



2020 VIRTUAL NJ DESIGN DAY

Giving Forms to Future

GUEST SPEAKER: KAI-UWE BERGMANN, FAIA
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Date: Wednesday, October 14, 2020
Time: 4:00 – 6:00 PM
Credits: 1.5 LUs (*pending*)
Cost: \$10 AIA Member
\$5 AIA Associate Member
\$50 Non-AIA Member
\$0 Student
Sponsorships Available



Lecture: Giving Forms to Future

Formgiving – the Danish word for design – means to give form to that which has not yet been given form. In other words: to give form to the world that we would like to find ourselves living in the future. A task more important than ever, as humans are the greatest force shaping the planet today. To feel that we have license to imagine a future different from today – all we have to do is look back ten years, a hundred years, a thousand years – to realize how radically different things were then than now. The same would be true if we could look forward with the same clear sight. Since we know from our past that our future is bound to be different from our present, rather than waiting for it to happen on its own we have the power to give it form. Formgiving takes you on a journey across time to sense how the world around us has been shaped, from the past to the present and beyond - from the Big Bang to Singularity.

Speaker: *Kai-Uwe Bergmann, FAIA is a Partner at BIG who brings his architectural expertise to proposals around the globe, including work in North America, Europe, Asia and the Middle East. Kai-Uwe heads up BIG's business development--which currently has the office working in over 35 different countries. He also oversees BIG's Urban scales projects and supports BIG's Landscape projects. He is registered as an architect in the USA (13 states) and Canada.*

Kai-Uwe most recently contributed to the resiliency plan BIG U to protect 10 miles of Manhattan's coastline. First envisioned through the Rebuild by Design competition to develop proactive responses to Superstorm Sandy, it is now being further developed and construction will begin on the first 2.5 miles in 2020. Further projects include Brooklyn Queens Park, Smithsonian Master Plan, Pittsburgh Master Plan, Miami Beach Square and Zira Island Master Plan. He complements his professional work through previous teaching assignments at the University of Pennsylvania, IE University in Madrid, and his alma mater the University of Virginia. Kai-Uwe formerly was on the Board of the Van Alen Institute, participates on numerous international juries and lectures globally on the works of BIG.

Q&A opportunity at the end of the lecture.

Design Award Winners announced at the completion of the Lecture.