



# LSA\_RIBA Education debate

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> April 13.00 – 18.30

Stirling Gallery and Reilly Lecture Theatre  
The Liverpool School of Architecture  
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In August 2017, the RIBA education review published bold aims for the future of architectural education. Seven months on, in the context of Brexit and a continuously changing higher education environment, the Liverpool School of Architecture is hosting a debate that brings together the RIBA and architectural educators from across the region to discuss how the sector will respond to the future challenges and opportunities.

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## Order of events

12:00	Arrival and registration	REILLY LECTURE THEATRE
13.00 - 13.45	Introductions and panellist 'position statements	REILLY LECTURE THEATRE
13.45 - 14.30	Panellist discussion	REILLY LECTURE THEATRE
14.30 - 15.00	Break – tea and coffee refreshments provided	STIRLING GALLERY first floor
15.00 - 16.30	Panels it discussions continue with questions from the floor	REILLY LECTURE THEATRE
16.30 - 17.00	Conclusions and what's next	REILLY LECTURE THEATRE
17.00 - 18.30	Refreshments- a glass of wine, or soft drink and a chance to chat and mingle. please join us post-debate	STIRLING GALLERY first floor

## Guests

**Ben Derbyshire**  
*President of RIBA*

**Alan Jones**  
*Vice President for Education RIBA*

**Colin Pugh**  
*PSRB Lead, The Manchester School of Architecture*  
*Secretary to SCHOSA (Standing Conference of Heads of Schools of Architecture)*

**Prue Chiles**  
*Professor of Architectural Design Research and Acting Director of Architecture*  
*Newcastle University*  
*School of Architecture Planning and Landscape*

**Daniel Jary**  
*School of Architecture, The University of Sheffield*

**Elantha Evans**  
*Senior Lecturer, University of Westminster*  
*School of Architecture and the Built Environment*

**Dominic Wilkinson**  
*LJMU, Liverpool School of Art and Design*

**Professor Ola Uduku**  
*The Manchester School of Architecture*

**Rob Hyde**  
*The Manchester School of Architecture*

**Professor Soumyen Bandyopadhyay**  
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**Dr Rosa Urbano Gutierrez**  
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**Alex Dusterloh**  
*Director of Studies, University of Liverpool*  
*School of Architecture*

## Resources

RIBA Education Review - [architecture.com/knowledge-and-resources/resources-landing-page/riba-education-review](http://architecture.com/knowledge-and-resources/resources-landing-page/riba-education-review)

RIBA report: Global by design - [architecture.com/knowledge-and-resources/resources-landing-page/global-by-design-2018](http://architecture.com/knowledge-and-resources/resources-landing-page/global-by-design-2018)

## Chair

### **Ben Derbyshire Dip Arch Cantab RIBA**

*President of RIBA*

Ben Derbyshire is Chair of HTA Design LLP, a design consultancy to the home building industry, practicing 'creative collaboration' in a range of professional and other disciplines.

A member of the practice since 1976 and a co-owner since 1986, Ben became a main board director when the practice incorporated in 2000 and was appointed Managing Director in 2005. Ben became Managing Partner in 2013 when HTA Architects Limited became HTA Design LLP and then Chair in 2016.

He has built up broad-ranging expertise through involvement in much of HTA's work in regeneration, masterplanning, housing and mixed use design.

Ben has worked on a many complex large-scale schemes undertaken by the practice over the years. As well as acting as HTA's Chair, Ben is responsible for the practices internal Design Review process and leads the Marketing effort.

Ben was elected as President of the RIBA in a ballot of members in August 2016. He became President in September 2017.

## Panel

### **Alan Jones**

*Founder, Alan Jones Architects Ltd.*

*Senior Lecturer Queen's University Belfast*

*Vice President (RIBA) for Education RIBA*

Alan Jones was made a fellow of the RIBA in 2016 for his significant contribution to practice, education and the profession. Projects he has worked on have received seven RIBA awards and two have been shortlisted for the Stirling Prize. He is interested in how a supportive architectural culture can be created, across practice, education and research that maximises the potential for all involved to realise their personal, educational and professional aspirations. He has delivered papers on architectural knowledge and education and the relationship with practice, government, the construction industry and research.

