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University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences, Vienna

Short Course

Advanced Topics in Engineering Mechanics: 875.011 (2SWS, 3ECTS)

"Multi-Scale and Multi-Phase Modeling of Aging Concrete Structures"

presented by

Assoc. Prof. Dr. **Gianluca Cusatis**



July 14 – 18, 2014 BOKU, Vienna

Institute of

Structural Engineering



Seminar Purpose and Objectives:

This short course presents in a systematic way microplane and lattice-particle model formulations for the simulation of aging and deterioration of concrete structures with special focus on phenomena like creep, shrinkage and ASR (alkali-silica reaction). The addressed topics are of interest to graduate students, post-doctoral associates, researchers, and professional engineers who need to become proficient with the use of modern, effective and versatile constitutive equations for the simulation of strainsoftening and damage in concrete.

Prerequisites:

Prerequisites to attend the course are basic knowledge in continuum mechanics and finite element analysis.



Course's Schedule:

Day 1 (July 14): Constitutive Formulations I; *Day 2 (July 15):* Constitutive Formulations II;

Day 3 (July 16): Hygro-thermal model, transport process & aging;

Day 4 (July 17): Application to Creep, Shrinkage and ASR;

Day 5 (July 18): Final Exam.

Day's Schedule:

Jnit I:	900 -	10 ³⁰
Jnit II:	11 ⁰⁰ -	12 ³⁰
Jnit II:	13 ³⁰ -	15 ⁰⁰
Jnit IV:	15 ³⁰ -	17 ⁰⁰



Assoc. Prof. Dr. Gianluca Cusatis

Dr Gianluca is a faculty member of the Civil and Environmental Engineering Department at Northwestern University that he joined in August 2011. Previously, he worked at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute for six years (2005-2011). He teaches undergraduate and graduate courses of the civil engineering curriculum and performs research in the field of Mechanics of Quasi-Brittle Materials.

In the last fifteen years, he has been working in the field of computational and applied mechanics, with emphasis on heterogeneous and quasi-brittle materials, concrete and reinforced concrete modelling. His work on constitutive modelling of concrete especially through the adoption of the so-called Lattice Discrete Particle Model (LDPM), one of the most accurate and reliable approaches to simulate failure of materials experiencing strain-softening, is well known. In addition, his research interests include: micro- and meso-mechanics: multiple scale mechanics; linear and nonlinear fracture mechanics; nonlinear constitutive modelling, concrete creep; rate effect on material strength, moisture and heat transfer, and concrete-steel interface behaviour.

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