
This week at ArcSpace brings new (and old) projects from all over. – Sorkin asks whither democracy in plans for Ground Zero. – Public hearings don't get good grades. – Draft for memorial competition fares better. – Wiil plans at least jolt architecture in new directions? – A vertical city rises on Columbus Circle. – London's Paternoster Square called "...a piece of camp stagecraft." – Downtown Beirut to be a "showroom" for starchitects. – Ambitious (and model?) developments in Florida and New York. – The high's (and low's) of two museum projects in Toronto, and big plans for the Phillips Collection. – A transparent arts center grows in Brooklyn. – Was Mies a Nazi?

To subscribe to the free daily newsletter click here

- Coop Himmelb(l)au + Partner: Musée des Confluences, Lyon, France
- NOX: D-Tower, Doetinchem, The Netherlands
- A visit to: R. M. Schindler's Buck House, Los Angeles, California
- Álvaro Siza: University of Santiago de Compostela, Spain


Bring It On: In search of democracy at Ground Zero. By Michael Sorkin - Slate

Public Hearings for Ground Zero: ...if there was one thing that absolutely everybody agreed on it was this: these public hearings were done wrong. - Gotham Gazette

Praise for WTC Memorial Draft - NY Newsday

Replacement options for WTC share key aspects: could jolt American architecture in a new direction. - Mercury News (California)

A Vertical Neighborhood Takes Shape: $1.7 billion glass-and-granite puzzle on Columbus Circle called AOL Time Warner Center - Skidmore, Owings & Merrill etc. (images) - New York Times

If only Sir Christopher were alive today ... Paternoster Square does little to rescue his masterpiece. By Dayan Sudic - William Whitfield; Rolfe Judd; Richard MacCormac; Eric Parry and Allies and Morrison - Observer (UK)

Downtown Beirut will become a showroom for world-renowned architects: Raphael Moneo, Vallode Pistre, Kevin Dash, Norman Foster, Jean Carlo de Carlo, Dimitri Prophyisos, Steven Holl, and Jean Nouvel, to name a few - Daily Star (Lebanon)

CityPlace: A Model of Development - NY Newsday

Pilgrim's Pride: Builder has ambitious plan for residential, retail community: 9,000 apartments, upscale shopping, restaurants and millions of square feet of offices - including Long Island's tallest building - NY Newsday

Canada gets its own 'Louvre': Art Gallery of Ontario - Frank Gehry - Christian Science Monitor

Inside the hidden kingdom: Royal Ontario Museum, teetering on the brink of either spectacular triumph or failure - Daniel Libeskind - Globe and Mail (Canada)


A See-Through Library of Shifting Shapes and Colors: Brooklyn arts center by Enrique Norten/TEN Arquitectos is a masterpiece for New York. By Herbert Muschamp (image) - New York Times

Was Mies a Nazi? By Hugh Pearman (images) - HughPearman.com (UK)

East Meets West on the Waterfront: Esplanade - Theatres on the Bay by Michael Wilford & Partners; DP Architects; Theatre Projects Consultants; and Artec Consultants (images) - ArchNewsNow

Note: Pages will open in a new browser window. External news links are not endorsed by ArchNewsNow.com. Free registration may be required on some sites. Some sites may expire after a few days.