

## Today's News - Monday, June 10, 2013

EDITOR'S NOTE: Early-morning travel plans mean we won't be posting tomorrow, but we'll be back Wednesday, June 12.

- ArcSpace brings us Hybel's assessment of Meier's Ara Pacis Museum and Hadid's MAXXI Museum, two very different projects in Rome that "have tried to shoulder the heavy burden of adding to the city's accumulated architectural legacy."
- Kimmelman travels to Istanbul: "Taksim Square is the latest reminder of the power of public space...Gezi Park was the last straw...What's at stake is more than a square. It's the soul of a nation" (an awesome essay!).
- Hattam reports from the mini-city rising in Gezi Park that includes "tents, libraries, free food, even free hugs. But how long will it be allowed to last?" (awesome photos!)
- Revkin reflects on urban trees, from Istanbul to Oregon: "When leaders crack down in fights over scarce urban trees, trouble follows."
- Ravensdale bemoans Zambia's poor building standards: it's "all about short cuts, what is cheapest, and corruption. Most buildings are designed and built without any competent professional input."
- An Indian movie star gets behind his father and brother's Bombay Greenway Project, "touted to be the single biggest urban project undertaken in Bombay post-independence" that could "positively impact the lives of millions in New Delhi."
- Hume has cautious hopes that Hamilton, "on the brink of a renaissance," will pay heed to lessons to be learned from "Toronto's towering tales of woe and hyper-growth."
- Heathcote x 2: he's not very optimistic about London's current crop of skyscrapers with "simplistic shapes, dumbed-down caricatures" - this is "not a new age in innovative tower building but a proliferation of silly shapes."
- He has higher hopes for the changing face of London's White City, where "the architects are treating its cocktail of media archaeology and period detail with extraordinary reverence and care."
- An eyeful of AMBS Architects design for the new Baghdad Library, planned to "be the central focus of a planned Youth City designed to inspire Iraq's younger generations" (do we see shades of Hadid in its shape?).
- EDRA hands out its 15th Annual Great Places Awards.
- L.A. Business Council honors 31 projects with its 43rd Annual Los Angeles Architectural Awards.
- DOS Architects wins this year's Renzo Piano Foundation Prize for the best young Italian practice.
- Eyefuls of the 2013 Ceramics of Italy Tile Competition winners.
- Call for entries (registration deadline reminders): Storefront's Competition of Competitions / Redefining Briefs, Clients and Agents + ONE Prize: Stormproof Open International Design Competition for Building Resilient Cities + "LIBO - Living in Borneo" International Architecture Competition to design of a portion of Amsterdam's Borneo-Sporenburg residential area + Changing the Face 2013: Rotunda Warsaw International Competition.

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[The Untouchable City: Rome, the indisputable mecca for architects...I decided to...zoom in on two contemporary projects that...have tried to shoulder the heavy burden of adding to the city's accumulated architectural legacy: Richard Meier's Ara Pacis Museum and Zaha Hadid's MAXXI Museum. By Jakob Harry Hybel \[images\]](#)

[In Istanbul's Heart, Leader's Obsession, Perhaps Achilles' Heel: After Tahrir Square...and Zuccotti Park...Taksim Square is the latest reminder of the power of public space...Gezi Park was the last straw...What's at stake is more than a square. It's the soul of a nation. By Michael Kimmelman -- Omer Kanipak; Gokhan Karakus; Hashim Sarkis - New York Times](#)

[Occupy Istanbul? Inside the Growing Mini-City at Gezi Park: There are tents, libraries, free food, even free hugs. But how long will it be allowed to last? What happens over the next few days could determine whether these pictures of the mini-city...are a requiem for a short-lived burst of opposition or documentation of the beginning of a real movement for change in Turkey. By Jennifer Hattam \[images\] - The Atlantic Cities](#)

[Urban Trees as Triggers, From Istanbul to Oregon: When leaders crack down in fights over scarce urban trees, trouble follows..."There is something about a tree that should make an autocrat shiver." By Andrew C. Revkin \[images, links\] - New York Times](#)

[Zambia Institute of Architects: Poor Standards Cause of Collapsing Buildings: The civil service is now a self service. The way most buildings are constructed now is all about short cuts, what is cheapest, mixed up with corruption...Most buildings in Zambia at the moment are designed and built without any competent professional input. By Neville Ravensdale - Times of Zambia](#)

[Actor John Abraham backs father and brother's 'Bombay Greenway Project': Abraham John Architects looks to undertake an urban project which would significantly & positively impact the lives of millions in New Delhi...touted to be the single biggest urban project undertaken in Bombay post-independence. - Zee News \(India\)](#)

