

Practice matters

Quality architecture and design, not unlike good food, should equal a good experience without which it may look good but fail in its primary intent which is to add value to life. I wish you quality experiences over the festive season.

Green tip

We are bombarded with so-called green products every day. Make sure of its credentials before purchasing. And by the way, if it makes no economic sense, it probably also makes no green sense. Sustainability has three pillars in synergy: environment, culture and economics

Books, Movies & Events

The Eyes of the Skin, Juhani Pallasmaa, published by John Wiley and Sons Ltd, 2005 (2nd Ed). Interest in the role of the body and the senses has been emerging in architectural philosophy. This seminal work inspires towards an holistic approach and enrich perceptions of the world. The two essays survey the historical development of the ocular-centric paradigm in western culture since the Greeks and its impact on our experience of the world and the nature of architecture while the second examines the role of other senses in authentic experiences towards a multi-sensory fabric which facilitates a sense of belonging and integration.



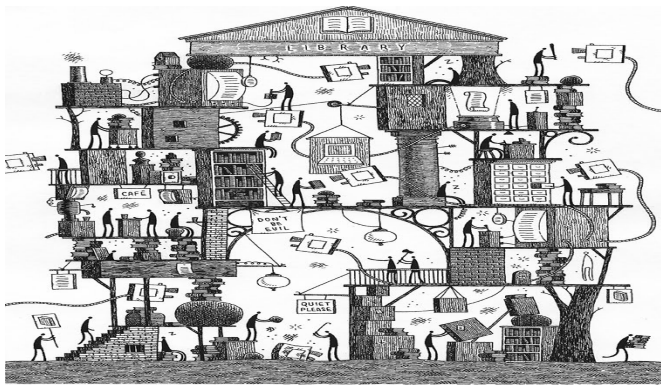
Quote for the month

"Cheerfulness, it would appear, is a matter which depends fully as much on the state of things within, as on the state of things without and around us." Charlotte Bronte

What's news

With COP17 - The 17th Conference of the parties to the United Nations Framework Conference on Climate Change (UNFCCC) and the 7th Session of the Conference of the parties serving as the Meeting of the parties (CMP7) to the Kyoto Protocol, coming to a close in Durban on Friday the 9th of December. We can only hope that their slogan "Working Together, Saving Tomorrow Today," will somehow change mindsets with an increased awareness of contemporary realities. For further info visit www.cop17-cmp7durban.com

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