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The Conservation of Victorian Exteriors

Speaker: Ian Constantinides,
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The Conservation of Victorian Exteriors

This seminar will focus on some of the main issues surrounding the conservation of Victorian Exteriors, showing a wide example of works on a cross section of buildings - "great and grand", ecclesiastical, and the humbler secular or vernacular.

In particular, the speaker will examine what was important to the Victorian Builders and Architects, and therefore to the Victorian householder and his ethic. He will remind those of us whose job it is to care for the past and conserve it for the future, that ours is not to like or dislike, but to recognise what is good of its kind and what is bad, why so, and how to determine an appropriate repair strategy that respects the building and the tradition it was built in.

Victorian building took detailing to a level that is unprecedented before or since. The speaker will argue that any dilution of this level of detailing displays a fundamental misunderstanding of all that is important to Victorian designers and can be callous disrespect for a great tradition.

A rational and pragmatic approach may only be arrived at by learning to "listen" to the fabric of the building, and understanding what the building wants and why it needs it.

The speaker has a particular interest in aesthetics and will argue that all repairs must please visually and intellectually and perform functionally.

Speaker

Ian Constantinides, formerly of St Blaise

Ian trained as a materials scientist with the Atomic Energy Authority before founding St Blaise Ltd in 1982, which he managed for 25 years. St Blaise is one of the country's leading firms working in Historic Building Repair and Conservation. Ian teaches in the UK and abroad on the English Heritage Master Class series and many post graduate courses and delivers CPD events for the RICS, RIBA, SPAB et al. He has recently resigned from St Blaise, although he remains a Non-Executive Director and retained Consultant. Ian pursues many other interests as a Freelance Consultant in all aspects of Historic Building Repair and in his works abroad, especially as an Advisor to the Turquoise Mountain Foundation and their regeneration of what little is left of the ancient heart of war-ravaged Kabul.

This event qualifies for 3 hours of CPD. RIBA members are required to complete 35 hours of CPD per year. 19.5 hours should come from the Core Curriculum. Within this, it is compulsory to study 2 hours in health and safety matters.

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Fees

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Non-Members	£68.00 + VAT
Students	£35.00 + VAT

Payment Details

- Please find a cheque enclosed for £..... made payable to RIBA South
- I would like to make a donation of £..... to the Architects Benevolent Society

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