He was a member of RIBA Research & Innovation Group (2010-17), and was part of the advisory panel for the recent AHRC funded research project "The Value of Architects & Architecture". The book "Defining Contemporary Professionalism" co-edited with Rob Hyde with over fifty contributions on facets of professionalism will be published in late 2018. Alan is a nationally elected member of RIBA Council, and has been Vice President of Education since late 2015. In that role, he chairs the RIBA Education Committee and is a member of RIBA Board.

In 2017-18 he documented the wide variety of routes through Part 2 within the UK and he tabled his report on the importance of social mobility, which was accepted and agreed at RIBA Board. He has also initiated a guide "Studying Architecture Well", addressing mental well-being and highlighting good practice for students and staff in architecture schools. During the recent recession he was joint head of architecture at Queen's University Belfast, (2008-16) raising the school within the Guardian league table to its present position of seventh overall and first for added value. He teaches design, construction and professional skills, His project "Success through Architecture" has over 100 role models to explore and celebrate the diversity within mainstream practice and the "extended profession".

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He is a member of the current joint ARB RIBA Working group on the new criteria, likely to be issued for consultation in the summer of 2018. He has chaired many RIBA Visiting Boards and has been an invited judge of numerous design and education awards. He has been an expert advisor on design to the Ministerial Advisory Group 2008 and is an external examiner at Dundee and University of Nottingham. In 2016 Alan was a close second in the election for President of the RIBA with 44% of the final vote.

### **Colin Pugh**

*PSRB Lead: The Manchester School of Architecture*

*Secretary to SCHOSA (Standing Conference of Heads of Schools of Architecture)*

Colin Pugh has extensive experience of regulatory processes relating to the design and operation of recognised programmes in architecture in the UK, the EU and other global contexts. He has been involved with Professional, Regulatory and Statutory Bodies (PSRBs) on behalf of the Manchester School of Architecture for around twenty years in a variety of roles including Head of School, Director of Studies and Programme Leader for both Bachelors and Masters level study in architecture. He was a SCHOSA Council member prior to his current role as Secretary to SCHOSA and in this capacity has taken part in a continuous dialogue about the evolution of architecture education with RIBA, ARB and others. He has developed a variety of initiatives that have resulted in innovative and unique opportunities for the study of architecture for UK, other EU and International students at the Manchester school of Architecture. He is actively engaged in the contemporary development of delivery models for Architecture Apprenticeships and the more general discourse about regulatory change prompted by a variety of reviews of architecture education including the current ARB Criteria and Procedures Review.

### **Prue Chiles**

*Professor of Architectural Design Research and Acting Director of Architecture*

*Newcastle University*

*School of Architecture Planning and Landscape*

'Professional roles include Director of Architecture at the University of Sheffield School of Architecture 2008-2010 and a key client role in the highly successful refurbishment of the listed modernist Arts Tower, at the University.

Prue is a founding member of the Interdisciplinary and Inter-institutional Visual Culture Network. She is committed to various advisory roles for both Central Government and Regional Agencies, she is on the faculty of the British School at Rome encouraging young architects to broaden their design and research skills in the heady atmosphere of Rome. She is Chair of Trustees for the community-led design charity Glass – House.

In 2002 Prue initiated the Bureau-design+research (Bdr) at the University of Sheffield, a unique research consultancy/project office, designed to raise the profile of architectural design in the building process both within and outside a university context. They carried out more than 60 funded projects gaining an international reputation for participatory practices, research consultancy and knowledge transfer; particularly for our work on neighbourhood design, designing learning environments, and new futures for the North of England.

