

Affordable Housing: Architecture for the People

Speaker Biographies

Moderator: Martha Thorne (USA)

Dean, IE School of Architecture and DESIGN, SPAIN

Martha Thorne is Dean of IE School of Architecture & Design in Spain and was formerly the Executive Director of the Pritzker Architecture Prize from 2005- 2021 and curator of Architecture at The Art Institute of Chicago from 1995 to 2005. She has written numerous articles for books and journals on contemporary architecture. She served on the Board of Directors of the International Archive of Women in Architecture and the Graham Foundation for Fine Arts. An honorary fellow of the RIBA and COAM (Professional Association of Architects of Madrid), her interests focus on the city of the future and innovation in education.

Keynote: Balkrishna Doshi (India)

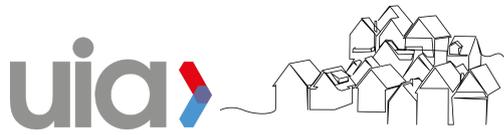
Balkrishna Doshi is an Indian architect noted for his contributions to the evolution of architectural discourse in India. Between 1951 and 1954, he worked closely with Le Corbusier in Paris, returning to India in 1954 to supervise the latter's buildings in Ahmedabad. The Aranya Low Cost Housing development in Indore, which was awarded the Aga Khan Award for Architecture, is among his most admired designs. Doshi also helped found the Vastu-Shilpa Foundation for Studies and Research in Environmental Design, which has completed groundbreaking work in low-cost housing and city planning. A Fellow of the Royal Institute of British Architects (RIBA) and of the Indian Institute of Architects (IIA), he has served on the selection committees for the Pritzker Prize, the Indira Gandhi National Centre for Arts, and the Aga Khan Award for Architecture. In 2018, he was the first Indian architect to win the Pritzker Architecture Prize.

Kenynote: Sara Topelson (Mexico)

Sara Topelson is a Mexican architect and urban planner. She served as UIA Council Member for Region III between 1990 and 1993 and presided as President of the International Union of Architects (UIA) between 1993 and 1996. Former Under Secretary for Urban and Regional Development for the Mexican Federal Government, she is founder of DOCOMOMO México and was chairman of Urban Land Institute México, President of the International Women's Forum, and is currently Director of the Housing Documentation and Research Center (CIDOC). A partner at Grinberg + Topelson Architects, she has more than 40 years of experience in the fields of urban planning, education, culture residential and low-income housing.

Speaker: Diego Zoppi (Italy)

Diego Zoppi is an Italian architect and planner. Founder of AR&P Architecture, he has worked on numerous public spaces in Italy, the Middle East and Asia. Former Board member and President of the Provincial Council of Architects of Genoa, he has been a member of the Consiglio Nazionale Architetti Paesaggisti Pianificatori Conservatori (CNAPPC) since 2016 and was recently elected to the Executive Board of the Architects' Council of Europe (ACE). He is currently adjunct Professor in Urban Planning at the University of Genoa and an alternate UIA Region I Council member. On



the national level, he advocates for the regeneration of Italian suburbs and the revitalization of Italian cities.

Speaker: Özgür Bingöl (Turkey)

Özgür Bingöl is a Turkish architect and Professor of architecture. He received his Bachelors and Doctorate degrees in Architecture from Mimar Sinan University in Istanbul, Turkey, where he completed a thesis on mass housing architecture. He is an Associate Professor at the Department of Architecture of Mimar Sinan Fine Arts University and he teaches architectural design and planning. He is also a practicing architect and co-founder of BBMD | Bingöl Barka Architecture & Consultancy. He specialises in housing and urban space.

Speaker: Heather Dodd (South Africa)

Heather Dodd is a South African architect, and a partner at Johannesburg-based Savage + Dodd Architects, which she co-founded in 1998. The projects undertaken by the firm range from social housing and urban regeneration projects in the inner city of Johannesburg to public buildings and university facilities, from new buildings to complex additions, alterations to existing buildings at a large scale and major adaptive re-use of existing buildings. Specialised in social housing and adaptive re-use and re-purposing, Savage + Dodd Architects are dedicated to green architecture and their work has received several design awards.