Tales of ANN's terrific (and all too short) trip to Torino will follow shortly…it's good to be back!

As expected, opinions about the revised WTC memorial range from "strong" to "weak." -- A Dutch subdivision offers lessons in what "American suburbs can't get right." -- An American New Urbanist walks through Miami's high's and low's. -- Tearing out the heart of Moscow. -- A Texas campus wants to be a good urban neighbor. -- A Montreal campus makes a concrete jungle green. -- Playing the odds on NYC 2012. -- A "green grid" planned to protect Thames Gateway. -- "Enigmas of Space and Race" symposium at Yale this weekend explores African-American architects and their cultural contributions to the field. -- More than just leaks will be fixed at Walker Museum. -- Pelli's "Red Building" will complete the Pacific Design Center complex (it's only taken about 30 years). -- Polishing a gem of a courthouse. -- U.K. firm puts out huge "help wanted" call.

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