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Designing Urban Universities (Dublin, 22-24 Jun 23)

Trinity College Dublin, the University of Dublin, Jun 22–24, 2023 Deadline: Jan 20, 2023

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This three-day conference, hosted by the Department of History of Art and Architecture at Trinity College Dublin, will debate the significance and development of urban universities through their architectural and design histories. These will be examined in relation to such areas as urban planning and design, materials and resources, professions and trades, the methods and media of pedagogy, the design of curricula, and sources of funding and investment.

We welcome contributions on all aspects of architecture and design histories of urban universities, especially but not limited to the following topics:

-How the design of urban universities has produced and disseminated knowledge, directed research, or supported new curricula.

-How we might rethink the architecture and design of urban universities to include, for example, the infrastructures, material culture, and media of knowledge production.

-How urban universities have conserved, developed, or adapted their historic buildings and grounds.

-How planning strategies have influenced or been impeded by the design of universities and the relationship with their host cities.

-How urban universities have interacted with and affected the neighbouring city and its communities.

-The role of architectural and design professions and related trades with the development of urban universities.

-How urban universities have acted as planners, employers, landlords, or property developers, in their host cities.

Our keynote speakers are Shelly McNamara and Yvonne Farrell of Grafton Architects, and Reinhold Martin, Professor of Architecture in the Graduate School of Architecture, Planning, and Preservation at Columbia University, and Director of the Temple Hoyne Buell Center for the Study of American Architecture.

Please submit an abstract of 250 words (for a 20-minute paper) to desurbanunis@tcd.ie by 5pm (GMT) on Friday 20 January 2023.

The organisers are: Drs Timothy Stott, Maria Elisa Navarro Morales, and Christopher Cowell. For inquiries, please contact Dr Timothy Stott, stottt@tcd.ie

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