

Today's News - Friday, July 25, 2008

- An excellent in-depth look at the latest trend (or new hybrid?): designer cities by starchitects.
- Three towers in the running to rise over NYC's bus terminal (there go the river views from NYT tower).
- Calatrava agrees to clip Ground Zero transit hub wings.
- Style wars heat up: Adam and Terry vs. Modernists.
- Kaplicky's Prague library: is it on or off - hard to tell (either way, he'll make out just fine).
- Jerusalem's first green apartment tower (even the wild flowers will be preserve red).
- A video sneak-peek of Tschumi's Acropolis Museum.
- RIBA elects first woman president.
- Worldwide Cost of Living survey: Moscow most costly, London #3, NYC #22 (hard to believe).
- Weekend diversions: Gardner finds MoMA's "Dreamland" full of architectural experiments, some visions of chaos and danger.
- In Sydney: how Modernism reshaped Australia.
- In Prague, bright spots of modernity in a sea of history.
- In London, celebrating the joy of crossing, connecting places, and engineering.
- A 50th anniversary celebration for Frank Lloyd Wright's gas station in Duluth.
- Page turners: "Modernism in China" offers insight into the work of both foreign and Chinese architects not given much ink in the west.
- "Le Corbusier Le Grand" is certainly weighty (but not all in a good way).
- Heathcote finds "Hungry City" an "enthralling history of consumption," but "misses a few tricks." - Stephens reviews Kunstler's novel about "apocalyptic utopianism" (too bad it's a bit "dull" and perhaps "too little too late").
- "Traffic" is "highly readable" (but bad timing?).
- We couldn't resist: Google Maps add walking directions - with bad neighborhood cautions (we tooled around...it's very cool!). - As if we need another reason to go to Paris: even more Paris Plages (sandy beaches) this summer.

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[Designer Cities: The Development Of the Superstar Urban Plan: "It's not real-estate development; it's not architecture; it's not city planning. All I can do is name it 'the city-building industry.'" -- Zaha Hadid; Koolhaas/de Graaf/OMA; Petra Blaisse; Daniel Libeskind; David Chipperfield; Renzo Piano \[images\]](#)- Wall Street Journal

[Designs Unveiled for Tower Above Port Authority Bus Terminal: The on-again, off-again plans...took at least a conceptual step forward on Thursday with the unveiling of competing designs by three leading architectural firms. -- Rogers Stirk Harbour; Kohn Pedersen Fox \(KPF\); Pelli Clarke Pelli \[image\]](#)- New York Times

[Setbacks at Ground Zero: At least one of the issues has been resolved...Santiago Calatrava has worked with the Port Authority and decided that it is better that the wings of the transportation hub will not open and close. This will allow the hub to fit in easier with the overall site and not impose on surrounding structures.](#)- National Real Estate Investor

[The architects style wars: Robert Adam and Quinlan Terry start a style battle by lashing out at Modernism...Modernists are, it seems, now in the odd position of iconoclasts who are bent on preserving their own traditions...](#)- The Times (UK)

[Czech governing party supports Kaplicky's library project: ...Culture Minister...said the new building that has become to be known as a blob or an octopus would not be constructed at Letna...Kaplicky would get another four million crowns if a contract on the implementation of his project did not start by March 2, 2009. -- Future Systems](#)- CeskéNoviny.cz

[Green light for green construction: A new 40-unit development in Katamon...aims to be the first residential building constructed according to the Israeli "Green Building" Standard 5281.... -- Valentina Nelin; Carlos Pruce/Dafna Alexandrony](#)- Jerusalem Post

[New Acropolis Museum: a guided tour: Kevin Rushby gets a sneak preview of the £100 million museum in Athens that aims to reunite the Parthenon marbles -- Bernard Tschumi \[video\]](#)- Guardian (UK)

[Ruth Reed elected first woman RIBA president- BD/Building Design](#) (UK)

[Worldwide Cost of Living survey 2008 – City ranking: Moscow is still the most expensive city for expatriates; Asunción in Paraguay is the cheapest; London drops one place to rank third; New York City in 22nd place- Mercer](#)

[Chaos and Danger in Architectural Design: "Dreamland: Architectural Experiments since the 1970s" \[at MoMA\]...images and collages by some of the most visionary architectural draftsmen... By James Gardner – Koolhaas; Abraham; Libeskind; Holl; Eisenmann; Hadid; Rudolph; Skidmore, Owings & Merrill \(SOM\); etc.- New York Sun](#)

["Modern Times: Untold Story Of Modernism In Australia" at the Powerhouse Museum...how the modernist movement in first half of the 20th century reshaped Australian cities and transformed urban culture.- Huliq.com](#)

[The look of the new: In a city dominated by historic architecture, bright spots of modernity. "The New Face of Prague" exhibition...the 50 most important buildings created after 1989. – Vlado Milunic/Frank Gehry \[images\]- The Prague Post](#)

["SPANS: Viaducts, bridges and walkways": ...explore different approaches to design, celebrating the joy of crossing, connecting places and engineering. -- Heneghan Peng; EDAW Consortium/Allies and Morrison/Arup/Atkins; Knight Architects; Niall McLaughlin; Hakes Associates; Wilkinson Eyre; McDowell+Benedetti; Marks Barfield; Foster + Partners; etc.- The Building Centre, London](#)

[Celebrate a gas station? Only in Cloquet: The only Frank Lloyd Wright-designed and constructed gas station in the United States turns 50 this year. To celebrate, its hometown of Cloquet \[Duluth\] is hosting numerous events... \[image, links\]- Budgeteer News \(Minnesota\)](#)

[Book review: How modernism journeyed east to China: "Modernism in China" by Edward Denison and Guang Yu Ren...gives an invaluable insight into the work of both foreign and Chinese architects who do not feature in any book in the west.- BD/Building Design \(UK\)](#)

[Book review: "Le Corbusier Le Grand": well on the road to excess: ...it weighs over 9kg...I'm not disputing sumptuous, but I'd add ludicrous. Bigger is not always better...- BD/Building Design \(UK\)](#)

[Book review: "Hungry City: How Food Shapes Our Lives" by Carolyn Steel...an enthralling history of consumption...misses a few tricks in her analysis of the nature of food and built space. By Edwin Heathcote- Icon magazine \(UK\)](#)

[Book review: Small Town Apocalyptic Values: ...James Howard Kunstler's novel of post-peak oil existence. "World Made By Hand"...infamous land-use curmudgeon and caustic hero of the New Urbanist set, presages this new era with a new subgenre...perhaps the world's first work of apocalyptic utopianism. By Josh Stephens- PLANetizen](#)

[Book review: Traffic Report: "Traffic: Why We Drive the Way We Do \(and What It Says About Us\)" by Tom Vanderbilt...looks at one of the banes of contemporary existence...suffers from some unfortunate timing...nuances of driving behavior suddenly seem a lot less interesting when you can't even afford to gas up your Honda...bad timing aside...Traffic is highly readable...- Metropolis Magazine](#)

[Google Maps Adds Walking Directions, Bad Neighborhood Caution- Gizmodo](#)

[Sun, Seine and sand: the beach comes to Paris, and this year it's bigger than ever, expanding along canals and into the suburbs-](#) Guardian (UK)

[Classic Nuance: Simon Hall at Indiana University: A new research facility fits harmoniously with neighboring historic campus structures.](#) -- Flad Architects [images]- ArchNewsNow



-- [Tod Williams Billie Tsien Architects: Visitor Center at Lincoln Center, New York, NY](#)

-- [Santiago Calatrava: Light Rail Train Bridge, Jerusalem, Israel](#)

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