Booklist and Reader’s Advisory, August 2022

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Reader’s Advisory

American Architects Select 11 of the Country’s Most Influential Buildings

The 25 Tallest Buildings in the World

Democratization of Design

Is Architecture Fueling this Pandemic, and Future Ones?

Anatomy of a Biennale

Articles & Segments

This month’s selection has been chosen and annotated by Yun(Sally) Jiang, a rising sophomore in the School of Architecture at Syracuse University.

Yun(Sally) Jiang

“I started to work at King and King Architecture Library in May 2022 and will be a sophomore architecture student at Syracuse University in fall 2022. I will be selecting the periodical articles beginning June 2022. I look forward to my fall semester learning more about architecture and helping at the library. Hope you enjoy this month’s selections!”


p.52-59.

“Set in mountain view, California, and eight years in the making designed by Bjarke Ingels Group (BIG) and Heatherwick Studio (HS), the compound will house Google Ads, with 4000 employees at this location. As the Silicon Valley giant’s first purpose-built facility, Bay View provided an opportunity to ‘rethink the very idea of what office buildings could be,’ recalls Michele Kaufmann, Google’s director of
real estate and workplace services, research, and development” (53).


“A coastal house organizes an extensive program through a meticulous composition of spaces, geometries, and materials that together seek to adapt to the diverse needs of the occupants” (56).


“In 2021, at Molina de Segura in the Spanish region of Murcia, Andrés Jaque and Miguel Mesa del Castillo completed their Rambla Climate House, a modest project they hope will prove exemplary. Designed as a mediterranean microcosm, they see it as a small first step in sensitising the population to environmental issues” (102).


“Carlos Loperena, co-founder of Greek practice Deca architecture with Alexandros Vaitos in 2001, borrows from Magritte to emphasise the uniqueness of Euphoria Spa, completed in 2018 near the famous Byzantine site of Mystras, near ancient Sparta in the Peloponnese. The wellness spaces span 3,000 square meters within the ‘Euphoria retreat’ hotel complex” (125).


“From her base in Tiznit, to the south of Agadir in Morocco, where she set up her home and studio in 2008, architect Salima Naji has pursued her twenty-year quest to revive remains of the country’s vernacular architecture, once consigned to history by urban planning laws and the rise of concrete which has disfigured the landscape of the Atlas Mountains and the southern regions” (48).


“By stitching the different roof levels together, the firm innovated a sloping, barrier-free “socialscape” that redefines what amenity space can be...The building is a vibrant gathering space for a variety of tenants, from families to students to empty-nester” (68).


“A house should not only accommodate people, but also their spirit and dreams. Though this house is tiny, it provides a unique feeling of serenity over the hustle and bustle of the metropolis. This is a renovation project of a very small house in a historical neighborhood of Guangzhou. Under very limited conditions, the architect renovated the tiny house of only approximately 80 square meters with a new look, and greatly improved the living environment through careful creative design” (73-74).
“After looking at dozens of disappointing newer homes, designers Junko Uchiyama and Christopher Flechtner decided to renovate a century-old machiya, or townhouse, in a historic section of Kyoto. Like the other houses on the pedestrian-only street, their home comes right up to the pavement’s edge (opposite), but unlike any other, it greets passersby with a wide glass facade” (58).

“Members of ULI’s travel-oriented product councils discuss the continued fallout from the pandemic; ways the hospitality industry is renovating, repositioning, and reflagging properties in response to COVID-related changes; the rising interest in environmental, social, and governance (ESG) issues; innovations in hospitality and travel experiences; and other trends” (38).

“The fact that what we call ‘nature’ or looks like ‘nature’ is often a human-made construction is demonstrated by sceneries like this one in the Chinese province of Zhejiang, a carpet of hills that conceals more than 3,000 quarries exploited in the course of centuries. Most of them are abandoned in spite of their picturesque beauty, but nine of these have been worked upon with the intention of giving the zone a boost by means of tourism” (14).

“Architect Katherine Darnstadt, AIA-whose firm Latent Design is working on a $37.5 million, city-supported adaptive reuse project seeking to re-envision the structure-says the enormity of the landmarked space, with the double-height banking hall and interior columns, makes it one of a kind” (54-55).

“The project transforms a 1950s factory building into a dynamic mixed-use community for living, working, social, entertainment, etc. The “borderless” spatial design reinvigorates the silent concrete slab structure and creates a rich quality of life in a three-dimensional composition, while the vibrant facade renovation attracts and brings together outdoor public life” (77).

“On the 15,500 square meters new building for the Royal College of Art’s Battersea Campus in south west London the drama is in the large scale north lights and the offset planes as the floor plates, in the form of balconies, push out into the street” (15).

Booklist:

Special Selections

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**Architectural Technology**

Architecture & Society


Building Materials


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Masterworks


Sustainability


Urban Design


Lebowitz, Fran. Conceiving the Plan: Nuance and Intimacy in Civic Space. Milan: Skira, 2022,
ISBN: 9788857246543. 208 Pages. $45.00.
