

Subject: re: ACS news, information, and opportunities
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From: Julio Bermudez
To: (Architecture, Culture & Spirituality Forum) ACSF

Dear ACSF members,

Below are opportunities, news, and information that you may find of interest. As usual, this material has been offered by other members or myself.

COMPETITIONS

STUDENT AWARDS FOR RELIGIOUS ART AND ARCHITECTURE

There is a "Student Work" category in the Faith & Form/IFRAAA International Awards for Religious Art and Architecture, and submissions can be made by students and faculty. Design studio projects, design/build projects, liturgical furnishings, landscape designs, and the arts completed over the past 5 years are all eligible. [Submissions to the awards program close June 30](#). For more information visit: faithandformawards.com

NEWS/READINGS

Texas Architect: A series of articles appeared in its last (May/June 2017) issue of under the topic **Sacred/Profane** deserve attention. Among them are: **New Sacred Geographies** by an ACS member Antonio Petrov, **Tradition(alism) Resurgent**, **Ascending Circle**, and **Awe**. Here is a link to them:

<https://txamagazine.org/category/sacredprofane/>

Oldest Fossils of Homo Sapiens Found in Morocco, Altering History of Our Species

(appeared in the New York Times)

<https://www.nytimes.com/2017/06/07/science/human-fossils-morocco.html>

Fossils discovered in Morocco are the oldest known remains of Homo sapiens (about 300,000 year old!) , scientists reported on Wednesday, a finding that rewrites the story of mankind's origins and suggests that our species evolved in multiple locations across the African continent.

A survival guide for our 'post-Christian' nation

(appeared in the Washington Post)
https://www.washingtonpost.com/opinions/a-survival-guide-for-our-post-christian-nation/2017/03/24/74b5ae7e-10c3-11e7-9b0d-d27c98455440_story.html

In "The Benedict Option ," a much-discussed new book describing itself as "a strategy for Christians in a post-Christian nation," author Rod Dreher explores the implications of the cascade of Americans leaving organized religion — the number of religiously non-affiliated climbed to 23 percent in 2014 from 16 percent in 2007 — and the squeezing

out of traditionally minded Christians from public life.

Chinese spirituality on its own terms (appeared in the Washington Post)

<http://www.theintelligencer.com/entertainment/article/Book-World-Chinese-spirituality-on-its-own-terms-11159211.php>

Chinese society is not religious. At least that's the conventional wisdom, which argues that there is no place for religion in a China consumed by materialist capitalism under the control of a dictatorial government. But in "The Souls of China," journalist Ian Johnson brilliantly demonstrates that the conventional wisdom is wrong. Under the surface lies a world of vividly imagined hopes and dreams. Johnson, who won the Pulitzer Prize for his reporting on the suppression of the Falun Gong spiritual movement, ventures far off the beaten path and listens to ordinary Chinese who introduce him to their world of the spirit.

Academia may now be beyond satire (appeared in the Washington Post)

<https://www.wenatcheeworld.com/news/2017/jan/12/george-will-academia-may-now-be-beyond-satire/>

The Chronicle of Higher Education, which is a window on the sometimes weird world of academia, recently revisited a hilarious intellectual hoax from 20 years ago. Reading the recollections of the perpetrator and of some who swallowed his gibberish is sobering.

The clock's ticking for all of us, but nobody has a clue what it means (appeared in the Washington Post)

https://www.washingtonpost.com/opinions/the-clocks-ticking-for-all-of-us-but-nobody-has-a-clue-what-it-means/2017/03/31/14036b26-0500-11e7-b1e9-a05d3c21f7cf_story.html?utm_term=.c1b1b416b92e

Alan Burdick's fascinating and eclectic 10-year odyssey in search of the meaning of time is "a mostly scientific investigation" that takes him from New York to Paris to the Arctic, from a 100-foot Zero Gravity Free Fall in Dallas to a claustrophobic MRI machine peering inside his brain, and from the writings of Aristotle, Augustine and William James to meetings with behavioral neuroscientists, cognitive psychologists and time researchers nationwide. It also takes him on a personal journey and a reckoning with himself, because time turns out to be the most intimate of topics, inherently subjective, despite Burdick's best efforts to describe it objectively.

