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## CURATOR

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Reto Geiser studied architecture at ETH Zurich and Columbia University in New York. While a researcher at ETH Studio Basel, he examined the emerging urban conditions of Switzerland. Geiser taught as the 2003–2004 William Muschenheim Fellow at the Taubman College of Architecture and Urban Planning at the University of Michigan. In 2007 he was appointed as Marshall McLuhan Fellow at the University of Toronto. He is currently a research associate at the Institute for the History and Theory of Architecture (gta) at ETH Zurich, Switzerland. His work focuses on modern architecture and contemporary architectural and urban discourse. In his doctoral thesis, Geiser is investigating the architectural and artistic relations between Switzerland and the United States by addressing issues of cultural identity and modernization in the work of art and architecture historian Sigfried Giedion.

Geiser has practiced architecture and graphic design with Bruce Mau Design in Toronto, Stéphane Beel in Gent, and Diller + Scofidio in New York. A founding principal of the collaborative design practice Research and Development, he is developing design strategies related to architecture, art, and visual culture. Recent projects include the award-winning design of *Atlas of Novel Technologies* (Princeton Architectural Press, 2006).

In 2005 Geiser established Standpunkte, a platform for promoting dialogue and critical exchange among emerging architects, designers, artists, and researchers who contribute to contemporary architecture culture. He most recently initiated the shop window gallery 5M3–Die Fensterschau in Basel, Switzerland.

Reto Geiser is a member of the foundation board of Architektur Dialoge Basel, and a founding committee member of the European Architectural History Network (EAHN).