



Architecture and Society

"Architecture is definitely a political act." - **Peter Eisenman** in [Haaretz](#)

"Architecture is always dream and function, expression of a utopia and instrument of a convenience."
- **Roland Barthes** in "[Semiology and Urbanism](#)"

"Architecture is an act of optimism." - **Nicolai Ouroussoff** in [The LA Times](#)

"Architecture is more about ideas than materials." - **Qingyun Ma** in [Los Angeles Times](#)

"Architecture is only as great as the aspirations of its society." - **Lisa Rochon** in [Globe and Mail](#)

"Architecture is a very dangerous job. If a writer makes a bad book, eh, people don't read it. But if you make bad architecture, you impose ugliness on a place for a hundred years." - **Renzo Piano** in [Time](#)

"Architecture is interesting, but by itself it means nothing." - **Massimiliano Fuksas** in [New York Times](#)

"Architecture is used by political leaders to seduce, to impress, and to intimidate." - **Deyan Sudjic** in [The Washington Post](#)

"Architecture is about giving form to the places where people live. It is not more complicated than that but also not simpler than that." - **Alejandro Aravena** in his 2016 [Pritzker Prize acceptance speech](#)

"Architecture is more than just buildings; these structures can inspire and motivate people to do great things." **Fisk Johnson** for the 2017 [Chicago Architecture Biennial](#)





































