
- ArcSpace brings us eyefuls of MVRDV's oh-so green "power center" in Korea, and Baan's architectural photographs.
- Campbell's oh-so eloquent call for the "audacity of hope" for the Obama government "to create a great heritage of civic architecture."
- Hume says practically the same, calling for new infrastructure that maximizes "not just utility but also usability."
- There might be hope: Obama taps two savvy New Yorkers to head HUD and his new Office of Urban Policy.
- Even in lean times, grassroots efforts are leading the way in finding new uses for vacant lots.
- Hadid's Hoxton Square sparks an amusing take by Hatherley re: why we're "caught between the Scylla of the architecturally overbearing and the Charybdis of a bland, bland attempt to "blend in."
- Historic copycatting is slowly being replaced by an emerging field called "situated regionalism."
- Weighing the "thorny development options" for L.A. County's Marina Del Rey.
- As Connecticut turns its building code green, some push for a "rewinding of the law, which they see as well intended but overzealous" (and mighty confusing).
- For I. M. Pei, History Is Still Happening: ...if Pei's methods seem anachronistic, they also offer a gentle resistance to the short-sightedness of so many contemporary cultural undertakings...His museum reminds us that building a culture, as much as a political or social agenda, can be an act of healing. Like all great art, it requires forging seemingly conflicting values into...
a common whole. By Nicolai Ouroussoff [slide show]- New York Times

Coming clean in the inner city: Inner-City Arts now occupies a group of buildings that make up a small-scale essay on the power of architecture to create community, and even a sense of wonder...simply by shaping space. By Christopher Hawthorne -- Michael Maltzan; Nancy Goslee Power; Ph.D; Marmol Radziner [slide show]- Los Angeles Times

Columbia University to Finish Section of Campus, 113 Years Later: ...completing the northwest corner of its campus with a 14-story science building that has little in common with its red-brick predecessors. -- José Rafael Moneo, Davis Brody Bond Aedas [image]- New York Times

Thinking far outside the box (or the blueprint): The imaginative scope and global reach of this year's student projects has wowed the Canadian Architect magazine awards jury. By Lisa Rochon- Globe and Mail (Canada)

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