

sold off to a sponsor and re-erected in anoth-

er location. The design by SelgasCano is one

Impressive effects can be achieved with col-

changed quite simply. An impressive example

of this is the Allianz Arena in Munich by Her-

matches, the textured plastic outer skin be-

of which can be varied, depending on the

ings in red, blue or white light.

comes an outsize luminous volume, the colour

teams that are playing, bathing the surround-

oured light, of course, which can also be

zog & de Meuron (ill. 10). During football



Children love bright colours, and architects happily respond to this when designing for that target group. In kindergartens and schools, planners also employ colour as a means of orientation. In schools, it is often used to highlight certain situations, such as access routes that lead to more neutral-toned classrooms. One sees this in the Gabrieli Secondary School in Eichstätt (ill. 15), where Diezinger Architects had spatial images in strong green tones applied by an artist to the walls and stairs in the circulation zones. With movement, changes occur in the appearance of the small visitor centre in Tibet by standardarchitecture (ill. 14). Outwardly, its stone masonry harmonizes with the surround-

- 14 Besucherzentrum in Tibet, 2009, Standardarchitecture und Zhao Yang Studio
- 15 Gymnasium in Eichstätt, 2011, Diezinger Architekten
- 16 Schulkomplex Simone Veil in Colombes, 2015, Dominique Coulon & associés
- 14 Visitor Centre in Tibet, 2009; standardarchitecture and Zhao Yang Studio
- 15 Secondary school in Eichstätt, 2011; Diezinger Architects
- 16 Simone Veil group of schools, Colombes, 2015; Dominique Coulon & Associates

ing mountain scenery, but the large incisions in the building afford an early glimpse of the bold yellow, blue and red colours of the courtvard walls. Similarly, in his suburban school complex in Paris, Dominique Coulon creates a contrast between a somewhat rough outer skin in natural materials and a colourful interior world of smooth surfaces (ill. 16). The three facades oriented to the city are largely in untreated timber, whereas the courtyards and roof terraces, the sports hall and circulation routes are in bold orange and red tones. Colour can be a great enrichment for architecture, but it is doubtless most convincing when it is used not just to create effects, but forms an integral part of the overall concept.



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