



International Symposium 'Architecture for All: Call of the Future'

Ahmedabad: The School of Architecture, Anant National University, Ahmedabad, is organising a three-day International Symposium on '*Architecture for All: Call of the Future*' from 23rd-25th February 2024. The Symposium discusses the design position of our time as we embark on the quest to find what should be the future of architecture.

Architecture, spanning centuries, has shaped civilisations and impacted life beyond the built realm. It is intertwined with politics, economics, societal identity and sustainability. The current scenarios, however, raise questions about the future of architecture. Will it be predictable or arbitrary, dominated by artificial intelligence, or contextually conscious? The symposium explores these queries, emphasising interdisciplinary influences and practices. Through academic discourses on themes discussing architecture with context, identity, inclusion, technology, well-being, politics, society, climate and ecology the symposium shall encompass a holistic position on the built environment.

Three keynote speakers have been invited for each day to inspire the participants.

Madhura Prematilleke, Team Architrave, Colombo, Sri Lanka

Madhura Prematilleke, principal of tA -teaM Architrave, Colombo- is a Sri Lankan Architect and Urban Designer. He has worked in Sri Lanka, Finland, India, China, Oman and the Maldives. He has lectured and taught extensively at international conferences and universities. tA have won 15 design awards and their work has been published internationally, including in the Phaidon Atlas of Contemporary Architecture, Beyond Bawa, Architectural Review, Architectural Design, A+U, and Asian Design Destinations. Competition wins include the Jaffna Cultural Centre (2010) and the new wing of the Colombo Town Hall (1999).

Marina Tabassum, Marina Tabassum Architects, Dhaka, Bangladesh

Marina Tabassum is a Bangladeshi architect and educator who has received numerous international recognitions in the field of architecture. Her process of work that includes research, teaching and practice is widely recognized as the twenty-first-century model of practice of architecture. Her pursuit of the 'Architecture of Relevance' has won her various international accolades such as the Aga Khan Award for Architecture, the Arnold W. Brunner Memorial Prize from the American Academy of Arts and Letters, the Gold Medal of the French Academy of Architecture, the Jameel Prize from Victoria and Albert Museum.

Peter Rich, Peter Rich Architects, Johannesburg, South Africa

Peter Rich's career represents a lifelong attempt to find a contemporary, yet uniquely African mode of design. He extensively documented the indigenous African settlements during the Apartheid in the 1970s. He has been affiliated as the Professor of Architecture at the University of the Witwatersrand in Johannesburg for 30 years. His architecture – contemporary in its idea – is built on years of research and exposure. He is a Fellow of the American Institute of Architecture (FAIA), An International Fellow of the Royal Institute of British Architects (Int FRIBA), and a Fellow of Sydney Sussex College Cambridge University England. He has been awarded the Gold medal by the SAIA.