Assignment 1 – Essay on Daylighting

Task 1.1: Essay on Daylighting (Individual Assignment)

We all experience light and daylight every day of our lifes and our attitude towards light, shadows and colors is a direct consequence of how we have seen the world. As a result, we carry our personal, preconceived notions within us of what constitutes ‘good lighting’ or a ‘well daylit space’. These intuitions can inform our designs in unique ways. In order to preserve these raw attitudes towards lighting before they become ‘diluted’ by the concepts presented in this course, please write a two-part essay of 200-300 words on (1) what you think are the characteristics of a well daylit space and (2) what your motives are for implementing daylight in your projects? You may provide photos of daylit space(s) to support your remarks. Treat this essay as your personal ‘touchstone’ throughout the course and occasionally return to it.

Task 1.2: Form Groups (Group Assignment)

"Please form groups of three in preparation for the group assignment."

Task 1.3: Learn Rhinoceros (Individual Assignment)

We will be using Rhinoceros extensively for a number of modeling exercises throughout this class. In case you have not used Rhinoceros in the past, please spend the first week familiarizing yourself with the tool.