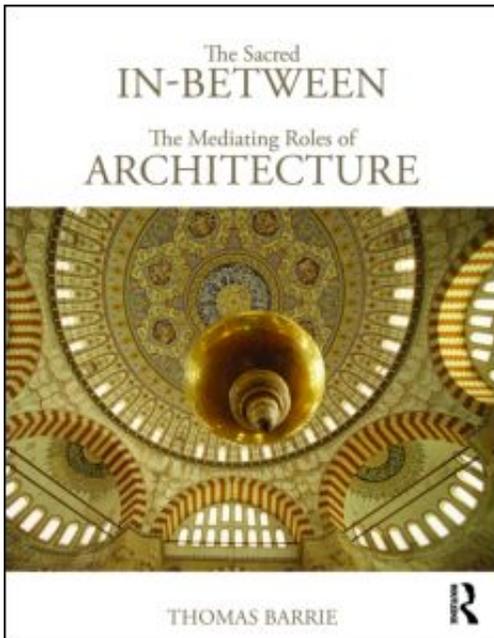


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I would like to inform you that Tom Barrie's just published book "*The Sacred In-Between. The Mediating Roles of Architecture*" is now available. I have a copy and it's excellent, not to mention that it is totally related to ACS issues. I encourage you all to consider getting it for you or your library. See below for more details.

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