1970s. By tracing how architects navigated politically charged contexts through professional publications, my work foregrounds the importance of research infrastructures such as journals, conferences, and networks, all of which have been embedded for so long in ARCC's mission.

Currently, I serve on the editorial board of the student architecture journal *Hyphen*, where I have gained experience in scholarly publishing and the peer review process. I have also served as a reviewer for ARCC's journal *Enquiry*, leading me to better understand the journal's scope and how it addresses themes such as ethics and social responsibility, sustainability, interdisciplinarity, and materials and constructions. The journal's openness to different methodologies and theoretical perspectives resonates strongly with my own research trajectory, and I see great value in how the ARCC journal, a key aspect of the organization itself, nurtures a broad and inclusive research culture.

My own research similarly engages architecture across political, cultural, and media dimensions. My master's thesis in Italy examined the spatial dynamics of cinema through architectural analysis and digital simulation, underscoring how techniques of filmmaking can inform design thinking. My current research explores this ideal of design cross-disciplinarity in more depth and within a broader framework.

I am motivated to help ARCC amplify the voices of emerging researchers. I aim to create meaningful connections across international institutions, and advocate for the integration of research into both curricula and practice. Serving on the board would be an honor, as it would allow me to contribute actively to shaping a dynamic and inclusive research culture while representing the perspectives and aspirations of the student community.