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# SPACE/POWER/SPECIES



“ WITCHES ARE SOCIAL EQUIVALENTS OF BEETLES AND SPIDERS ”  
WHO LIVE IN THE CRACKS OF THE WALLS AND WAINSCOTING —Mary Douglas

Cities today house more urban wildlife than in any other period over the past two centuries. As climate change, wanton development, and other forces of habitat loss drive animals toward human settlements, a moral dilemma arises: How should we live in multispecies communities? To face this quandary, this inter-disciplinary course in anthropology and design will investigate the nature of space through the lens of human-animal relations. Combining seminar and studio

formats, we will read scholarship on architecture and animals, conduct ethnographic fieldwork at a local building, and design animal-inclusive spaces that will be showcased in an end-of-term exhibition, *The Multispecies Metropolis*. By asking how the built environment mediates the lives we share with other animals from a global perspective, we will seek to reimagine and construct new architectural forms better suited to our shared existence on this more-than-human planet.