'Stranger in a Strange Land': Looking for the man who took Kabbalah mainstream (appeared in the Washington Post)

https://www.washingtonpost.com/opinions/stranger-in-a-strange-land-looking-for-the-man-who-took-kabbalah-mainstream/2017/05/05/85780864-05ca-11e7-b9fa-ed727b644a0b_story.html?utm_term=.b70efbb8ddf9

Before Gershom Scholem published "Major Trends in Jewish Mysticism" in 1941, Kabbalah had been either ignored or forgotten by 20th-century Jews. The orthodox and the secular alike were uncomfortable with Kabbalah's gnostic mythology, embarrassed by its strange books teeming with demons, magic and sex. The less known about it the better. But Scholem thought differently. To him, Kabbalah was the vibrant lost soul of a religion that modernity had made stale.

BOOKS

Arquitectura Viva 192: Spaces of the Spirit. From East to West: Eight Temples. Globalisation has not dimmed, but rather fueled the presence of mainstream religions, accompanied now by other forms of confession, and this liturgical impulse is expressed in buildings that channel spirituality through reinterpretations of traditional types or explorations of new solutions. Here presented eight spaces for the spirit, located on four continents. In Dhaka, Marina Tabasum designed an abstract mosque; in Sakharwadi, SP+a erected a Buddhist center; in Saitama, Nakamura & NAP built a multid denominational worship place; in Christchurch (New Zealand), Shigeru Ban has put up a temporary cathedral, and four more. Spanish/English

[http://www.stoutbooks.com/cgi-bin/stoutbooks.cgi/101558.html?ct=t\(IP271\)&goal=0_ad0a8f986c-5c202ca172-129332805&mc_cid=5c202ca172&mc_eid=fba4844e14](http://www.stoutbooks.com/cgi-bin/stoutbooks.cgi/101558.html?ct=t(IP271)&goal=0_ad0a8f986c-5c202ca172-129332805&mc_cid=5c202ca172&mc_eid=fba4844e14)

WORKSHOPS

Territories of Faith. Religion, Urban Planning and Demographic Change in Post-War Europe, 1945 - 1975.

<https://catholicterritories.wordpress.com/territories-of-faith-workshop/>

The research group Architectural Cultures of the Recent Past (ARP<<http://www.arp-kuleuven.be/>>) of KU Leuven and KADOC<<http://kadoc.kuleuven.be/>>, the Documentation and Research Centre on Religion, Culture and Society of KU Leuven, are organizing an international workshop on religion, urban planning and demographic change in post-war Europe. The workshop aims to offer new insights in how organized religion manages and marks its presence within a given territory.

On 3 and 4 July 2017, nine papers will be presented and discussed as a prelude to an edited volume. The workshop also includes a day tour to some remarkable modern church buildings in the Leuven - Brussels area.

For more details, check out our website<<https://catholicterritories.wordpress.com/territories-of-faith-workshop/>> or brochure<https://catholicterritories.files.wordpress.com/2017/05/territories_of_faith_workshop_program_201705231.pdf>.

Researchers and practitioners with an interest in the history of religious architecture are welcome to participate in the workshop. Yet due to limited room capacity, registration is required before 2 June 2017 by sending an e-mail to

eva.weyns@kuleuven.be<<mailto:eva.weyns@kuleuven.be>>. For listeners, there is a fee to cover the costs of food and refreshments (20 for lunch / 90 for lunch and dinner - to be paid cash at the beginning of the workshop).

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Venue:

KADOC, Vlamingenstraat 39, 3000 Leuven, Belgium

Mapping in Arts and Humanities Research

King's College London / University College London

June 14th, 21st, and 27th, 2017

Mapping in Arts and Humanities Research

Two workshops and a symposium, co-hosted by King's College London and University College London, and funded by the London Arts and Humanities Partnership (LAHP)

For more information, go to:

http://www.ahra-architecture.org/events/details/mapping_in_arts_and_humanities_research/

JOURNALS

CALL FOR PAPERS

ESEMPI DI ARCHITETTURA

(INTERNATIONAL JOURNAL with peer review)

EDA, VOL. 4, N.2, 2017

<http://www.esempidiarchitettura.it/index.php>

Curatore | Editor: Damiano Iacobone,

Politecnico di Milano

ARCHITECTURE AND NEUROSCIENCE

This issue of "Esempi di Architettura", referred to the relationship between Architecture and Neuroscience, aims to recollect essays by scholars who study interactions between scientific knowledge – related to a complex perception of the space – and the creation of architectural projects (also with digital systems), but also artistic expressions or urban analysis based on this kind of approach.

