

## Today's News - Monday, August 3, 2009

- ArcSpace brings us OMA's in Bangkok tower, and Kuma's train station in Takanezawa, Japan.
- An international shortlist to transform Mumbai into a cleaner, greener and a hi-tech metropolis.
- Q&A with a U.S. congressman re: climate change legislation, the need for long-term sustainable transportation planning, and the cost of making communities walkable and bikeable.
- High hopes that Lutyens' New Delhi will be named a World Heritage Site.
- Glancey wonders whether we should feel guilty for admiring fascist buildings.
- A Foster/Nouvel scheme bites the dust in London.
- But it's thumbs-up for Make scheme for London's Vauxhall area.
- A call to amp up the design of Dallas convention center hotel - one could consider it a sad saga (after Foster is fired).
- Kamin gets a sneak-peek at Hadid's Burnham Plan centennial pavilion: "tailored architecture, dazzling video...the only thing being sold is the idea of planning and its impact on the quality of life."
- OSU's main library re-opens today after a much-needed makeover.
- In Calgary, Calatrava's Peace Bridge design meets cheers ("a sleek, elegant contribution to downtown") and jeers ("a gaudy red waste" of money) + Q&A with the master himself.
- São Paulo gets some much needed green space with "gritty urban pluck" - "floating" atop a deactivated municipal incinerator.
- Move over Paris (and be a bit envious): with not one bike stolen in its first year, Hangzhou is expanding bike-sharing program from 15,000 to 50,000 bikes.
- Known for its inventive temporary architecture, Ball-Nogues sees more permanent structures in its future.
- Rawsthorn offers up four of her favorite video clips of her design heroes - past and present.
- Call for entries: "1000 Product Designs" - the book.
- The cat's out of the bag: Burj Dubai set to open on December 2 (or so someone says).

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-- Construction start: OMA/Office for Metropolitan Architecture: MahaNakhon, Bangkok, Thailand  
-- Kengo Kuma & Associates: Hoshakujji Station, Takanezawa, Japan

14 international firms shortlisted for city makeover: The dream to re-mould Mumbai and its surroundings into a cleaner, greener and a hi-tech metropolis is firming up... -- Jurong Consultants; Lea International; Urbis; Calthrope Associates; Groupe SCE; Gensler; ILFS/Perkins Eastman; Arup/Dominique Perrault/ Atonk International/Edsa; Buro Happold; Maxwan Arehelt; GFB; Consulting Engineering Services - Times of India

Interview with Oregon Congressman Earl Blumenauer: ...discusses the recent climate change legislation...the new U.S. Partnership for Sustainable Communities, the need for long-term sustainable transportation planning in the U.S., and the cost of making U.S. communities walkable and bikeable. - The Dirt/American Society of Landscape Architects (ASLA)

Edwin Lutyens' New Delhi: ...could become a World Heritage Site thanks to a joint initiative by the Lutyens Trust and the Indian National Trust for Art and Cultural Heritage (INTACH) [images] - The Architects' Journal (UK)

Should we love or hate fascist buildings? We condemn buildings built by fascists because of their political history rather than their architectural worth. By Jonathan Glancey -- Clemente Busiri-Vici; Suarez and Roia; Angiolo Mazzoni; Ernst Sagebiel-BD/Building Design (UK)

There's still time to amp up design of Dallas convention center hotel: Our skyline glows with light-trimmed buildings and a huge flashing ball...convention center hotel...looks like "a glorified, ugly Holiday Inn"...How we got here is a story in itself. -- 5Gstudio Collaborative; Foster + Partners; BOKA Powell; HOK; Arquitectonica; HKS - Dallas Morning News

Developer pulls out of £300m Foster/Nouvel scheme: Walbrook Square designs endangered following Metrovacesa's departure from the London project...rumours circulating that architect Gensler could be brought on to see the scheme through. -- Foster + Partners; Jean Nouvel [image] - Building (UK)

Cabe praises 'exciting' Make scheme in Lambeth: Zig-zag tower could become 'benchmark' for future design in London's Vauxhall area...is yet more good news for Make, just a few days after it was selected as the architect for the £250m Brighton Centre development in the south of England. [image] - Building (UK)

A preview of Zaha Hadid's Burnham Plan centennial pavilion: Tailored architecture, dazzling video and star seamstresses...the only thing being sold at this pavilion is the idea of planning and its impact on the quality of life. By Blair Kamin [images] - Chicago Tribune

Ohio State University's William Oxley Thompson Memorial Library reopens today after three-year, \$109 million renovation: ...has undergone more nips, tucks and enhancements than an aging beauty queen trying to hang on to her youth...project restores the grandeur of the historic library...and adds technological and other upgrades to meet the 21st century needs... -- Allen and Collens (1913); Graham Gund Associates; Acock Associates Architects [images] - Columbus Dispatch (Ohio)

[Calgary's \\$24.5M footbridge unveiled to cheers, jeers: ...derided by some Calgarians as a gaudy red waste of \\$24.5 million, and praised by others as a sleek, elegant contribution to downtown Calgary. -- Santiago Calatrava \[images\]- Calgary Herald \(Canada\)](#)

[Exclusive Q&A with Calgary "Peace Bridge" designer Santiago Calatrava- Calgary Herald \(Canada\)](#)

[Float On: An elevated deck brings some much-needed green space to São Paulo...The place does possess...a gritty urban pluck...a new park, Victor Civita Plaza...on the site of a deactivated municipal incinerator. By Martin C. Pedersen -- Anna Dietzsch; Levisky Arquitetos; Benedito Abbud \[images\]- Metropolis Magazine](#)

[Hangzhou to Expand Bike-Sharing Program to 50,000 Bikes...from the currently available 15,000...not a single bike has been stolen in the service's first year of operation, and very few have been damaged or vandalized.- The Dirt/American Society of Landscape Architects \(ASLA\)](#)

[Ball-Nogues makes architecture for the moment: Benjamin Ball and Gaston Nogues have built a reputation with temporary structures. But there's more to come, and one project is even permanent.- Los Angeles Times](#)

[Gems From the Design-Hero Archives: A random selection of favorite video clips of design heroes and heroines — past and present...Nothing beats seeing and hearing them talking about their work. By Alice Rawsthorn -- Eames; Reyner Banham; Aimee Mullins; Buckminster Fuller meets Maharishi Mahesh Yogi; Paul Rand \[links\]- New York Times](#)

[Call for entries: "1000 Product Designs": ...looking for the biggest ideas, the freshest forms, the coolest gadgets, furniture, products, medical devices, transportation, or other product designs; deadline: September 1 - Rockport Publishers](#)

[Burj Dubai set to open on Dec 2: The opening date of the world's tallest building has been a closely guarded secret for years — however, a senior architect working on the project has confirmed that December 2 has been set aside for the opening...to coincide with UAE National Day...- ArabianBusiness.com](#)

[HEAT Rises Down Under Despite the Economy: Queensland's New Wave of Environmental Architects. By Debra Pickrel \[images\]- ArchNewsNow](#)

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