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Guest Lecture

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Richard Krautheimer in Germany (1925-1933)

Towards the Uncertain Origins of a Distinguished Career

Richard Krautheimer (1897-1994) was one of the most influential architectural historians of the 20th century. What has been written about the early period of his life prior to his emigration from Germany in 1933 is based on his own memories published in 1988. Heretofore unstudied documents, however, shed substatial new light on these formative years. They illuminate Krautheimer's path through the academic institutions of his native country and reveal that the young scholar was torn between Jewish identity and German nationalism. A re-reading of his early work, including his unpulished "History of German Architecture", leads to the conclusion that some of his major theories and new approaches known from later times, such as the iconography of architecture, were developed already in the 1920s.

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