



16TH ALVAR AALTO SYMPOSIUM
– THE WEIGHT OF ARCHITECTURE

22.–23.8.2024 JYVÄSKYLÄ FINLAND



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SEMINAR PROGRAMME

Thursday 22 August 2024

- 09:00–11:00 **Pre-Symposium Architecture talk** on Architectural values and education by Aalto University, University of Tampere and University of Oulu
(venue: Aalto2 Museum Centre, Alvar Aallon katu 7, Jyväskylä)
- 11:00–12:00 Seminar registration
(venue: Main Building of the University of Jyväskylä, Seminaarinkatu 15, Jyväskylä)
- 12:00–12:15 Opening of the Alvar Aalto Symposium
- 12:15–15:45 **SESSION: ENVIRONMENT**
- 12:15–13:00 **Yvonne Farrell**, Grafton Architects
“The Weight of Architecture”
- 13:00–13:30 **John Schellhuber**, Director General, International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis (IIASA)
“Rebalancing the Weights of Civilization and Nature”
- 13:30–14:00 **Juho Grönholm**, **Antti Nousjoki** and **Samuli Woolston**, ALA Architects
“Beautiful Responses”
- 14:00–14:30 **Barnabas Calder**, Head of the History of Architecture Research Cluster, University of Liverpool (online)
“Form follows fuel”
- 14:30–15:00 Coffee
- 15:00–15:45 **Architecture talk** on “The Weight of Architecture in politics and economics” by the Finnish Association of Architects SAFA
- 15:45–16:45 Award ceremony of the **15th Alvar Aalto Medal** and speech of the medalist
- 16:45–17:00 Closing of Day 1
- 18:30–21:00 Get-together and evening programme
(venue: Aalto2 Museum Centre, Alvar Aallon katu 7, Jyväskylä)

Friday 23 August 2024

- 09:45–10:00 Opening of day 2
(venue: Main Building of the University of Jyväskylä,
Seminaarinkatu 15, Jyväskylä)
- 10:00–11:30 **SESSION: RESOURCES**
- 10:00–10:30 **Hilda Rantanen**, CEO, Materialisting
“Building with Insight: Choosing the Right Materials for a
Sustainable Future with Data and Innovation”
- 10:30–11:00 **David Benjamin**, Associate Professor at Columbia GSAPP
“Scaling Up”
- 11:00–11:30 **Ehab Sayed**, Founder, Chief Evolution Officer, Biohm
“A Biomimetic Future”
- 11:30–13:30 Lunch
- 13:30–16:00 **SESSION: ARCHITECTURE**
- 13:30–14:00 **Helena Mattsson**, Professor in History and Theory,
KTH School of Architecture
“How is Architecture Political? Notes on Spatial Solidarity”
- 14:00–14:30 **Emma Johansson** and **Willem van Bolderen**, Studio Puisto
“Reflections on Our Journey: Evolution in Sustainable
Hospitality Design”
- 14:30–15:15 **Architecture talk** “Exhibiting care and repair” by **Archinfo**,
features **Matti Jänkälä** and **Ella Kaira**, curators of the Finnish
Pavilion at the Venice Biennale 2025; and **Kaisa Karvinen**,
curator at the Museum of Finnish Architecture and Design
Museum, the discussion moderated by **Miina Jutila**, Head of
Communications at Archinfo.
- 15:15–16:00 Coffee
- 16:00–17:30 A film by **Bêka & Lemoine**, “The Sense of Tuning”,
a portrait of the architect **Bijoy Jain** of **Studio Mumbai**.
(venue: Main Building of the University of Jyväskylä,
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VENUES

Seminar on 22.-23.8.2024
Main building of the University of Jyväskylä (C)
Address: Seminaarinkatu 15, Jyväskylä

Get-together and evening programme 22.8.2024
Aalto2 Museum Centre
Address: Alvar Aallon katu 7, Jyväskylä

Read more: alvaraalto.fi, alvaraalto.fi/alvaraaltosymposium, aalto2.museum

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