Vertical Fabric: Density in Landscape is the Hong Kong Response exhibition for the 16th International Architecture Exhibition - La Biennale di Venezia in 2018. Demonstrating the urban conditions of Hong Kong, the exhibition explores the theme of “freespace” through towers, innovating within constraints by generating extraordinary spaces from ordinary form. Over 100 tower models by 100 exhibitors redefine the typological, spatial and façade potential while maintaining the constraint of its envelope as a collective urban form. The exhibitors, including architects from Hong Kong, the Mainland and overseas, are invited to design their towers of freespace, making statements on tower typology in the vertical city.

Public Forum I

Title: Towers: Typology

Date: Sunday 24th March 2019
Time: 2:00 - 3:20pm
Venue: City Gallery, Central
Moderator: Tao Zhu (朱濤)
Speakers: L K Chan (陳麗喬), HK Room
        Marvin Chen (陳沐文), AMQ / Amasia
        Annette Chu (朱珮汶), Eureka
        Ken Wai (韋業啟), Aedas
        Rosman Wai (衛翠芷), Former HK Housing Authority
        Weijen Wang (王維仁), HKU / Wang Weijen Architecture
        JingXiang Zhu (朱競翔), CUHK

Language: English

The Towers: Typology Forum discusses the typological aspect of tower designs and addresses the specific phenomenon of high-rise architecture in the urban context of Hong Kong. Under demanding expectations for achieving maximum efficiency and economy, how can we be innovative on tower typologies for the future while responding to glocal challenges on technology, environment, society and culture?

論壇討論高層塔樓設計的基本建築類型與香港的塔樓特色。在高密度城市對效率經濟的需求下，我們如何對塔樓進行型態的創新，發展出一種應對技術、環境、社會文化挑戰的設計方法？
Public Forum II
公眾論壇 II

Title: Towers: Structure / Envelope / Sustainability
塔樓建築：結構、表層、可持續性

Date: Sunday 24th March 2019
Time: 3:30 - 4:45pm
Venue: City Gallery, Central
Moderator: Thomas Tsang (曾慶豪)
Speakers: Florence Chan (陳麗姍), KPF HK
Vincent Cheng (鄭世有), ARUP HK
Karl Chu (朱瑞麟), Metaxy
David Dernie, CUHK
Hai Lin (林海), ARUP SZ
Angela Pang (彭一欣), PangArchitect

Language: English

The Towers: Structure / Envelope / Sustainability Forum explores specific aspects of tower designs in structure, envelope and sustainability, and addresses the particular specific phenomenon of high-rise architecture in the urban context of Hong Kong. Under demanding expectations for achieving maximum efficiency and economy, how can we be innovative on issues of aesthetic, structure, and use for the future while responding to glocal challenges on technology, environment, society, and culture?

論壇討論高層塔樓設計的結構、表皮、可持續性與香港的塔樓特色。在高密度城市對效率經濟的需求下，我們如何對塔樓進行美學、結構與使用的創新，發展出一種應對技術、環境、社會文化挑戰的設計方法？
Public Forum III
公眾論壇 III

Title: Towers: Commons / Community / Programme
塔樓建築: 公共、社區、功能

Date: Friday 29th March 2019
Time: 5:00-6:20pm
Venue: City Gallery, Central
Moderator: Thomas Chung (鍾宏亮)
Speakers: Au Fai (歐暉), O Studio
        Tim Li (李民偉), HK Housing Authority
        Frankie Lui (呂達文), Atelier-Global
        Eric Schuldenfrei (邵達輝), HKU
        Ida Sze (施琪珊), Ida&Billy
        Tao Zhu (朱濤), HKU

Language: English

The Towers: Commons / Community / Programme Forum explores specific aspects of tower designs to consider the phenomenon of high-rise architecture in Hong Kong, envisioning its prospects in the city and beyond. Under demanding expectations for achieving maximum efficiency and economy, how can we innovate on issues of Commons / Community / Programme to incubate towers of the future while responding to glocal challenges on environment, society and culture?

Lecture I  演講 I

Title: Choose Your Towers: Housing Beyond Unconformity

Date: Friday 29th March 2019
Time: 6:30 – 7:20pm
Venue: City Gallery, Central
Moderator: Weijen Wang (王維仁)
Speaker: Winy Maas, MVRDV

Language: English

By reviewing the needs for improving the quality of domestic life as well as the constraints of building regulations, the lecture explores new possibilities of tower design on housing in Hong Kong. Through the collaborations with the design studios of HKU Architecture, the lecture also introduces new concepts of housing design beyond uniformity of plan extrusion.
Forum IV 論壇 IV

Title: Towers: Freespace + Hong Kong
塔樓建築：自由空間

Date: Friday 29th March 2019
Time: 7:30 - 9:00pm
Venue: City Gallery, Central
Moderator: Weijen Wang (王維仁)

Speakers:
Edwin Chan (陳志偉), New World
Joel Chan (陳祖聲), P&T
Donald Choi (蔡宏興), Chinachem
KK Ling (凌嘉勤), Former Planning Department
Winy Maas, MVRDV
Alice Yeung (楊麗芳), ArchSD HK
Rocco Yim (嚴迅奇), RDA

Language: English

The Towers: Freespace + Hong Kong Forum invites architects working in different sectors of architectural practices, developments, and governments to explore new possibilities of tower design and urbanism in Hong Kong. Under demanding expectations for achieving maximum efficiency and economy, how can we address the issue of Freespace in tower design of the future with generosity, openness and inclusivity while responding to global challenges on technology, environment, society and culture?

