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What's yours may not be yours after all: time to re-think eminent domain laws. – Jane Jacobs Prize winner "focuses on the kinds of infrastructure issues that are too low on the hierarchy for most architects to notice." – Barcelona's Cultural Forum good for urban renewal or an excuse for real estate speculation? – A Long Island town takes smart growth and public transportation seriously. – Uncle Sam takes on "avant-garde architects and arrogant politicians." – Political whim costing Berliners a brilliantly designed airport "threaded carefully into the city it continues - and should continue - to serve." – Torontonians finally getting a toe-dipping waterfront park. – Alsop considers Cloud cancellation tactics shabby behavior and rude. – Toronto gives Gehry tsuris while two new high rises lack the "Trump-esque flair" the city's skyline craves. – Calatrava's Dublin bridge finally goes to bid. – Padre Pio's shrine through the eyes of Piano. – South London school gets a radical re-make. – A vacant Manhattan department store transforms into a museum of Tibetan art. – Critics in awe: "My Architect" debuts in the U.K. in August. – More about Gehry/MIT car of the future. – Textiles that never need washing.

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-- Exhibition: Santiago Calatrava: The Architect's Studio, Henry Art Gallery, Seattle, Washington

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