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We lose an outspoken teacher, writer, and expert in Soviet avant-garde architecture. -- Nominations sought for universal design awards. -- And yet another stab at the "creative class." -- Different approaches to mass-produced housing in Russia. -- Thinking big again in NYC. -- French architect wins university commission in Korea. -- Young Chicagoan wins big in Perth Amboy. -- Lavish development plans for old seminary site. -- Big plans and big buildings in Beijing. -- Students interpret five very different masters. -- A Chicago master strikes out on his own. -- Designing stage sets (and winning awards) more satisfying than building design. -- Query: What Living Architects use Mathematics in Their Designs?

Obituary: Catherine Cooke, 61, a world authority on the architecture and design of the Soviet avant-garde in the 1920s. -- Telegraph (UK)


The Curse of the Creative Class: A generation of leftish policy-makers and urban planners is rushing to implement Richard Florida's vision. -- By Steven Malanga. City Journal/The Manhattan Institute

City Leaves 'Khrushchev' Houses to Investors: Different approaches to rebuilding mass-produced housing are used across Russia. - St. Petersburg Times (Russia)

Thinking Big Again: ...excitement created by the redevelopment of the WTC, there is now more long-term urban planning and large-scale development on the table that at any time since the Lindsay administration in the 1960s created a master plan for the city. - Gotham Gazette

Ewha Womans University to create green 'Campus Valley': selection of an international architect, focuses on establishing a world-class research university. - Dominique Perrault, Korea Herald

Harmonizing nature and architecture: The Ewha Campus Center is quite special to its architect Dominique Perrault. - Korea Herald

Architect for $84 million Perth Amboy High School announced: John Ronan, 40, of Chicago...beat out three established firms, Peter Eisenman Architects, Morphosis, and Fox & Fowle. - Home News Tribune (New Jersey)

Old seminary site has new worldly use: poised to be redeveloped into a lavish townhome, condominium and retail center. - David Owen Tryba Architects

CCTV to get grand new home: will be among the first of 300 architectural complexes to be constructed in Beijing's new Central Business District. - Rem Koolhaas/Office for Metropolitan Architecture. - People's Daily (China)

Design Dictum: Technically possible, humanly desirable: student-designers interpret design philosophies - Mies van der Rohe; Robert Venturi; Adolf Loos; Louis Sullivan; Eero Saarinen - Manila Bulletin

Architect Dirk Lohan starting own practice: ...did not address what conflicts caused him to leave the firm, which became Lohan Caprile Goetttsch two years ago. By Blair Kamin - Chicago Tribune

Speaking the space language: Architect Caecar Chong finds designing sets more satisfying than designing buildings. - The Star (Malaysia)


Hopes are Ever Higher: Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for High Line Master Plan Issued by Friends of the High Line and NYC. - ArchNewsNow

INSIGHT: San Francisco's New Vancouver-Mania - Part II. By Trevor Boddy - ArchNewsNow

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