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Friday 19 March
10:00 – 17:30

Sackler Centre
Victoria and Albert Museum
London SW7 2RL

Tours and places to visit

The V&A museum is open till 22:00 on Friday 19 March and symposium attendees may want to visit the RIBA/V&A Architecture galleries or the newly renovated Medieval and Renaissance galleries.

TOURS

Open House Architecture Tours
A new series of Saturday morning tours starts in March 2010. The tour guides are architects, architectural writers or architectural historians with an in-depth knowledge of London. Bookings open at the beginning of March.
www.openhouse.org.uk/public/talkstours/architecturetours.html

PLACES TO VISIT

RIBA
66 Portland Place, London W1B 1AD
The Royal Institute of British Architects is the UK body for architecture and the architectural profession, supporting 40,500 members worldwide through training, publications and events, and setting standards for architectural education in the UK and overseas. The RIBA Trust manages the RIBA's cultural assets and activities including a collection of over four million items in the British Architectural Library and an extensive programme of awards, talks, exhibitions and education events.
Exhibitions:
Djenne: African City of Mud, Gallery 2; 3 March – 29 April
Picture This! Florence Hall; 4 March – 1 May
http://www.architecture.com/WhatsOn/Home.aspx

The Building Exploratory
8 Orsman Road, London N1 5QJ
Launched in 1996 and based in Hackney, East London, the Building Exploratory helps people discover the secrets of their local area and gain a better understanding of the buildings and spaces that surround them through workshops, exhibitions and events. Visits to the exhibition Thursday 18 March 2pm to 5pm: 020 7729 2011
http://www.buildingexploratory.org.uk/

The Architecture Foundation
Ground Floor East, 136–148 Tooley Street, London SE1 2TU
Established in 1991 as Britain's first independent architecture centre, The Architecture Foundation organises hundreds of public exhibitions, design initiatives, competitions and debates in venues across Britain and internationally.
http://www.architecturefoundation.org.uk/

The Design Museum
Shad Thames, London, SE1 T: 020 7403 6933
The Design Museum is one of the world's leading museums devoted to contemporary design in every form from furniture to graphics, and architecture to industrial design.
http://designmuseum.org/

New London Architecture
The Building Centre, 26 Store Street, London WC1E 7BT T: 020 7636 4044
New London Architecture delivers a programme of exhibitions, events and publications that bring together leading professionals in the public and private sector, politicians and the general public, to share knowledge and identify the challenges and opportunities of the capital's built environment.
http://www.newlondonarchitecture.org/

The John Soane Museum
13 Lincoln's Inn Fields, London WC2A 3BP T: 020 7405 2107
The architect Sir John Soane's house, museum and library at No.13 Lincoln's Inn Fields has been a public museum since the early 19th Century. Soane designed this house to live in, but also as a setting for his antiquities and his works of art. After the death of his wife, he lived there alone, constantly adding to and rearranging his collections. He determined to establish the house as a museum to which 'amateurs and students' should have access.
http://www.soane.org/

The Architectural Association
36 Bedford Square London WC1B 3ES
The Architectural Association (AA) is the oldest school of architecture in the UK and has a wide-ranging programme of exhibitions, lectures, symposia and publications addressing global discussions and developments within contemporary architectural culture.
http://www.aaschool.ac.uk/

EXHIBITIONS

Deutsche Borse Photography Prize
12 February – 18 April
Photographers' Gallery, 16 Ramillies Street, London W1F 7LW T: 0845 262 1618
British artists Anna Fox and Donovan Wylie are joined by American Zoe Leonard and France's Sophie Ristelhueber on the shortlist for the £30,000 award.

http://www.photonet.org.uk/

Suburbia
15 October 2009 – 31 March 2010
London Transport Museum, 39 Wellington Street, London WC2E 7BB
T: 020 7379 6344
Suburbia takes a peek over the privet hedge and celebrates Britain's suburban lifestyle. Mixing fun, fact and a little bit of fantasy, the exhibition explores how public transport helped create the myths and identity of suburbia. Looking at transport, architecture, gardens and the lure of a healthy lifestyle through unique displays.
www.ltmuseum.co.uk

The Unilever Series: Miroslaw Balka
13 October 2009 – 5 April 2010
Tate Modern
The latest commission in The Unilever Series ***How It Is*** by Polish artist Miroslaw Balka is a giant grey steel structure with a vast dark chamber, which in construction reflects the surrounding architecture – almost as if the interior space of the Turbine Hall has been turned inside out. Hovering somewhere between sculpture and architecture, on 2 metre stilts, it stands 13 metres high and 30 metres long.
http://www.tate.org.uk/modern/

LECTURES

Frank Stephenson Talking Design
Friday 19 March, V&A Lecture Theatre, 19.00–20.00
Designer of the world-famous Mini and design chief for Ferrari and Maserati, Stephenson also created future vehicles for Fiat and Lancia and now works for McLaren. He talks about designing lifestyle and automobile icons.
£8, £6 concessions. Book online or call +44 (0)20 7942 2211
https://transactions.vam.ac.uk/peo/auto_choose_ga.asp?area=2

Benedetta Tagliabue
Thursday 18 March: Public Library Enric Miralles, Palafolls and other projects
Geological Society, Piccadilly, W1, 6.30-7.30 pm; £10/£5 reductions (includes a drink); 020 7300 8013
Organised and curated as part of a season on libraries by Royal Academy of Arts
www.royalacademy.org.uk

'That was how we lived': reconstructing urban space and everyday life in pre-oil Kuwait
Wednesday 17 February. SOAS, Russell Square, London WC1H, 5.30pm; free
Over the course of nearly 250 years, from the time of its settlement in the early 18th century until the advent of oil urbanization in the 1950s, Kuwait town grew into a thriving maritime urban centre. This lecture will aim to trace the socio-spatial growth, layout, and organization of urban space and to analyse the patterns and practice of everyday life in Kuwait before the advent of oil.
www.soas.ac.uk/about/events

DOWNLOADS AND SELF-GUIDED WALKS

Riverside walk from Somerset House to Southwark Cathedral
http://downloads.bbc.co.uk/21cc/tides_and_times/walkingroute.pdf

Self guided walk along the South Bank
Information on the history of the area, the architecture and some of the best shops and artist/makers' studios in the area
http://static.visitlondon.com/assets/areas/river/1walkthisway_southbank.pdf

MIMOA
An online guide to modern architecture:
http://www.mimoa.eu/users/lucia/Guides/london

Have a look at some other London buildings on the website:
http://www.mimoa.eu/browse/projects/United+Kingdom/London/

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