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- Even with costs of going green going down in the hospitality industry and some hoteliers are recouping in record time, others "see red" when it comes to LEED: "you still need a LEED consultant as interpreter...Hurry up with the LEED conversion to the English language!" - National Real Estate Investor (NREI)

- Russell roams around what will be Columbia University's Manhattanville satellite campus where Piano's science center will rise; but "renderings fall short of suggesting the energy this idea factory hopes to unleash" (he has higher hopes for DS+R/Field Operations project: "Columbia could use some of that pizzazz"). By David Brussat

- Wasser finds a Modernist building he actually likes: Gehry's 8 Spruce Street (gaspi) - but he reserves "the right to retract the above opinion of the building upon closer inspection." By James S. Russell

- Lamster discovers a "little-known architecture school with big ambitions: "Does Woodbury University exemplify a demographic revolution in architecture?" By Mark Lamster -- LA Times

- Q&A with Shashi Caan re: the IFI Declaration and "the value, relevance, responsibility, culture, business, knowledge, and identity of interior architecture/design." By Nicolai Ouroussoff -- The New York Times

- Birnbaum/The Cultural Landscape -- Frederic Edwin Church; Frederick Law Olmsted; H. H. Richardson; Calvert Vaux [images, links] -- Huffington Post

- As Kapoor's "Sculpi-Tecture" (a.k.a. ArcelorMittal Orbit) begins to rise, it awaits a nickname and, "at the moment, it looks like some kind of an improbable giant red beanstalk...it might end up looking more like a wilting beanstalk." By Cecil Balmond; Scofidio + Renfro; James Corner Field Operations [images]; -- Bloomberg News

- The Value of View: With the conference Framing the Viewshed...the Olana Partnership is placing the site's character-defining visual and spatial relationships first...worthy of national attention... By Charles A. Birnbaum/The Cultural Landscape -- Frederic Edwin Church; Frederick Law Olmsted; H. H. Richardson; Calvert Vaux [images, links] -- Huffington Post

- A modernist building I actually like: By über-modernist Frank "O!" Gehry to boot? Can this be so? If so, then it qualifies as a teaching moment...[I reserve the right to retract the above opinion of the building upon closer inspection.] By David Brussat [images] -- Providence Journal (Rhode Island)

- Teaching Urban Design: Parsons The New School for Design is launching the nation's first undergraduate degree in urban design, which prompted us to ask the program's director, Victoria Marshall, what exactly is being taught and what exactly it means for the training of a new generation of urbanists with a different relationship to the urban realm than the designers that came before. [images] -- Urban Omnibus

- The Future Belongs to Woodbury: This university in Southern California has a little-known architecture school with big ambitions. Most of its students belong to a minority group and are the first in their families to attend college...Does [it] exemplify a demographic revolution in architecture? By Mark Lamster -- Providence Journal (Rhode Island)

- Eco-Architecture Finds a Home: "Authentic Ecolodges" by Hitesh Mehta, a Kenyan-born architect and landscape architect...[he] has a great desire to make ecotourism work. -- International Ecotourism Society - The East African (Kenya)
An architect's plea for cross-border trade A publisher's dream and the nightmare reality: Maria Aelam Hyder, an architect from IVSAA (Indus Valley School of Art and Architecture, Karachi), started a new art and architecture magazine in Pakistan with a view to improving the design quality, called ADA (Architecture Design Art).

"It pained me to see that the plethora of quality publications on architecture from our neighboring countries but nothing from Pakistan: there was a vacuum." - The News (Pakistan)

AIA Selects 18 Recipients for the 2011 Housing Awards -- Bohlin Cywinski Jackson; Alchemy; Johnsen Schmaling Architects; Robert M. Gurney, FAIA, Architect; Della Valle Bernheimer/Architecture Research Office (ARO); Interface Studio Architects; Olson Kundig Architects; Finegold Alexander + Associates; Eskew+Dumez+Ripple; David Baker + Partners; Koning Eizenberg Architecture; Overland Partners; William Rawn Associates; Ennead Architects [links to images, info] - American Institute of Architects (AIA)

American Academy of Arts and Letters names 2011 Architecture Award Winners: This year’s Brunner Memorial Prize winner is Mack Scogin and Merrill Elam – William Massie/Cranbrook Academy of Art, Julie VanderBerg Snow/Julie Snow Architects, Sylvia Lavin, Anthony Vidler - World Architecture News (UK)

Call for entries: Think Space - Geopolitical Borders/The New Global Border calls for critical observations of border regions as laboratories from which to imagine new paradigms of urbanization and democratization; deadline: April 26 – Eva Franch, Teddy Cruz - Zagreb Society of Architects / Think Space

BNKR Arquitectura: Sunset Chapel, Acapulco, Guerrero, Mexico

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