

PRESS RELEASE

Bennetts Associates

Recent work with surprising connections to Rome

Thursday July 5 2018, 6.30 p.m.

The British School at Rome

via Gramsci 61, Roma

'We endeavour to make places and buildings that are humane, timeless and uplifting.'

Bennetts Associates is one of the UK's leading architecture practices and the BSR is delighted to host their first public lecture in Italy.

Rab and Denise Bennetts set up their practice in 1987 and it has since carried out a wide range of projects, mostly in the UK.

Their talk will examine two recent RIBA Award-winning projects with surprising links to Rome: a City of London office building (40 Chancery Lane, 2017) and a library/theatre in Chester (Storyhouse, Chester, 2018), that focus on the integration of space, structure and materiality.

The Bennetts will also touch on a selection of award-winning past projects and will present their highly collaborative working method, in particular with artists. Finally, they will discuss the unique way in which a younger generation of architects within Bennetts Associates is empowered to lead the design process.

Lecture introduced by **Lucia Nucci**, Professor of Urbanism at Rome 3 University and author of two books on London's green spaces: *Verde di prossimità e disegno urbano*. (2012 Gangemi ed); *Reti verdi e disegno della città contemporanea* (2004 Gangemi ed).