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Teaching

MSc Urban Design

The Bartlett's Master of Science course in Urban Design has been developed and run by Colin Fournier as Course Director since its inception in the 1998-1999 academic year. The course is project-oriented and places considerable emphasis on the combination of theoretical research and physical design. While it expects students to work within the planning, technical and economic constraints of the "real world", It primarily encourages them to develop innovative and experimental approaches that go beyond the limitations of current practice. The students come from a multidisciplinary background, although the majority have a background in design, whether as architects or landscape architects. Since the beginning of the course, the urban contexts that have been proposed as objects of urban design research have been chosen so as to expose students to a wide variety of different geographic and cultural conditions. These include: Hong Kong, Shangai, Manhattan, Thames Gateway.

The course director, as well as the three tutors making up the teaching staff, maintain close connections with the profession: key staff members from leading UK practices and international firms are called upon, in addition to visiting academics, to give lectures, run seminars and workshops, as well as to act as external critics for project reviews. The course is therefore very exposed both academically and professionally, achieving positive external recognition. Consequently, graduates have no difficulty finding employment in leading practices worldwide.

Diploma Unit 18

The work of Diploma Unit 18 has always been original and innovative particularly due to the fact that students are given considerable latitude to develop their own agenda. The design philosophy of the unit encourages an examination of the urban scale in physical design and in this respect is complementary to the research work undertaken by the MSc students, at a more detailed architectural level.

Awards and Affiliations

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RIBA, Royal Institute of British architects, UK, Member, 1971-current SADG, Societe des architectes diplomes par le gouvernement, France, Member, 1969-current AA, Architectural Association, UK, Member, 1969-current RCA, Royal College of Art, UK, External examiner, 2001-2004 RMIT, Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology, Australia, External examiner, 2002-2004

Prizes, Awards and other Honours

Frankfurt, Germany, Technical prize awarded for the Kunsthaus Graz project, 2006 Graz, Haus der Architektur, Austria, Architekturpreis des Landes Steiermark, Year prize, 2005, awarded for the Kunsthaus Graz project, 2005

RIBA, Royal Institute of British architects, UK, Stirling prize nomination, Nominated and short-listed as one of the 6 finalists for the Stirling prize, 2004

RIBA, Royal Institute of British architects, UK, RIBA Year prize, 2004, Awarded for the Kunsthaus Graz project, 2004

Graz, Land Steiermark, Austria, Goldener Ehrenzeichen (Golden order of merit), Awarded by the Governor of the province of Styria (Landeshauptmann Frau Waltraud Klasnic) to Professor Colin Fournier for his role as Partner in charge of the Kunsthaus Graz project, 2004

SADG, Societe des architectes diplomes par le gouvernement, France, SADG Bronze medal, Awarded for the best Diploma thesis work presented to the Architectural Association in the 1968–1969 academic year. The research topic was: "Goal-oriented self-organising systems in Planning", 1969