The same team, Howard Evans and Leo Care, Prue Chiles, with others, forms the architectural practice (Prue Chiles Architects - [pruechilesarchitects.co.uk](http://pruechilesarchitects.co.uk)) that has facilitated research-based practice in their built work. They have completed a number of innovative buildings/projects over the last 10 years, including a "Classrooms of the Future" and a bowling pavilion funded by Sport England. The projects have been widely exhibited and published in the Architectural Press and won RIBA Regional Awards including in 2014 the small project of the year award for the Yorkshire region. The practice work was recently profiled in Thames and Hudson's 2013 "Architects Sketchbook".

**Daniel Jary**

*The University of Sheffield  
Sheffield School of Architecture*

Head of Learning and Teaching at Sheffield School of Architecture, with responsibility for the development and enhancement of taught courses across the School. Currently leading on SSoA's Undergraduate and MArch Curriculum Review, which seeks to develop innovative responses in light of the RIBA Education Review and changes in the HE sector. Co-Chair of the Association of Architectural Educators, a national body which promotes teaching innovation and the sharing of best practice within architectural education.

**Elantha Evans**

*Senior Lecturer  
University of Westminster  
School of Architecture and the Built Environment*

Elantha Evans is an architect and educator, with a variety of practice and academic experience. In addition to leading BA + MArch design studios at Bath, London Southbank University and currently at the University of Westminster, Elantha's practice work with Serrano Evans Partnership included architectural, interior and object design, balanced with site-specific performances and installations. She has also worked with Richard Rogers on Madrid Airport, Tim Ronalds on Hackney Empire Theatre and with Evans and Shalev Architects. In the context of this debate on education, she would like to pose the question of what role 'the university' should aspire to play in resetting the agenda of the relationship between practice and education.

**Dominic Wilkinson**

*LJMU  
Liverpool School of Art and Design*

Dominic Wilkinson is an architect, urban designer, senior lecturer and researcher at Liverpool John Moores University.

Since arriving in Liverpool as a student 25 years ago he has worked in local authority, run his own practice in the UK and Netherlands, been a director at ShedKM architects, taught at Manchester school of architecture, he is past president of Liverpool Architectural Society, past RIBA regional chair and current coordinator for the Liverpool Modernist Society.

Dominic has been involved in previous debates around architectural education as a past member of the RIBA national education committee and contributor to Building Futures Think Pieces.

Currently researching a book in the prominent Liverpool architect F. X. Velarde, and has also been responsible for the design and curation of the exhibition about the 1960 competition for the Liverpool Catholic Cathedral.

**Professor Ola Uduku**

*The Manchester School of Architecture*

Ola Uduku took up a Professorship in Architecture at the Manchester School of Architecture in 2017. Prior to this she was Reader in Architecture, and Dean International for Africa, at Edinburgh University. Her research specialisms are in the history of educational architecture in Africa, and the contemporary issues related to social infrastructure provision for minority communities in cities in the 'West' and 'South'.

She is currently engaged in developing postgraduate research and teaching links in architecture urbanism, heritage and conservation between West African Architecture schools and those in North West England. She has in the past published in the areas of Modernist Architecture in Africa, African Diaspora Studies, Gated Communities, School Design in Africa and Environmental Design teaching pedagogies.

**Rob Hyde**

*The Manchester School of Architecture*

Rob Hyde ARB RIBA is a Designer, Chartered Architect, Urbanist, Academic and Researcher at the Manchester School of Architecture [a joint school between the Manchester Metropolitan University and the University of Manchester].

Previously Rob has been a Masters Studio leader within both the Manchester and Birmingham Schools of Architecture as well as being Associate/Visiting Lecturer and Guest Critic at numerous Universities. Rob also has diverse experience within industry being employed by and setting up practices, working nationally and internationally on award winning projects.

