

# MARTIN DESPANG

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Martin Despang received his architectural education in the late 80's / early 90's at his native University of Hannover Germany and the University of Nebraska to which after a decade of award winning practice and adjunct teaching in Germany he returned in 2005, where he got tenured and promoted to Associate Professor in 2008 and transferred to the University of Arizona in 2010 as tenured Associate Professor for critical practice. In fall 2012, he joined the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa as tenured Associate Professor. Martin received tenure in August 2014.

Martin's research of sustainability as the synergy of typological diversity through related "tactics and techniques of typology, tectonics and technology" case studied in the widest variety of structures/materialities/post-fossil technologies by his firm "Despang Architekten" in Hannover/Dresden/Munich – Germany and his students are being regionally, nationally (among 5 ACSA Faculty Design Awards) and internationally awarded and published in Europe, South and North America and increasingly in Asia. Martin will use this experience and expertise to coordinate and develop an innovative structures/materials curriculum at UHM.