

Seminar programme

Chair's opening remarks

Jan-Carlos Kucharek, deputy editor RIBA J and editor PiP

Essential Urban Design: A handbook for architects, designers and planners

Rob Cowan, planning and urban design, author

Wohr Parking Systems for Transport and Infrastructure

Andrew Smith, managing director, Wohr Parking Systems

Case study: Tintagel Castle Footbridge

William Matthews, founder and partner, William Matthews Associates

Refreshment break / interlude

Case study: Paddington Elizabeth Line Station

Rafaella Rospo, partner associate and project lead architect, Weston Williamson + Partners

Products, systems and innovation for the Transport Sector

Zane Robinson, development manager, Mapei

Case Study: Tottenham Hotspur Stadium

Caroline Mills, associate principal, Populous

Transport & Infrastructure architecture
Tuesday 19 October 2021
9.00am - 11.30am

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Speaker biographies



ROB COWAN
Author

Rob is a writer, editor, speaker, consultant, cartoonist, illustrator and lexicographer. He is editor of Context, the journal of the Institute of Historic Building Conservation, and has been editor of Town and Country Planning, editor of Shelter's housing magazine Roof, and deputy editor of the Architects' Journal. His many books include [Essential Urban Design](#) (RIBA Publishing); The Dictionary of Urbanism; By Design (the UK government's ground-breaking urban design guidance, co-authored with Kelvin Campbell), and Designing Places (the Scottish Government's equivalent).



JAN-CARLOS KUHAREK
Deputy editor RIBA J
& editor PIP

Jan-Carlos is an architectural journalist and registered architect. He studied his part 1 at Canterbury College of Art and his architecture diploma at The Bartlett (UCL) and worked for five years at Foster + Partners. He took a part-time role at the RIBA J in 2004 and continued working freelance at Marks Barfield, Hudson Featherstone, David Morley and Fourthspace architects. He became editor of Products in Practice (PiP) in 2013 and deputy editor of RIBA J in 2021.



WILLIAM MATTHEWS
Founder
William Matthews Associates

William Matthews studied architecture at the University of Sheffield (1987-1993) before working at Renzo Piano Building Workshop in Paris (1994-2012). With RPBW he completed several internationally recognised projects including the Fondation Beyeler in Basel, Potsdamer Platz Berlin and the Modern Wing of the Art Institute of Chicago. From 2001 until its completion in 2013 William led the design team of the Shard in London. William established the WMA in 2013 and has since worked in the UK and internationally on a range of cultural, commercial and infrastructure commissions, completing critically acclaimed projects such as the Tintagel Castle Footbridge and the Canada Square Pavilion.



CAROLINE MILLS
Associate principal
Populous

Caroline joined Populous in 2000 and has built a varied portfolio of large-scale stadium and arena projects, including Emirates and Wembley Stadium, The O2 in London and Dublin, First Direct Arena in Leeds, and Zayed Sports City Stadium in the UAE. Caroline was a senior member of the project team for the Tottenham Hotspur Stadium, working on the stadium design and surrounding masterplan for the Northumberland Development Project from the initial stages to completion. She was responsible for developing the brief for the stadium's internal layouts, designing interior spaces, and managing internal packages for procurement. She developed the masterplan designs for the mixed-use development adjacent to the stadium, comprising retail, hospitality, residential and community facilities. Towards completion, Caroline was responsible for reviewing the relevant statutory and sporting guidance to ensure compliance.



ZANE ROBINSON
Development manager
Mapei

Zane has worked at Mapei for 7 years as a development manager. He works closely with Transport for London and London Underground and other infrastructure projects. Zane offers onsite and offsite support for projects in the infrastructure sector. He provides advice and guidance through materials and specification. Zane is a tiler and screeder by trade, with 22 years of experience in both Australia and England, across domestic, commercial and industrial.



RAFFAELLA ROSPO
Partner associate
Weston Williamson + Partners

Raffaella is a registered architect with almost 20 years' experience in practice. She specialises in overseeing the design and management of large, complex, high profile multidisciplinary projects. Raffaella is currently the team lead of the CRL Paddington station, approximately worth £500m of construction, next to an important heritage structure with Grade 1 listed status and with multiple stakeholders. Raffaella has been recently awarded as RIBA Inspirational Woman, and had been shortlisted in the European Women in Construction & Engineering Awards in 2016 and 2018. Raffaella was also shortlisted as Best Woman in Rail Awards in 2016 and her team also nominated for the Transport for London 2017 Collaboration Award.



ANDREW SMITH
Managing director
Wohr Parking

Andrew Smith worked for a number of years with Mannesmann Demag, supplying industrial cranes and high bay automated warehouse systems. In 1993, together with a business partner, he initially formed the UK subsidiary for Wohr Multiparking Germany, which in 1995 became an independent UK company 'Wohr Parking Systems'. Since then Andrew has helped shape and develop the whole parking systems concept and UK market. He works closely with architects and developers on a daily basis, working with them to understand their issues and requirements and developing solutions that meet their cost and performance needs. His experience and expertise are second to none in the UK, something which countless architects who have worked with him over the years will happily confirm.

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