



The types of development in insects:
Left: Gradual development with metamorphosis (Thysanura).
Center: Hemimetabolous development with partial metamorphosis (Hemiptera).
Right: Holometabolous development with complete metamorphosis illustrated by the moth Manduca (Lepidoptera).¹

Veranstaltungen Metamorphosis. Design for Transformation

Focus Events / Inputs
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Metamorphosis from Ancient Greek $\mu\mu$, “transformation”, from μ metá, “after” and μ morph , “form”.

In his magnum opus *Metamorphoses*, the Roman poet Ovid strings together hundreds of narratives of mythical transformations and through them tells the story of the world as a sequence of perpetual transformation. Can we also understand the seemingly permanent discipline of architecture as a sequence of different phases of life and functions? Can we even anticipate these typological transformations from the outset?

In the Ticino border community of Chiasso, commuter traffic through the Italian Frontalieri is a challenge for planners.

However, the new underground car parkings currently demanded for the town centre represent a building type, that still seems indispensable for the current situation, but will soon be obsolete due to the foreseeable changes in our mobility. As an alternative, we want to develop a structure that can initially serve as an above-ground car parking; at the same time, we will already design its typological transformation into a second phase of use: housing and public programming. In this way, we’ll experiment with a simultaneous design process – between flexibility and specificity, considering the changing urban situation, the load-bearing and spatial structure, and last but not least, the construction and building process – in order to redefine the building’s lifespan.