

## Architectural History Lecture Series (Birkbeck, 20–24 May 19)

Birkbeck, University of London, May 20–24, 2019

Joel McKim

All are welcome to attend three free Architecture Space and Society Centre (ASSC) events taking place next week as part of Birkbeck Arts Week. These include:

Accidental gardens: Natura Urbana

Monday 20 May | 5.45- 7.20pm

Cinema, 43 Gordon Square

Natura Urbana: The Brachen of Berlin (dir. Matthew Gandy, 2017) explores the ecology of 'accidental gardens' flourishing in post-war Berlin. The changing vegetation serves as a parallel history to war-time destruction, geopolitical division, and the newest phase of urban transformation. Organised by ASSC's Gunes Tavmen.

Euston twilight: hotels, boarding houses and luxury squats in the post-war era

Wednesday 22 May | 7.40-9pm

Meet outside the School of Arts

A twilight walking tour visiting the ghosts of grand hotels and down-at-heel boarding houses in Euston / Bloomsbury. The tour will uncover the history of residential hotels and discover how some establishments were unexpectedly reclaimed. Hosted by ASSC's Alistair Cartwright.

Architecture and dust: a discussion with Teresa Stoppani

Friday 24 May | 6-7.20pm

Cinema, 43 Gordon Square

Dust can be a fragment, fragmented, or an accumulation. Teresa Stoppani (Architecture Association) discusses the idea of dust in relation to architecture, the body and the city. With a response by ASSC's Joel McKim.

For the full programme of Arts Week events and booking information see:  
[www.bbk.ac.uk/annual-events/arts-week/arts-week-2019](http://www.bbk.ac.uk/annual-events/arts-week/arts-week-2019)

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