



Italian Embassy
London

Event on the occasion of the launch of the International Summer School “**The invisible Cities**”, organized by the Università di Bologna, Italy, with the support of the Prince’s Foundation for the Built Environment, UK, the Politecnico di Milano, Italy and the University of Notre Dame, USA

Theorems for a Sustainable Century

In the context of Climate Change, Globalization and great geo-political and geo-ecological challenges we cannot rely only on criticism, wishes and desires. We need a Vision solidly anchored in “theorems” based on Culture, Science and Experience. We need examples, evidence and truth provided by history, as well as by logical deduction and scientific expertise. We need time-tested models and exemplar projects, and radical new proposals of an updated and refreshed strategy of Urbanism and Architecture.

New Sciences, Chaos and Complexity theories, new smart technologies, as well as new knowledge and evidence on sustainable city-building and architecture offer an abundance of lessons and suggestions illustrating both the promise and the challenges of constructing successfully the city of the future.

These seminars will discuss and illustrate some new paradigms for building the sustainable City of the Future. This still “Invisible City” will be explored by means of visual language (sketching, drawing, painting), analytical techniques, historic culture, and the synthesis of the architectural project, not as a distant “Utopia” but as a holistic and tangible reality.

Introduction

Salvator Roberto Amendolia
Scientific Attachè, Italian Embassy, London

Welcome address

Carlo Presenti
Director, Italian Cultural Institute, London

Educational strategies for sustainable design

Giuseppe Amoruso
Professor, Politecnico di Milano

Sustainability & Tradition

Hank Dittmar
CEO, The Prince’s Foundation for the Built Environment, London

Green is not a style: notes on sustainability

Lucien Steil
Professor, University of Notre Dame, USA

Traditional materials & time tested techniques

Aura Neag, General Manager, INTBAU



Wednesday 8th July 2009

5.00 pm – 7.30 pm

Italian Cultural Institute
39 Belgrave Square
London SW1X 8NX

There will be an opportunity to meet the speakers at 7 pm, when drinks will be served

Attendance is free, but registration is advised.

Contact:
Science Office, Italian Embassy

Tel: 020 7312 2254

scientifico.amblondra@esteri.it