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Fabio Gramazio received his degree in architecture at the Swiss Federal Institute of Technology (ETH Zurich) in 1996. From 1996 to 2000 he was a scientific collaborator of Professor Gerhard Schmitt at ETH Zurich. He is a co-founder of the award-winning artist collective “etoy”, which has been active since 1994.

Since 2000, Fabio Gramazio and Matthias Kohler have been joint partners in the office for architecture and urbanism Gramazio & Kohler in Zurich. Their works include the contemporary dance institution Tanzhaus and the Christmas illumination for the prestigious Bahnhofstrasse in Zurich as well as the sWISH* Pavilion at the Swiss National Exposition “Expo.02”.

Since 2005 Fabio Gramazio and Matthias Kohler have been assistant professors for Architecture and Digital Fabrication at the Department of Architecture of ETH Zurich. Their research and teaching focuses on architectural design strategies for full scale robotic fabrication. Highly informed architectural elements are explored for their sensual, constructive and economic potential. They develop additive fabrication processes in a unique research setup which features a 3m robotic arm on a 7m linear track.