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The contemporary architecture in the Muslim World on discussion at the Aga Khan

Center in London

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The Aga Khan Center in London, UK, will host a conversation event participated by Farrokh Derakhshani, Director of the Aga Khan Award for Architecture, Farshid Moussavi and Hanif Kara, member of the 2019 Award Steering Committee. The event will focus on contemporary architecture in the Muslim World, on the occasion of the first in a series of ten public events interrogating how architecture, planning and contemporary creativity enhance and affect both quality of life and sustainability in a range of Muslim contexts.

Contemporary architecture of Muslim societies is plural in nature as it emerges from diverse geographies, each unique socially, economically and environmentally. In the first session of the talks, the panellists will set the scene for the series to discuss different scales of architecture from buildings to public space to cities, and how together they define the identity of the built environment for Muslim societies.

According to the organiser, the event is co-organised by Aga Khan University Institute for the Study of Muslim Civilisations and the Aga Khan Trust for Culture and will be held in the iconic Aga Khan Centre in London, UK on September 27, 2018 at 6:00 pm-7:30 pm | London time.

In a related context, the Aga Khan Award for Architecture announced recently that the deadline to submit projects for the current Award cycle (2017-2019) has been extended to the 30th, October 2018. The award urged the projects and candidates to visit the official website of the award and to review the terms and conditions for submission and to complete the information of the candidate projects that meet basically the criteria set by the award.

Although the Award seeks nominations that represent the broadest possible range of architectural interventions, but for the 14th cycle (2017-2019), it encourages the submission of projects in rural landscapes, urban peripheries and those that deal with public space at all scales. According to the award management, to be eligible for consideration in the 2019 Award cycle, projects must be completed between 1 January 2012 and 31 December 2017 and should have been in use for at least one full year.

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