

## Today's News - Tuesday, April 14, 2009

- One on One: Kengo Kuma takes the spotlight in the first in a new ArchNewsNow series of interviews by architect, writer, and curator Vladimir Belogolovsky.
- Kuma is awed by Istanbul's style and old Turkish architecture.
- Russell returns with a retake on his take of Zumthor's Pritzker: "I would have liked instead someone whose work speaks to the extraordinary challenges of our time."
- Pawson, Williams, Cloepfil, and Bergdoll chime in with their takes on this year's Pritzker pick.
- AJ's Q&A with the master (just prior to the Pritzker Prize announcement): "It is a legend that I am slow; I'm just honest!"
- Study claims Toronto is becoming a bedroom community for the burgeoning 'burbs.
- Hume begs to differ: "The point isn't that Toronto's about to become a suburb, but that the suburbs are becoming cities."
- Viet Nam lays out long-term plans for a network of urban regions (historic preservation promised).
- Viñoly and EYP tapped for two Boston projects bearing the moniker Kennedy.
- Meanwhile, Viñoly's "take 2" for London's £4 billion Battersea Power Station ditches the "eco-chimney" (but still carbon-neutral); receives "a cautious welcome."
- Big plans for Aspen's Wheeler Opera House; not all are convinced.
- A decade of campus building boom followed by a recession and spike in energy prices has colleges making some tough choices.
- Zaha dissed for more than skipping Barbican debate ("Hardly anyone noticed that Fuksas hadn't turned up either").
- A slide show of the 7 best green skyscrapers from around the world (not discussed: how many of 5 will actually be built?).
- AIA/COTE 2009 Top Ten Green Projects announced (excellent info & pix, too).
- Call for papers: Society of Architectural Historians 63rd Annual Meeting in Chicago in 2010.
- Call for entries: design a hole for a miniature golf course in Brooklyn to open this summer.

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**One on One: Elusive Architecture: Interview with Kengo Kuma:** "I want to create a condition that is as vague and ambiguous as drifting particles. The closest thing to such a condition is a rainbow." By Vladimir Belogolovsky [images]- ArchNewsNow

**A Japanese architect awed by Istanbul's style:** Kengo Kuma was in town last week, where he told colleagues and architecture students about his latest designs at a conference at Istanbul's Building Information Center. Since he was a student, he has been an admirer of old Turkish architecture...has transformed the focus of his work from concrete buildings to ecological and sustainable designs...- Hürriyet Daily News (Turkey)

**Pritzker Jury Avoids Contemporary Challenges in Picking Zumthor:** By selecting the reclusive, introverted Swiss architect...the jury left me wishing it had been more adventurous...I would have liked instead someone whose work speaks to the extraordinary challenges of our time. By James S. Russell -- David Adjaye; Cameron Sinclair/Architecture for Humanity- Bloomberg News

**Zumthor Wins the Pritzker:** ...prominent architects, scholars, and design patrons talk about Zumthor's work, his influence and contribution to the field, and his method of practice. -- John Pawson; Williams/Todd Williams Billie Tsien; Cloepfil/Allied Works; Barry Bergdoll/Museum of Modern Art/MoMA; Ian Schrager [images]- The Architect's Newspaper

**Peter Zumthor speaks to the Architects' Journal...**two weeks prior to the announcement that he had won architecture's highest prize.: "It is a legend that I am slow; I'm just honest!" [April 1, 2009]- The Architects' Journal (UK)

**Toronto a suburb? It's begun:** ...at risk of becoming a bedroom community for the booming 905 regions, warns a new report by the Toronto Board of Trade...has become a "magnet for living, while the surrounding municipalities form the more powerful economic engine."- Toronto Star

**Don't believe the reports of Toronto's demise:** The point isn't that Toronto's about to become a suburb, but that the suburbs are becoming cities. By Christopher Hume- Toronto Star

**Gov't unveils development plan:** Blueprint lays out step-by-step development of a network of urban regions...Along with urban growth, the plan deals with preserving the architectural features of urban areas like Ha Noi and HCM City...- Viet Nam News

**Kennedy Central: Vinoly and Einhorn Yaffee Prescott (EYP) design new Kennedy projects in Boston:** ...John F. Kennedy Presidential Library and Museum, designed in 1979 by I.M. Pei, is receiving \$22 million for an addition...University of Massachusetts...\$100 million Edward M. Kennedy Institute... By Julie V. Iovine -- Pei Cobb Freed; Edwin Schlossberg/ESI Design; Sasaki Associates- The Architect's Newspaper

**Vinoly's Battersea take 2:** ...latest designs for the £4 billion Battersea Power Station...no longer includes the controversial 250m-high "eco-chimney"...received a cautious welcome from Save Britain's Heritage. [images]- BD/Building Design (UK)

**Wheeler Opera House addition plans unveiled:** ...roughly 24,000-square-foot addition..."would open up the life of the theater" and provide for "a more transparent and interactive environment"..."You're trying to build a very large building between two historic structures, and I don't see the sympathy" -- Farewell Mills Gatsch/Rowland and Broughton [image]- Aspen Daily News (Colorado)

**Campus Officials Seek Building Efficiencies, One Square Foot at a Time:** ...following a decade-long building boom, a crippling recession, a spike in

energy prices...the stakes of managing campus space have never been higher...colleges will have to slow the pace of building...requiring tough choices that many are already grappling with. -- Society for College and University Planning/SCUP; Sasaki Associates - The Chronicle of Higher Education

Absent Zaha Hadid criticised at Barbican debate: ...bore the brunt of a spirited attack against "jewel-making" starchitecture at a packed ethics debate "Can good design change the world?"...Hardly anyone noticed that Fuksas hadn't turned up either. -- Charles Jencks; Winy Maas; Sean Griffiths; Fabian Hecker; Cameron Sinclair - BD/Building Design (UK)

Seven up: the best green skyscrapers: While China plans to build a further 50,000 skyscrapers, equivalent to 10 New Yorks, we pick the most eco-friendly and innovative present and future high-rises from around the world. -- David Fisher/Dynamic Architecture; RMJM; Waugh Thistleton Architects; MVRDV; Foster + Partners; Frank Williams & Partners [slide show] - Guardian (UK)

AIA/COTE 2009 Top Ten Green Projects -- VJAA; EHDD; OJK Architecture; Perkins+Will; Ross Barney; Siegel & Strain; Lake|Flato; Busby Perkins+Will; Weber Thompson; DesignLAB [links to images, details] - American Institute of Architects (AIA)

Call for Papers: Society of Architectural Historians 63rd Annual Meeting in Chicago, April 2010; themes include Architectural-ized Asia, Starlets and Starchitecture, Counter-histories of Sustainability, etc.; deadline: August 15 - Society of Architectural Historians

Call for entries: Design a hole for a nine-hole miniature golf course occupying a vacant lot in Brooklyn, NY, for the summer of 2009; deadline: April 27 - The Putting Lot

Book Review: Tripping Out to London and Paris: Time to become a homebody, shop frugally, eat in, and take two virtual tours led by Sam Lubell. By Sam Hall Kaplan - ArchNewsNow



Competition winner: Herreros Arquitectos: Munch Area/Lambda, The Munch Museum, Oslo, Norway

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