

MOBILITIES OF DESIGN

TRANSNATIONAL TRANSFERS IN ASIAN ARCHITECTURE AND URBAN PLANNING, 1960 - PRESENT



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LOCATION

Future Cities Laboratory
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DATE & TIME

20 - 21 November 2013

REGISTRATION

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ABOUT THE CONFERENCE

Overview

This conference investigates the transnational transfer of architectural expertise to, from, and within Asia from 1960 to the present--as well as its consequences for contemporary conditions of urbanization in the region today. The goal of the event is to uncover the multidirectional exchanges in architecture, planning, engineering, design pedagogy, and building technology that have taken place in Asia over the past 50 years; and to show how this acquired knowledge has been developed, appropriated, mixed, and modified in professional practice. Bringing academic research papers into dialogue with the insights of practitioners, the event will offer a heterogeneous genealogy of the current material, economic, and institutional conditions of urbanization in the contemporary Asian city. By developing an innovative historical framework, the conference aims to contextualize examples of cross-cultural knowledge transfer that are taking place in Asian cities such as Singapore today.

Organisers

The event is a collaboration between the ETH Zurich's Future Cities Laboratory (FCL) and the Manchester Architecture Research Centre (MARC). It is organized by Max Hirsh (FCL) and Lukasz Stanek (MARC).

FCL is an interdisciplinary research center focused on urban sustainability in a global frame. Based in Singapore, it is the first

research program of ETH Zurich's Centre for Global Environmental Sustainability. The Future Cities Laboratory is home to a community of more than 100 PhD, post-doctoral and senior researchers working in the fields of architecture, engineering, and urban planning.

MARC was established at Manchester University in 2006. The Centre is developing a research agenda that aims at critically understanding the co-evolution of design and development strategies and the socio-economic processes shaping cities.

PROGRAMME

WEDNESDAY 20 NOVEMBER

1730: Singapore in Transit: Historicizing and Contextualizing Architectural and Planning Exchanges

Chang Jiat Hwee, NUS-SDE

Lee Kah Wee, NUS-SDE

1800: Panel Discussion:

Practitioners' Perspectives

Moderator: Jane Jacobs, Yale-NUS

Lim Chin Chong

Kuan Chee Yung, CPG

Kevin Sim, Newspaper Design

1915: Reception

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THURSDAY 21 NOVEMBER

1000: Registration & Coffee

1030: Welcome Address

Max Hirsh, FCL

1040: Introduction:

Mondialisation of Architecture

Lukasz Stanek, MARC

1100: Genealogies of Globalisation

Chair: Lukasz Stanek

Australian Educated Architects and
the Professionalisation of Practice and
Training in Malaysia, 1960 -1980

Peter Scriver, University of Adelaide

Building the Non-Aligned Babylon

Vladimir Kulic, Florida Atlantic University

Australians and Africans in a Post-Colonial
Asian Empire: The Oberoi Hotel Group in
the 1960s and 1970s

Amit Srivastava, University of Adelaide

1230: Lunch

1330: Transfer Typologies

Chair: Max Hirsh

The International Hotel

in Post-Revolutionary China

Cole Roskam, University of Hong Kong

Constructing Masdar City

Gökçe Günel, Columbia University

The Nation's I/Eye. The National Art

Gallery Singapore, 2010-2015

Mechtild Widrich, ETH Zurich

1500: Coffee Break

1530: Urban Geographies

Chair: Stephen Cairns, FCL

After Transnationalism: Indian Modernism
in the Age of Globalisation

Vikramaditya Prakash,

University of Washington, Seattle

Practical Utopias: Global Urbanism in
Hong Kong, Seoul, Shanghai, Singapore &
Tokyo

Jonathan Solomon, Syracuse University

Songdo: Transnational Networks in the
Reproduction of a Ubiquitous Ecocity

Sofia T. Shwayri, Seoul National University

1700: Wrap-Up & Final Discussion

1730: Apéro