
Social City: architecture and change - draft programme for the 2006 RIBA conference

Venice - October 2006

Italicised names have been invited but not yet accepted, non-italicised names are confirmed.

THURSDAY 26 October

Opportunity for delegates who arrive early to visit the Biennale exhibition

Familiarisation walking tour of Venice's architectural highlights.

Evening reception at the Peggy Guggenheim Museum, sponsored by Corus.

FRIDAY 27 October

09.00 Welcome from Jack Pringle, RIBA President to the conference and from **Richard Burdett** to the Biennale

9.20 Keynote address – Rt Hon Tessa Jowell, Secretary of State for Culture Media and Sport

10.00 Can architecture effect social change? - Richard Simmons, Chief Executive, CABE

He will talk about the positive impacts that a well-designed built environment has on social well-being, quality of life and economic prosperity.

10.30 Ben Page, Director of the MORI Social Research Institute and a CABE Commissioner will then speak on the subject of happiness and the effect of our environment on our well-being. His talk will provide stimulus for later debate.

11.0 Coffee

11.30 First of a series of panel discussions. *The Chair will invite each of the speakers to make a short presentation, then she will initiate debate around the topic.*

Architecture & social change: what are the obstacles and how can we best seek to overcome them? *Panellists to include Sunand Prasad, architect; Dermot Finch, Director of the Centre for Cities programme; Chair: Clare Wright*

12.20 *Lunch*

13.20 *Keynote architect talk – Norman Foster:* a look at his projects with reference to the theme of the conference.

14.10 **Second in the series of panel discussions.** *The Chair will invite each of the speakers to make a short presentation, then he will initiate debate around the topic.*

Architecture and the ghetto – can good architecture and urban design make people safer; what can architects do to design our cities so as to break down ghettos; and can good design make people behave better towards one another as well as to their environment? Panellists to include **Joseph Rykwert**, architect; **Trevor Phillips** from the Commission for Racial Equality; **Sophie Body-Gendrot**, director of the centre for urban studies at the Sorbonne in Paris; Chaired by **Mark Lawson** (*RIBA Hon Fell 2006*)

15.0 **Keynote architect talk 2 – Zaha Hadid**, a look at her projects with reference to the theme of the conference.

15.50 **Conference ends for the day**

Opportunity for various walking or boat tours in the afternoon, or trip to the Biennale exhibition.

Evening reception at the Cini Foundation, hosted by Buro Happold.

SATURDAY 28 October

09.30 Welcome from Jack Pringle – RIBA President

09.40 Keynote architect talk 3 – *Shigeru Ban* (invited) - a look at his projects with reference to the theme of the conference.

10.20 Keynote talk from Aubrey Meyer, Director of the Global Commons Institute – architects and the environment

10.50 Coffee

11.20 Third in the series of panel discussions:

Architecture and the future: the impact of a no-growth economy and planning for climate change. Speakers to include: ***Paolo Costa MEP (and former Mayor of Venice)*** (invited); **Aubrey Meyer**, Director of the Global Commons Institute; **Deborah Saunt**. Chaired by **Jon Snow**, *broadcaster and 2006 RIBA Honorary Fellow*

12.0 **Keynote architect 4**, Italian architect: **Massimiliano Fuksas**, - a look at his projects with reference to the theme of the conference.

12.40 Fourth in the series of panel discussions:

Drawing together the conference themes, with **Massimiliano Fuksas** and other previous speakers. Chaired by **Hugh Pearman**, Editor of the RIBA Journal and Architecture Correspondent of The Sunday Times.

13.10 Keynote address from President Jack Pringle

13.30 Conference ends

pm More walking/boat tours offered of central Venice or the Islands.

SUNDAY 29 October

Optional coach tour(s) to Verona, Padua and surrounding area to see best traditional and modern architecture of the region.