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 Orlowski
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 Sunniva-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