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Peter Staub to become new director of department of Architecture, Wood and Civil Engineering

The Bern University of Applied Sciences Board has selected Professor Peter Staub as the new director of the department of Architecture, Wood and Civil Engineering. Staub, currently the Head of the Institute for Architecture and Planning and Chair of Architectural Design and Theory at the University of Liechtenstein, will take up his new role on 1 February 2021.

For the past 15 years, Professor Peter Staub has been engaged in university-level teaching, research and management. He has held a number of positions at the University of Liechtenstein since 2008. In 2016, he was appointed to serve as both Head of the Institute for Architecture and Planning and Chair of Architectural Design and Theory. While serving for three years as vice president for external relations, he grew and maintained the university's domestic and international networks. During his year as interim president, he managed institutional operations.

Peter Staub studied architecture at the Accademia di Architettura di Mendrisio and the Architectural Association School of Architecture in London. He completed an additional Master's degree in City Design and Social Science at the London School of Economics and Political Science. In 2004, he founded his own architectural firm in London, which he ran until 2010. He began gravitating towards the scientific and academic realm during this time, with teaching positions at the Architectural Association in London and the École Polytechnique Fédérale in Lausanne.

Peter Staub demonstrates years of leadership experience as well as expertise in those two areas critical to success in the BFH community: teaching and research. After 12 years in Liechtenstein, he feels now is the perfect time for a new challenge. He says: «I look forward to sharing my knowledge and experience for the further development of Bern University of Applied Sciences. Topics such as sustainability, demographic change and digitisation are inextricably tied to the built environment and thus represent a central focus for the department of Architecture, Wood and Civil Engineering. I wish to contribute to this field and inspire colleagues and students to assume greater responsibility for our society. That's what motivates me.»

He will take up his new role on 1 February 2021. Deputy director Urs Heimberg will run the department until then.

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