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For decades, architects have seen their traditional role diminish in scope as more and more of their responsibilities have been taken over by other disciplines within the building construction industry.

In an attempt to find a way out of this crisis, there is growing debate about how architects might reassert the importance of their role and influence. This question is fundamentally about freedom, about whether architects still possess it - if they have ever done - and whether it is possible to find the professional, disciplinary and individual autonomy to be able to define the spheres of their own practice.

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