

## The Martin Centre 50th Anniversary Conference Emerging Architectural Research

📅 13-14 December 2017

📍 King's College, Cambridge, UK

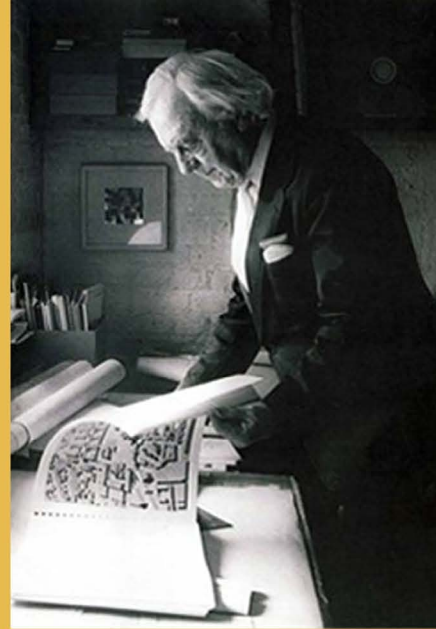
📍 Scroope Terrace, Cambridge, UK

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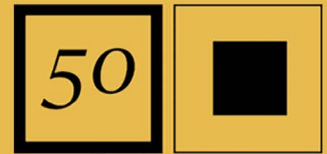
📄 £50 per day, £25 student rate, including lunch, refreshments & drinks reception  
£50 optional formal dinner at Darwin College, including drinks

On the first day, held at Keynes Hall, King's College, the conference will offer a valuable insight into the beginnings of architectural research at The Martin Centre and beyond.

Workshops and a seminar at Scroope Terrace on the second day will provide the opportunity for debate and exploration into the current and future paths of architectural research.



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The aim of The 50th Anniversary Conference will be to address the circumstances that led to the emergence of research in architecture in the UK, the USA, and Europe at a time when the foundations of the Martin Centre were being laid. This will provide the background for a wider discussion, between all conference delegates, of the growth in the past half-century, of architectural research in Cambridge and elsewhere.

This conference will be a celebration of the work of the Martin Centre, and a platform from which new directions in architectural research can be investigated amongst peers and experts.

### Conference Overview

**13 December 2017, 8.30 - 17.00**  
Keynes Hall, King's College, Cambridge

**9.00 Back to the Future**, Introduction from François Penz

Setting the Scene: Phil Steadman

Re-inventing Architectural Research in the mid 1960s: Nick Bullock

Environmental Beginnings: Dean Hawkes

Urban Systems: Marcial Echenique

Acoustics Research: Mike Barron & Raf Orłowski

Architectural Computing: Paul Richens

**12.00 Panel Discussion**

**13.00 Lunch**

**14.00 The Future Present**

The Environmental Tradition: Ken Yeang & Susannah Hagan

Cities, Urbanism & Transport: John Ellis & Mike Batty

**Keynote Speaker:** Carlo Ratti [MIT]

**16.00 Panel discussion**

**18.30 Drinks Reception & Dinner: Darwin College**

**14 December 2017, 9.30 - 18.00**  
Scroope Terrace, Cambridge

**9.30 Parallel Futures** Six sessions will take place in parallel:

1. Conflict in Cities Led by Wendy Pullan, Max Sternberg & Felipe Hernández
2. Risk in the Built Environment Led by Emily So & Robin Spence
3. Natural Materials & Structures Led by Michael Ramage
4. Environment Led by Minna Sunnika-Blank & Yeonsook Heo with Dean Hawkes
5. Digital Studio Led by François Penz & Maureen Thomas
6. Cities & Transport Led by Ying Jin with Marcial Echenique

**13.00 Lunch**

**14.00 Plenary - Looking Ahead: The Next 50 Years**

The six groups will present their findings

**Conversations**

Anthony Vidler with Wendy Pullan [tbc]

Patrick Keiller with Ingrid Schröder

**17.30 Final remarks**

**18.00 Discussion to continue at drinks reception**