



WATERFORD INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY TO HOST SIXTH ALL IRELAND ARCHITECTURE RESEARCH GROUP (AIARG)

On 27-28 January 2017 the Architectural Research Group (aRCH) at Waterford Institute of Technology hosted the sixth annual AIARG conference.

The aim of the conference is to highlight new areas of architectural research, encourage collaboration and facilitate dissemination of findings as well as encouraging the participation of practicing architects who wish to further their research interests.

Aleksandar Kostić, Acting Head of the Department of Architecture and Chair of the AIARG 2017 Organising Committee, said, "WIT is delighted and honoured to host this renowned conference, which gives us the opportunity to showcase the great work done within the Department of Architecture as well as the city of Waterford."

The All-Ireland Architecture Research Group (AIARG) is an organisation that aims to promote architectural research within practice and academia. The group was founded in 2010 through the collaboration of the seven schools of architecture in Ireland, both north and south, including WIT and continues to be made up of members of the seven schools of architecture and professionals interested in architectural research. Each year an architecture conference is held in one of the schools - this is the first time it is to be held in Waterford.

There are a range of themes organised for the conference such as Minor Woods of Ireland, Intertidal Infrastructure, Domesticity at the Crossroads; Irish Housing Design 1955-1980 as well as Architectural Education in the Age of Globalisation, which has attracted around 70 speakers and session Chairs from inter alia UK, US, China and Spain from both the world of academia as well as industry.

There are four keynote speakers attending: Peter Buchanan, celebrated author of Renzo Piano Building Workshop: Complete Works, Ten Shades of Green and most recently, The Big Rethink series in The Architectural

Review; Jane Rendell, prolific author and Professor of Architecture and Art, and Vice Dean of Research at the Bartlett, UCL; Jonathan Hale, architect and Associate Professor & Reader in Architectural Theory; and Shane O'Toole, co-founder of Group 91 Architects, co-founder of DoCoMoMo Ireland, inaugural director of the Irish Architecture Foundation and twice Ireland's Commissioner for the Venice Biennale. **RIA** approved CPD points are accredited to the conference.

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For more information:
www.aiarg2017conference.com

