Three Cities in Flux | An investigation into urban regeneration
in London, Milan and Rome
June 2010 - December 2011

Press release

The British School at Rome's next cycle of events: "Three Cities in Flux: An investigation into urban regeneration in London, Milan and Rome" opens on June 11th and 12th 2010 and will run to the autumn of 2011.

The programme will start during the Rome Architecture Festival, with talks by Ricky Burdett (Chief Adviser for the London 2012 Olympics and the Olympic Park Legacy Company), Francesco Cellini (Dean of the Architecture Faculty, Università degli Studi Roma Tre) and Peter Murray (Chairman of New London Architecture).

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Three Cities in Flux is organised in collaboration with the Università degli Studi, Roma Tre, New London Architecture, Architectural Association London and Abitare.

How can urban regeneration be defined? What are the main concerns? How are challenges like population flux, housing shortages (particularly of social housing), critical environmental concerns and the effects of the severe economic crisis being confronted? Who holds responsibility for the outcome of these schemes? What are the political forces involved and what are the respective roles of the architect, the client and the developer?

The project is an investigation into different approaches to urban renewal mainly in Italy and Britain. London, Milan and Rome will provide case studies to enable a discussion of master planning in more general terms. The programme will consider both opposing lines of thought within the international architectural community and different approaches to key events in the two countries: the 2012 Olympic Legacy Master plan in London, the Expo 2015 Legacy Plan in Milan and Rome's candidature for the 2020 Olympics.

The programme is centred around four main events: a study of Allies and Morrison's schemes, mainly in London, a study of Office for Metropolitan Architecture (OMA) projects in London, Milan and internationally, a survey by Roma Tre University Architecture Faculty, on urban plans in Rome, past, present and future, and a study by Stefano Boeri Architetti of urban renewal in Milan.

We intend to help identify some of the main challenges in international urban regeneration and to offer a critical assessment of some of the means available to confront these challenges. A number of international critics will take part in the debate. The programme will conclude with a series of round table discussions at the Architectural Association in London.
Come si definisce la riqualificazione urbana? Di cosa si occupa principalmente? Come affronta sfide come quelle che derivano da flussi di popolazione, carenza di alloggi (in particolare di social housing), condizioni ambientali. Come reagisce alle conseguenze della grave crisi economica? Chi è responsabile per gli esiti di questi piani? Quali sono le forze politiche coinvolte e quali i ruoli rispettivi dell’architetto, del committente e dell’imprenditore?

Il programma analizza i differenti approcci alla riqualificazione urbana principalmente in Italia e Gran Bretagna. Londra, Milano e Roma rappresentano i case-studies dai quali partire per discutere di rigenerazione urbana in termini più generali. Saranno presi in considerazione sia il dibattito tra le opposte correnti di pensiero nella disciplina architettonica internazionale, sia i differenti approcci adottati in occasioni di eventi-chiave in atto nei due paesi: i legacy plans per le Olimpiadi 2012 a Londra e per l’Expo 2015 a Milano, e la candidatura di Roma ai Giochi Olimpici del 2020.

La ricerca ruota quindi attorno a quattro case-studies principali: i progetti di Allies e Morrison realizzati principalmente a Londra, i progetti di Office for Metropolitan Architecture (OMA) a Londra e Milano e altrove, un’indagine svolta dalla Facoltà di Architettura dell’Università Roma Tre sulle trasformazioni urbanistiche in corso a Roma, ed uno studio di Stefano Boeri Architetti sulla rigenerazione urbana a Milano.

Il programma intende contribuire a individuare i problemi generali della riqualificazione urbana e ad aprire una riflessione critica sulle risposte messe in atto nei case-studies scelti. Numerosi critici internazionali parteciperanno alle discussioni e ai dibattiti. Il programma si concluderà con una serie di tavole rotonde presso l’Architectural Association di Londra.

Programme

**June 2010**  |  Ricky Burdett (Director, LSE Cities and Urban Age, and Chief Adviser for the London 2012 Olympics and the Olympic Park Legacy Company)  
Lecture, Rome Architecture Festival

**June 2010**  |  Peter Murray (Chairman of New London Architecture and Director of the London Architecture Festival)  
Debate, Rome Architecture Festival

**October 2010**  |  Projecting London: 12 measures of a city, Bob Allies and Graham Morrison (Allies & Morrison)

**December 2010**  |  Marco Goldschmied (Architect and Property Developer) in conversation with Roger Madelin (Joint Chief Executive, Argent Group plc, Property Developers)

**February 2011**  |  BioMilano, Stefano Boeri (Stefano Boeri Architetti)

**March 2011**  |  Henk Ovink (Director, National Spatial Planning at the Ministry of Housing, Spatial Planning and the Environment, The Netherlands)

**May 2011**  |  From Ideals to Ordeals, Reinier de Graaf (OMA)

**October 2011**  |  Rome Today, Rome 2030, Francesco Cellini (Dean of the Architecture Faculty, Università degli Studi Roma Tre)

**December 2011**  |  Round table talks
 chaired by Brett Steele (Director of the Architectural Association)  
Architectural Association, London

Pippo Ciorra (Architecture curator at the MAXXI museum and Professor at the School of Architecture, University of Camerino) and Francesco Garofalo (Professor at the School of Architecture, University of Pescara and partner of Garofalo Miura Architetti) will comment on each event.

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