論壇邀請在設計、發展和政府部門不同領域的建築與規劃師，討論香港高層塔樓與城市空間的設計突破。在高密度城市對效率經濟的需求下，我們如何對塔樓進行創新，發展出一包容開發多元的“自由空間”，應對來技術、環境、社會文化的挑戰？
Title: **Dreams of a City – A walk and workshop with our future architects**

城市之夢。與未來建築師同行/創作坊

**Date:**  Sunday, 31 March 2019
Sunday, 21 April 2019

**Venue:** Central District + City Gallery

**Workshop:** P&T with Vivien Mak, Jeff Leung, and Sharon Mak; and WALK IN HK (Tour)

It takes decades and many architects’ dreams for a city to be shaped the way it is. Inspire the next generation with a walking tour to selected architectural landmarks in Central and follow by an interactive workshop in which participants of age 10-15 are led to share their fresh and innovative vision of our future business district by creating their ideal new landmarks design for Hong Kong. Parents are welcome to join the walking tour and enjoy the workshop as audience.

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Title: **Dreams of a City – A walk and talk with our future architects**

城市之夢。與未來建築師同行/分享會

**Date:**  Saturday, 6 April 2019
Saturday, 13 April 2019

**Venue:** Central District + City Gallery

**Workshop:** P&T with Angus Chan, Steve Cheung, Jeff Leung and Ms. Bella Yang; and WALK IN HK (Tour)

It takes decades and many architects’ dreams for a city to be shaped the way it is. Inspire the next generation with a walking tour to selected architectural landmarks in Central and follow by an inspiring talk led by practicing architects to share their vision of our future in echo with the theme of the Venice Biennale Exhibition.

**Speakers:**

**Angus Chan**
Shaping of our city
A casual look at our city's development through the history of one local architectural firm, the firm's contribution in shaping our city and how their buildings affected our daily life.

**Steve Cheung**
Design and the City
A sharing session of Steve’s career development as a design architect in Hong Kong with the introduction of his design ideas and exploration of “Freespace” in different completed local projects as well as the elaboration of the concepts into different tower exhibits in the Venice Biennale Exhibition 2018.

**Jeff Leung**
"1 Country, 2 Density" - "密謀"
A sharing session of personal practice as a design architect involving Hong Kong and Mainland China projects which significantly differentiate each other through sustainable city planning & living style and how as an architect can mutually adopt the "density strategy“ positiveness of two places, which echo with the experimental exploration of vertical tower design in the Venice Biennale Exhibition 2018.

**Bella Yang**
Architect’s “The Republic” 建築師的理想國
With the interpretation of an individual human’s spatial cognition under varying spaces from small scale to one building, city or even natural landscape, an Architect organizes functions and at the same time builds up space that can arouse emotional connectivity of the public. In the perspective of the unique city context of Hong Kong, the speaker shares how she delivered such ideas into a vertical tower design for the Venice Biennale Exhibition 2018.

Forum V 論壇 V

Title: Towers: Belt & Road 塔樓建築（一帶一路）
Date: Saturday 20th April 2019
Time: 2:00 - 3:20pm
Venue: City Gallery, Central
Moderator: Thomas Chung (鍾宏亮)
Speakers:
  Angus Chan (陳錦棠), P&T
  Thomas Cheung (張廣揚), CKAL
  Bernard Lim (林雲峰), ADRG
  Kent Lui (呂文聰), Kent Lui Tactics
  Nasrine Seraji, HKU
  Andrew Xu (徐翥), HKU
Language: English

The Towers: Belt & Road Forum explores historical, cultural as well as social and economic aspects of tower designs, to re-consider the model of high-rise architecture and urbanism in Hong Kong, envisioning its potential extension to cities with the Belt and Road concepts and beyond. How can we innovate, envision or critique towers of the future to correspond to the strategic developments of the Belt & Road initiative while responding to glocal challenges on technology, environment, society and culture?

壇就歷史文化與社會經濟角度，討論香港高層塔樓設計與城市空間的潛力與特色。在城市發展與效率經濟的需求下，我們如何看待香港城市建築發展模式在一帶一路概念下的發展，提出一種應對技術、環境、社會文化挑戰的方法？