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RIBA Research Symposium 2008 Space at Home

Tuesday 23 September, Jarvis Hall, RIBA, 66 Portland Place, London W1

Opening	Jack Pringle, RIBA Immediate Past President, Pringle Brandon
Keynote	Alejandro Aravena, Elemental - Do Tank affiliated to the Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile and COPEC
Chairs	Paul Morrell, Davis Langdon (morning) Dickon Robinson, Building Futures (afternoon) June Barnes, East Thames Housing Group (plenary)
Convenor	RIBA Research and Development Committee

'Lifetime homes'; 'flexible homes'; 'smart homes', '£60k homes'; 'eco homes', 'flat-pack homes'; 'off-site homes'; 'kit homes', 'carbon-neutral homes'; 'sustainable homes'; 'micro homes'; 'high-density homes'; 'quality homes'. There is no shortage of ideas and research initiatives for improving our housing stock.

Certainly the density of new housing has been rising and space standards appear to be going down. But how much do we really know about the quality and quantity of space in new homes? How do people use their homes and what do they think about them? How much space do people need? How do our homes compare with those abroad? How, if at all, does housing affect our quality of life? If standards of private space are going down, does public open space compensate? What is the relationship between homes, housing, neighbourhoods and communities?

These are some of the issues that will be addressed in the RIBA Research Symposium. A range of presentations will describe current challenges in housing research, the questions being asked, and the state of the evidence base. The symposium will provide an opportunity to hear at first hand from those responsible for housing research, and will include studies of social, technical, economic and environmental issues. The symposium will address how housing research fits into the wider policy debate and impacts on health and well-being. In addition, leading designers will present case studies featuring recent projects.

Overall, the symposium will bring together designers, housing providers, clients, researchers and policy makers to discuss new housing developments and emerging quality standards. Between them, they will provide a state-of-the-art overview of what we know about space in the home.

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Programme (as at 31 July 2008)

- 9.30 Registration**
- 10.00 Welcome and introduction**
Jack Pringle, RIBA Immediate Past President, Pringle Brandon
- Morning sessions**
Chair - Paul Morrell, Davies Langdon
- 10.10 Session 1: Keynote**
Alejandro Aravena, Elemental - Chile, "From SUB.urbia to SUPER.urbia"
- 10.30 Session 2: The issues of space**
Simon Nicol, BRE Housing, "Housing Space Standards - A National Perspective"
Andrew Drury, HATC Ltd
- 11.10 Coffee**
- 11.25 Session 3: Case studies**
Walter Menteth, Walter Menteth Architects
Stephen Proctor, Proctor and Matthews Architects
- 12.05 Questions – morning sessions**
- 12.20 Lunch**
- Afternoon sessions**
Chair - Dickon Robinson, Building Futures
- 13.10 Session 4: Types of space**
Jeremy Till, University of Sheffield, "Soft Space"
Fiona McLachlan, University of Edinburgh, "Cutting the Cloth"
- 13.50 Session 5: Policy**
Duncan Bowie, London Metropolitan University "Density, Housing Mix and Space Standards of New Housing Development in London"
Andrew Ogorzalek, PCKO Architects
Dominic Church, CABE
- 14.50 Coffee**
- 15.10 Session 6: Homes, housing, neighbourhoods and communities**
Yolande Barnes, Savills Research
David Levitt, Levitt Bernstein Associates, "Space in the Home"
- 15.50 Questions – afternoon sessions**
- 16.05 Plenary Session**
Chair - June Barnes, East Thames Housing Group, to comment and facilitate
Sian Berry, The Green Party
Steve Carr, English Partnerships
Richard Hill, Housing Corporation
Dickon Robinson, Building Futures
- 16.55 Closing remarks**
Sebastian Macmillan, Chair RIBA R&D Committee
- 17.00 Drinks**