Deadline: July 28, 2017

For more info:

http://www.esempidiarchitettura.it/ebcms2_uploads/fckeditor/file/edaa%204%202.pdf

CONFERENCES

Cities for Tomorrow (A New York Times Conference)

July 10–11, 2017

<https://www.nytcitiesfortomorrow.com/cft2017>

How do the greatest cities succeed? On July 10–11, The New York Times will convene the world's foremost industry experts, policymakers, developers, creative visionaries, entrepreneurs and others at Cities for Tomorrow, the must-attend event for leaders who

are shaping the urban environments of the future.

Oxford Symposium on Religious Studies

2nd to 4th August 2017
Oxford, United Kingdom

The Symposium is a forum for discourse and presentation of papers by persons who have an interest in the study of religion. Canon Brian Mountford MBE, the former Vicar of St Mary's Church and Fellow of St Hilda's College, will facilitate the meeting.

Enquiries: info@oxfordsymposiumonreligiousstudies.com
Web address: <https://www.oxfordsymposiumonreligiousstudies.com/>
Sponsored by: Oxford Academic Symposia

The Future of Ethics, Education and Research

16th to 17th October 2017
Rockville, United States of America

We gladly invite you to attend the International Conference The Future of Ethics, Education and Research which will be held at Johns Hopkins University, just 20 miles away from Washington DC.

The Research Association for Interdisciplinary Studies (RAIS) creates an ample research platform for academics and researchers from all around the world and offers them the opportunity to create lasting relations for future collaborations. RAIS encourages academics and researchers to share their experiences and to contribute to the developing of diverse subjects, offering them the perspective of an interdisciplinary approach.

Below are the Conference Proceedings which cover a wide area of topics such as economics, medical sciences, education, mass-media, political studies, law, religion, biological studies and so on. You can find more details on their specific pages on our website (<http://rais.education/the-future-of-ethics-education-and-research/>). You can write articles in different conference proceedings on your preferred topics.

1. The Future of Medicine, Health Care and Biological Studies
2. The Future of Economics – a multidisciplinary approach
3. The Future of Education, Mass-Media and Communication
4. The Future of Political Stability and Human Security
5. The Future of Religion and Peace

Deadlines:

Abstract submission: August 21, 2017

Acceptance Notification: 1 week after abstract submission

Full papers submission: September 15, 2017

You can now attend our conference for the price of \$179 (please see our website for details: <http://rais.education/2058-2/>)

Enquiries: rais.e@email.com

Web address: <http://rais.education/the-future-of-ethics-education-and-research/>
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Building Beauty - Ecologic Design and Construction Process

Naples, Italy

October 16 2017 - May 05 2017

Building Beauty is an intensive, memorable experience of studies team work and life in the heart of the city of Naples, Italy.

For more info: http://www.ahra-architecture.org/events/details/building_beauty/

AA Women & Architecture in Context 1917-2017

CALL FOR PAPERS

The Architectural Association School of Architecture in London

November 02 2017 - November 04 2017

http://www.ahra-architecture.org/events/details/cfp_aa_women_architecture_in_context_1917-2017/

AA XX 100 is the project to commemorate the centenary of women's admission to the Architectural Association School of Architecture in London in 1917. To date it has comprised a raft of complementary enterprises including an annual lecture series and an ongoing programme to conduct filmed interviews with AA alumnae. The project culminates in autumn 2017 with an exhibition (October - December 2017), a book (*Breaking the Mould: AA Women in Architecture 1917-2017*) and an international conference (AA Women and Architecture in Context 1917-2017) run in partnership with the Paul Mellon Centre for Studies in British Art.

We now announce the Call for Papers for the conference, which will take place between 2nd and 4th November 2017 at the AA and the Paul Mellon Centre in Bedford Square, London, W.C.1.

We invite academics, architects and other practitioners to submit proposals for 20-minute papers in response to the themes listed on the attached poster. Submissions are encouraged from researchers at all stages of their careers, and papers should be understood as not confined purely to the AA as a subject matter but equally to the wider context of women and architecture across the centenary period.

Format:

Paper proposals should be 300 words in length; please include contact details, affiliation and a brief CV.

Poster proposals should be up to 300 words in length; please include contact details, affiliation and a brief CV.

Both should be emailed to: AAXX100conference@aschool.ac.uk
<<mailto:AAXX100conference@aschool.ac.uk>>

Deadline for proposals is 12.12.16, for notification no later than January 2017. Successful applicants will be expected to cover their own costs for travel and accommodation but will have free entry to the conference.

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