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# From Superman to Supervisor – The Role of the Architect is Undergoing Change

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Arvinus + Orfeus Publishing is proud to present *Lifting the Gaze* by Juul / Frost Architects

The architects Helle Juul and Flemming Frost have lifted their gazes from the drawing board and given their own practice a critical examination. Simultaneously, they have also examined and reflected on the architect's role in society – as well as reread urban theorists and revisited and portrayed previous projects. Reflections create new understanding and new perspectives emerge.

**Helle Juul, Founding Partner, Juul | Frost Architects:**

*'The architect's role has changed significantly. We see a shift from "Superman" to "supervisor", as the architecture curator Kristin Feireiss has put it. Before, the architect sat at the head of the table and navigated the project through all phases. Today, her role is as mediator and process facilitator. This issues entirely new demands on the architect's skills and on our ways of collaborating and communicating. It is continuously required that architects can find answers to what changes the future may withhold. And we must be synchronous with our present time.'*

**Flemming Frost, Founding Partner, Juul | Frost Architects:**

*'When we spend time reflecting, it is in order to learn something new and to understand our own position in society and the world. The motivation behind our practice is the persistent ambition to constantly develop new mindsets and refine existing tools and methods – paradoxically, development is a stable element at our studio.'*

In the book, the architects reflect on how architecture affects the way we live, learn and work – as well as on its ability to facilitate communities and collaborations. They draw a richly illustrated picture of how the studio's research on housing concepts, campus development and public space is transformed into new methods and architecture that ensure social interaction and sustainabili-

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ty. In conversation, Helle Juul and Flemming Frost also provide an insight into the development of the practice and their academic, conceptual and pragmatic approach to architecture. Additionally, the two experienced journalists Hugo Gaarden and Mark Isitt contribute to the book with their thoughts on the role of the architect from a Nordic and a global perspective.

Juul | Frost Architects is an internationally oriented, interdisciplinary and innovative Danish architectural firm with a multifaceted expertise in urban-, building- and landscape architecture. The studio was founded by Helle Juul and Flemming Frost and is organized into three development areas – City + Space + Landscape, Building + Residential and Research + Development – and is characterized by a wide range of professional competences. Over the past decade, the firm has developed and designed commercial buildings, educational environments and more than 3,000 homes.

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