Within the Manchester School of Architecture Rob leads Professional Studies [looking at the design of both Business and Project models/structures/processes], teaches studio within the Complexity Planning and Urbanism [CPU] Post Graduate Research Atelier he co-founded [one of the most computational studios nationally/ internationally looking at digital urban transformations, scripting/ coding and working with Big Data, AI etc identifying use cases and creating tools for application]. He is also co-director with Ulysses Sengupta of the CPU Research Cluster [working on live EU and UK funded projects on Mobility, Autonomous Vehicles, IoT infrastructure, Agile Governance and policy making etc] and a co-founder of DACAS a global trans-disciplinary network looking at cities as Complex Adaptive Systems + dealing with data. The network recently having a UN Policy Brief published on Sustainable Smart Cities.

Within the School of Architecture and wider faculty Rob has until recently had Managerial responsibility for Employment, Employability + Enterprise as well as international relationships, developing external cross-disciplinary collaborative networks between academia and industry focussing on both employment and research. This work's impact is demonstrated in the School of Architecture's recent placing as the #2 in UK and #7 in Globally in the prestigious QS World University Rankings with Employer Reputation as the highest performing metric [#2 Global]

He is also an active invited member of a number of committees/ working groups across numerous organisations both within academia and industry with the intention to bridge between both.

Currently Rob's research interest centres around transformative capacities of organisations [public and private sector] in relation to technological innovation and digital urban transformation. He will also have a book 'Defining Contemporary Professionalism' published in Sept 2018

**Professor Soumyen Bandyopadhyay**

*Stirling Chair in Architecture*

*University of Liverpool*

*The Liverpool School of Architecture*

Soumyen Bandyopadhyay is the Head of School and holds the Sir James Stirling Chair in Architecture at the Liverpool School of Architecture (LSA). He has previously held professorial positions at the Manchester School of Architecture (MSA) and Nottingham Trent University.

Soumyen contributes to the teaching of architectural design and the history and theory of architecture. His teaching and research interests are focused on the historical, theoretical and contextual approaches to architectural design and the art and architecture of India and the Middle East. Soumyen has extensive experience of architectural practice in India and the Middle East. He continues to undertake advisory and consultancy work in urban development, regeneration, architectural and urban design, and conservation.

**Dr Rosa Urbano Gutierrez**

*Senior Lecturer (Associate Professor) in Architecture  
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Dr. Rosa Urbano Gutierrez has been working on sustainable architectural design through the exploration of emergent materials and technologies since 2003. Her research has been funded by institutions like RIBA, Fulbright, Fondation Le Corbusier, MIT Energy Initiatives, Harvard University, Real Colegio Complutense, Fundación Caja Madrid or Fundación Rafael Escolá, and industrial partners like Guardian Glass or the Spanish Association of Ceramic Tile Manufacturers.

Rosa studied and researched in the Polytechnic University of Madrid, Harvard University and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, and is presently Senior Lecturer in Architecture and founder and director of the ECALab (Environmental Ceramics for Architecture Laboratory) at the Liverpool School of Architecture. Rosa's recent research on sustainable architecture will be published in two forthcoming books: *Sustainable Retrofits: Post War Residential Towers in Britain* (Routledge, 2018), and *Elements of Sustainable Architecture* (Routledge, 2018).

**Alex Dusterloh**

*Director of Studies  
University of Liverpool  
School of Architecture*

Alex studied architecture at Brighton University and The University of Liverpool, and worked in practice in London, Liverpool and Manchester, as well as on projects in Spain, USA and Pakistan.

He spent over ten years in professional practice working for design led companies, including Foster and Partners, shedkm architects and Hodder Associates. His professional experience covers a wide range of sectors including award-winning residential and commercial schemes, as well as numerous regeneration projects, often focusing on the revival, re-use and re-invention of existing historical buildings.

Alex worked as a design tutor before joining The University of Liverpool full-time in 2012. He lectures on Structure and Construction and teaches design across the school. He leads the undergraduate admissions team and is Director of Studies for the BA (Part 1) programme.

He was appointed to the Prescribed Examination Panel of the Architects Registration Board in February 2017.



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