[Urban Growth: Before the boom: Hamilton is on the brink of a renaissance. Will the city have the foresight and courage for thoughtful planning around growth and design? Can it find its version of the Guggenheim? ...would do well to pay attention to Toronto's towering tales of woe and hyper-growth. Better the lessons be learnt before the boom; afterwards will be too late. By Christopher Hume \[images\] - The Hamilton Spectator \(Canada\)](#)

[Skyscrapers fall short when it comes to style: Today, what we have is a proliferation of simplistic shapes, dumbed-down caricatures...They may be record breaking...but in beauty we have fallen a long way behind...not a new age in innovative tower building but a proliferation of silly shapes... By Edwin Heathcote -- Foster + Partners; Renzo Piano; Richard Rogers; Foggo Associates; Kohn Pedersen Fox \(KPF\); Rafael Viñoly - Financial Times \(UK\)](#)

[The changing face of London's White City, home of the BBC: ...there is no doubt this is a significant step towards repairing a bit of cityscape which has never coalesced into anything coherently urban and the architects are treating its cocktail of media archaeology and period detail with extraordinary reverence and care. By Edwin Heathcote -- Archigram; Norman & Dawbarn \(1960s\); AHMM; Duggan Morris; McCreanorLavington; Gillespies - Financial Times \(UK\)](#)

[AMBS Architects unveil images of Baghdad Library: It will be the central focus of a planned Youth City designed to inspire Iraq's younger generations. -- ACA Consultants \[images\]- BD/Building Design \(UK\)](#)

[Environmental Design Research Association Announces Recipients of 15th Annual Great Places Awards. -- Perkins+Will; PLANT Architect; SmithGroupJJR/Studio Gang Architects; Gustafson Guthrie Nichol; Cleveland Urban Design Collaborative, Kent State University; Mark C. Childs; WaterFire Providence \[link to images, info\]- Environmental Design Research Association \(EDRA\)](#)

[43rd Annual Los Angeles Architectural Awards: 31 of the best architectural projects in the county were honored...a Lifetime Achievement Award was given to Ray Kappe. -- ZGF Architects; Rios Clementi Hale Studios; Gruen Associates; The Office of James Burnett; CO Architects/Ayers Saint Gross; PSL Architects; Shimoda Design Group; Michael Maltzan Architecture/HNTB Architecture; AC Martin Partners; Safdie Rabines Architects; John Friedman Alice Kimm Architects; Michael W. Fiolonis Architects; Gensler; Koning Eizenberg Architecture; BASE Architecture; Brooks + Scarpa Architects; Morphosis; etc. \[images\]- Los Angeles Business Council](#)

[London-based DOS Architects Win Renzo Piano Foundation Prize: ...awarded to the best young Italian Architectural practice. Founded by the Italian-Spanish partnership of Lorenzo Grifantini and Tavis Wright in 2006... \[images\]- ArchDaily](#)

[2013 Ceramics of Italy Tile Competition Winners -- MRSA Architects; SHoP Architects; HDR Architecture; DEN Architecture; Anna Marie Fanelli; Sergio Mannino Studio; KNA Design; Jain Malkin; RMW Architecture \[images\]- Confindustria Ceramica \(Italian Association of Ceramics\) / Italian Trade Commission](#)

[Call for entries \(registration deadline reminder!\): Competition of Competitions / Redefining Briefs, Clients and Agents: rethink the format, content and agent/s that constitute the basis for the way competitions and commissions are organized; cash prizes; early registration \(save \\$\\$\\$\): June 22 \(submissions due July 22\)- Storefront for Art and Architecture](#)

[Call for entries \(registration deadline reminder!\): ONE Prize: Stormproof: Open International Design Competition for Building Resilient Cities; cash prizes; early registration \(save \\$\\$\\$\): June 30 \(registration/submission deadline: August 31\)- Terreform ONE](#)

[Call for entries: "LIBO - Living in Borneo" International Architecture Competition: design of a portion of one of the two peninsulas that compose the masterplan Borneo-Sporenburg residential area in Amsterdam; cash prizes; early registration deadline \(save \\$\\$\\$\): July 1; \(submissions due September 15\)- AWR - Architecture Workshop in Rome](#)

[Call For entries: Changing the Face 2013: Rotunda Warsaw: International competition to modernize the existing Rotunda building & create an inviting public space; cash prize + a built project; registration deadline: July 15; \(submission deadline: August 19\)- Union of Polish Architects \(OW SARP\) / PKO Bank Polski / DuPont / Polish Green Building Council / Architizer](#)

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