



## MEETINGS ON ARCHITECTURE at Biennale Architettura 2016

Venice, May 13<sup>th</sup>, 2016 – The **Meetings on Architecture** are back for the **15<sup>th</sup> International Architecture Exhibition of La Biennale di Venezia**. This programme of events on the themes and case studies presented at the Exhibition will take place throughout the whole period of Biennale Architettura 2016, involving the architects and participants of **REPORTING FROM THE FRONT** curated by **Alejandro Aravena**.

“If the ultimate goal of the Biennale is to share knowledge and exchange experiences – Aravena explains - we should offer a variety of channels for that to take place. Meeting the authors and listening to their experiences is still one of the most powerful ways to learn from others. Once a month, some of the participants will have a conversation and share with the public their insights, doubts, and the turning points in the projects that they are showing. We have organised them around themes, but architecture by nature always integrates more than one dimension. These *Meetings* will thus be a way to get from the authors themselves the richness and complexity of the built environment, and what it takes to get things done.”

### PROGRAMME of the Meetings on Architecture

#### **May 28<sup>th</sup> | INFRASTRUCTURE**

Joan Clos, Rem Koolhaas, Norman Foster,  
Andrew Makin, Grupo EPM  
*Teatro Piccolo Arsenale, 3pm*

#### **June 11<sup>th</sup> | PERIPHERIES**

Mexico Project, BeL Sozietät für Architektur,  
Assemble, Al Borde  
*Teatro alle Tese, 3pm*

#### **August 27<sup>th</sup> | STRUCTURES/MATERIALS**

Werner Sobek, Solano Benitez, Ochsendorf,  
DeJong & Block, Simón Vélez  
*Teatro alle Tese, 3pm*

#### **September 24<sup>th</sup> | SCARCITY**

VAVStudio, Anna Heringer, Francis Keré,  
Adeyemi Kunlé, Rural Urban Framework  
*Teatro alle Tese, 3pm*

#### **October 29<sup>th</sup> | ENVIRONMENT**

Michael Braungart, Batlle i Roig Arquitectes,  
Hugon Kowalski, Transsolar  
*Teatro alle Tese, 3pm*

#### **November 26<sup>th</sup> | CONFLICTS**

Milinda Pathiraja, Shigeru Ban, Manuel Herz,  
Eyal Weizman, Robert Jan van Pelt  
*Teatro alle Tese, 3pm*

The *Meetings on Architecture* are realised with the support of Rolex. Arnaud Boetsch, Director Communication & Image, has stated that “Rolex is proud to be associated with another thought-provoking Biennale Architettura. Our additional support to the *Meetings on Architecture* will further enhance the Exhibition’s reputation as the foremost forum for architectural ideas.”

## SPECIAL PROJECTS EVENTS

The *Meetings on Architecture* will happen in conjunction with a number of events linked to the **Special Projects** of the 15<sup>th</sup> Exhibition, especially the Project of the London School of Economics and Political Science curated by Ricky Burdett and the Forte Marghera's Special Project.

The annual conference **Urban Age** titled *Shaping Cities: Conflicts Of An Urban Age*, scheduled for **July 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>** from 10.30 am at the Teatro alle Tese Arsenale, will explore the interrelationships between urban form and urban society, focusing on the social, spatial and political forces that shape cities. The conference will be hosted by La Biennale di Venezia in the context of Habitat III - United Nations Conference on Housing and Sustainable Urban Development (Quito, Ecuador, 17-20 October 2016). It is a joint initiative of the London School of Economics and Political Science and Deutsche Bank's Alfred Herrhausen Gesellschaft, with the aim of shaping the debate and influencing policy-making in global cities.

### PROGRAMME of Urban Age – *Shaping Cities: Conflicts of an Urban Age*

**Joan Clos**, Executive Director, UN Habitat

**Ricky Burdett**, Director LSE Cities & Urban Age

**Paolo Baratta**, President of La Biennale di Venezia

**Alejandro Aravena**, Architect, Director of Biennale Architettura 2016, Pritzker Prize 2016

**Sue Parnell**, Professor, African Centre for Cities

**Jennifer Musisi**, Executive Director of Kampala

**Enrique Peñalosa**, Mayor of Bogotá

**Paul Achleitner**, Chairman, supervisory board, Deutsche Bank

**Jean-Louis Missika**, Deputy Mayor, Paris

**Abdoulmalik Simone**, Research Professor, Max Planck Institute for the Study of Religious and Ethnic Diversity

**Richard Sennett**, Professor of Sociology, LSE

**Philipp Rode**, Executive Director LSE Cities

**Babatunde Fashola**, Minister of Power, Works and Housing, Federal Republic of Nigeria; former Lagos State Governor

**Ed Glaeser**, Fred and Eleanor Glimp Professor of Economics, Harvard University

**Schlomo Angel**, Urban Expansion Program, NYU

**Saskia Sassen**, Professor of Sociology, Columbia University

**Rahul Mehrotra**, Professor of Urban Design and Planning, Harvard University

**Caroline Kihato**, Senior Research Fellow at the School of Architecture and Planning at the University of the Witwatersrand

**Henk Ovink**, Special Envoy for International Water Affairs at Kingdom of the Netherlands

**Kees Christiaanse**, architect and urban planner

The dates of the meetings linked to the **Forte Marghera Special Project** will be announced shortly.

Lastly, another event titled *Sustainable Design Event*, organised by the LafargeHolcim Foundation for Sustainable Construction, will take place on November 25<sup>th</sup> at 5 pm at the Teatro Piccolo Arsenale.

Biennale Architettura 2016 will be open to the public **from Saturday May 28<sup>th</sup> to Sunday November 27<sup>th</sup>, 2016**, at the Giardini and Arsenale.

Official website of the 15<sup>th</sup> International Architecture Exhibition: [www.labiennale.org](http://www.labiennale.org)

Official hashtag: **#BiennaleArchitettura2016**

**THE IMAGES** for the 15<sup>th</sup> Exhibition may be downloaded at this link: <http://ftp.labiennale.org>

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