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MALLS AND MEGACHURCHES IN OKLAHOMA CITY

This presentation analyzes a recombinant architecture that combines features of malls and churches. Based on photographic documentation of old shopping centers and new constructions, we examine how shoppers/seekers enter a new exurban space and a new form of commercial/religious experience. Almost a century after Max Weber conducted field research in Oklahoma, we revisit Oklahoma City, a site of previous innovations in televangelism as well as in the material culture of consumption.



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