An examination of the spatial archetypes and symbolic orders that define the physical spaces of collective decision making. This course considers precedents ranging widely across history and geography, from the spatial disposition of tribal councils, through the highly articulated tectonics of the classical era and their Enlightenment descendants, and into contemporary architectural re-imaginings of both the form and image of democracy.

An observational study of democracy in action, from an architect’s point of view. We will visit a range of governmental spaces in and around Washington DC, to witness their workings firsthand – from the core institutions of democracy (courts of law, deliberative chambers, spaces of public assembly), through a range of administrative, enforcement, and diplomatic organs (institutions, embassies, agencies) with the goal of producing detailed spatiotemporal documentation of the observed proceedings.
FULL SCHEDULE
6/03 – 6/16       2wks seminar in Chicago
6/17 – 7/07       3wks group travel Washington, DC (+Philadelphia)
7/08 – 7/14       1wk independent travel…?
7/15 – 7/27       2wks final projects in Chicago

TRAVEL BUDGET
$1500-2500       for 3 wk group travel period – includes CHI<DC>CHI airfare, Acela to/from
                  Philly, shared overnight accommodations (AirBnB/hostel), and food
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