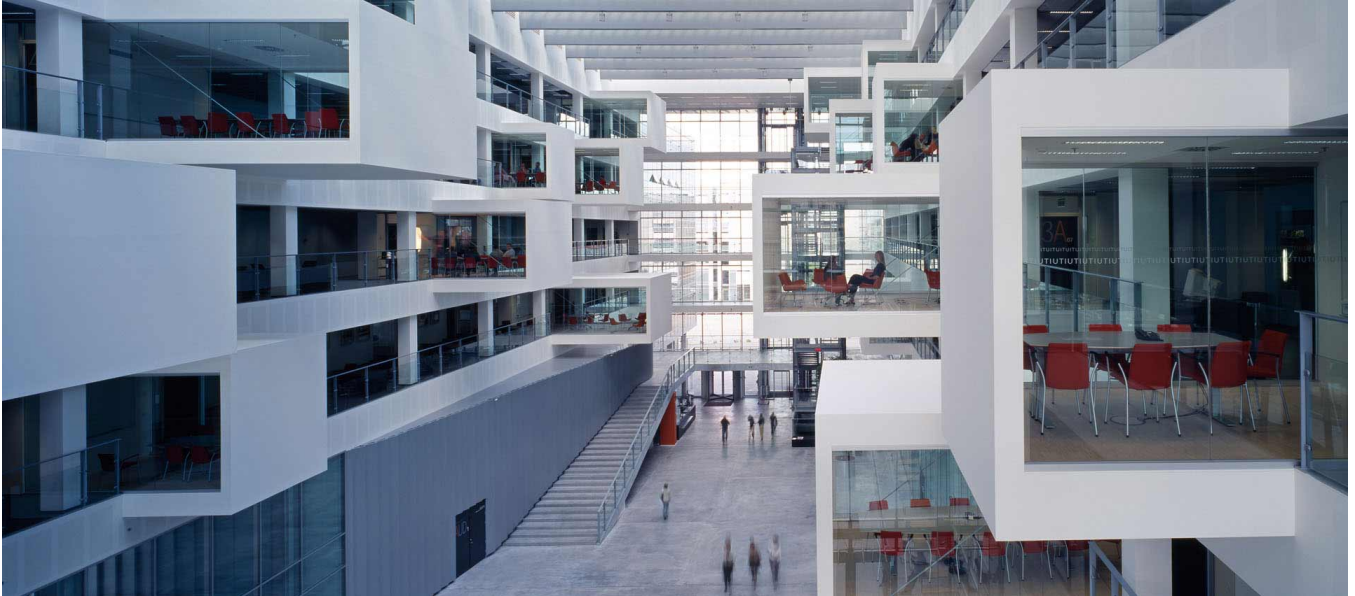


EDUCATIONAL



The physical framework is of decisive importance for our ability to learn. At Henning Larsen Architects, we believe that architecture in the form of bright, inspiring spaces and settings strengthens the learning process and the joint synergy.

Henning Larsen Architects provides the framework for very different learning cultures – from universities and upper secondary schools to primary schools and day care centres. We focus on social, common spaces on all our building projects and seek to encourage social community and the exchange of knowledge between the various learning environments and subjects.

By means of zones for immersion and zones for communication, we create a variety of different spaces that meet the students' need to change between different working methods. Thereby, the architecture is adapted to the different teaching situations and subjects. Whether professional research buildings or buildings for children, we consider this variation as a central element. A lot of the company's buildings are based on the idea of the school as a city where the centre is a large, unifying square with easily comprehensible and accessible branches and thoroughfares to the entire building.

The clear layout stages and expresses the many interfaces of the institution as well as the interaction across institutes and fields. The square spreads a pulsating atmosphere of life and a joint commitment – among the students as well as between the students and their professors. The overall design of the building should support and stimulate in-house research and learning activities.

The relation to the urban context is another central theme in the educational buildings of Henning Larsen Architects. We believe that learning environments benefit from a close integration with the city to make life outside the buildings become part of the inner learning space and make life inside the institution enrich the surrounding city space.

Sustainability is an integrated part of all our new educational buildings, including the Massar Children's Discovery Centre in Damascus and the University of Southern Denmark in the town of Kolding.