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**RIBA JOINS FORCES WITH TOP UNIVERSITIES TO SHOWCASE  
ARCHITECTURE**

World renowned architect, Thomas Albrecht, will be in Newcastle on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> February to give the first lecture in a new series of *Architects on Architecture*. Following the success of the previous series, the Royal Institute of British Architects (RIBA) in the North East has invited three eminent practitioners to come to the region. *Architects on Architecture* is sponsored by Ibstock Brick Ltd and supported by both Northumbria and Newcastle Universities and is an opportunity for RIBA members and interested parties to listen to, and question, leading experts in the field.

Thomas Albrecht is no stranger to Newcastle as he was awarded an honorary doctorate in civil law from Northumbria University in 2006 and is also visiting professor.

In his lecture he will be reflecting on his involvement in the renovation of Berlin's historical centre, the Potsdamer Platz, and other pioneering regeneration projects that his practice, Hilmer, Sattler & Albrecht, is currently involved with across Eastern Europe.

Chairman of RIBA North East, Dolan Conway, said:

'It is a great pleasure to welcome Professor Albrecht back to Newcastle for this Ibstock lecture series. RIBA is delighted to be working in such close partnership with the universities and we look forward to the event being very well supported. Architecture plays such an important role in the renewal and revitalisation of our cities and Newcastle really has established itself as a centre of excellence.'

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**Note to editors:**

- Professor Albrecht's lecture will begin at 6:30pm on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> February in Lecture Room 2, The Herschel Building, Newcastle University, NE1 7RU. Media are invited.
  - Professor Albrecht has won numerous awards including the German Stone Prize 2005 and The Exemplary building Pforzheim and Enkreis 1995-2004.
  - For further details please contact Jon Jo Macnamara on 07875 492659.
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