



BARKOW LEIBINGER

AN ATLAS OF FABRICATION

The Director of the AA School of Architecture Brett Steele invites you to a private view on Thursday 26 February 2009 6.30–8.30pm

AA Gallery
27 February to 27 March 2009
Monday to Friday 10am–7pm
Saturday 10am–3pm

Roundtable:
Frank Barkow, Michael Meredith,
Gramazio & Kohler and
Thomas Demand
Wednesday 18 March 2009
6pm Lecture Hall

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An Atlas of Fabrication is an exhibition and catalogue celebrating the commitment to material research that informs the buildings and teaching of Barkow Leibinger, who were AA unit masters in the late 90s. The practice's fascination with machine-tool fabrication began academically but now resonates in all ongoing building projects within the practice. The exhibition shows how the work favours a material architecture, guided by a conviction that architectural ideas and materials are inextricably intertwined. Put another way, architecture is a physical substance, and the point of conceptualisation is to figure out how to treat that material. It is a practice that embraces the factory, where an ongoing dialogue is established with the industries that make the machines and the people who operate them. This knowledge informs the work and frees it from the standard building catalogue.



Re-sampling Ornament exhibition at the Swiss Architecture Museum, Basel, Switzerland 2008 © Amy Barkow