



URBAN HEALTHSCAPES: DISSOLVING THE BOUNDARIES

This event, we will delve into the dynamic interplay between cities and health infrastructure, presenting positions, reflections, and speculations from multiple perspectives.

DATE	TIME	LOCATION
Thursday 12 October 2023	4.30pm - 6.00pm	RMIT Design Hub Building 100 Level 3, Lecture Theatre Corner Victoria and Swanston Streets

RMIT Architecture and GHD Design present "Urban Healthscapes - Dissolving the Boundaries. During this curated series of conversations, we will delve into the dynamic interplay between cities and health infrastructure. Throughout history, cities have embodied both disease and health, leaving an enduring mark on our societies. As medical advancements redefine healthcare norms, we hope to explore the idea of removing the boundaries to hospitals and health precincts more broadly and work towards undoing the idea that they are a citadel of sickness and misery.

The reframing of how hospitals are perceived can be driven by a broader urban planning response that weaves the civic into the health fabric, redefining the civic responsibility and identity of this fundamental social infrastructure.

We intend to both reflect and speculate through collaborations with industry experts and research colleagues. Join us in deciphering the evolving

relationship between medical institutions and our urban fabric. As we speculate on a future where hospitals might transform into places you never physically visit, what implications does this hold for our cities?

Research and speculation from RMIT School of Architecture, will frame the discussion as our industry collaborators reflect on their experience, current approaches, and their implications. The session will conclude with a conversation with the General Manager of Infrastructure at the Department of Health about the future planning and designing of this vital part of the city.

Speakers and Presenters:

Stefano Scalzo: Executive General Manager, Infrastructure Planning (Victorian Department of Health)

Priya Rajagopalan: Associate Dean (Research and Innovation), Professor (Property, Construction and Project Management) Director, Sustainable Building Innovation Lab - RMIT University

Naomi Barun: Technical Director Urban Design (GHD), President (Vic Chapter) AILA

Graham Crist: Associate Professor (Architecture), Program Manager, Master of Urban Design - RMIT University, Founding Director Antarctica Architects

Maud Cassaignau: Senior Lecturer (Landscape Architecture) - RMIT University, Founding Director, XPACE Architecture and Urban Design

Paul Minifie: Associate Professor (Architecture) and Director, Director MvS Architects

Ian Nazareth: Lecturer (Architecture) - RMIT University, Director, TRAFFIC

This event is convened by Naomi Barun and Rosemary Heyworth (GHD Design) and Ian Nazareth (RMIT University) and organised in conjunction with Architecture Design Elective - Urban Healthscapes: Between Architectural Labyrinths And Medical Enclaves.

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