

UNSW SYDNEY INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM 22-23 February 2021

Kiyonori Kikutake, Marine City
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ARCHITECTURES FOR A MUTANT CITY 60 Years of Metabolism 1960-2020 and Beyond

Goals of the symposium

Participants at the symposium will engage in talks focused on Metabolism lessons and highlight their relationship with the duality destruction/reconstruction of the natural and urban landscape, the planning and design of communities and mass housing suitable for the contemporary mega-city, and the influence of eco-urban design approaches and strategies to face the challenges posed by recent threats to the urban society such as the global warming and climate change. The symposium intends to deliver 3 main goals:

1. It will deepen the knowledge and the understanding of the Metabolists projects and visions, and in general provide a broad understanding of the contribution of Japanese architecture and urbanism theories to the international discourse about modern architecture in the 20th Century;

2. It will stage a common platform for stimulating discussions and exchange of ideas, opinions and information on the themes of the current urban transformation of the built environment and the challenges posed by the future urbanization through the lenses of the Metabolism visionary projects and their ideas, theories and concepts;

3. It will facilitate the creation of new and strengthen already present links between foreign scholars, researchers and academics and their counterparts at UNSW Sydney - Built Environment in view of future international collaborations and joint research projects.

Day 1, Mon 22 Feb 2021 (Webinar - Sydney Time)

9:15 - 9:30am	Introduction and Welcome
9:30 - 11:35am	1st Session (25 minutes x 5 presenters)
11:35 - 12:30pm	Roundtable discussion
12:30 - 2:00pm	Lunch break
2:00 - 4:05pm	2nd Session (25 minutes x 5 presenters)
4:05 - 5:00pm	Roundtable discussion and wrap up

Day 2, Tue 23 Feb 2021 (Hybrid Live & Webinar - Sydney Time) Venue: Gallery on the GF of Red Centre UNSW Sydney, Kensington

9:15 - 9:30am	Introduction and Welcome
9:30 - 11:10am	3rd Session (25 minutes x 4 presenters)
11:10 - 12:00pm	Roundtable discussion and wrap up

FEB
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9.15am -
12.30pm



Casey Mack
"Sunday Carpenter" Metabolism: Housing and Resident Decision-Making



Botond Bogнар
The Formalism of Change: Paradoxes and Contradictions in Metabolist Architecture



Yuriko Furuhashi
Spaceship Earth: Metabolist Capsules, Petro-economy, and Climate Engineering



Ken Tadashi Oshima
Kikutake Kiyonori circa 2011: Sustaining Life through Metabolism



Hajime Yatsuka
Let's bring Metabolism back from behind the Curtain of Oblivion

FEB
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2.00pm -
5.00pm



Yasutaka Tsuji
This is Your City: The Pop Future Foretold by Metabolism



Kiwa Matsushita
Maki and Team X (especially Aldo van Eyck): Humanity and In-Betweenness



Raffaele Pernice
The Urbanism of Metabolism. Visions, Scenarios and Models for the Mutant City of Tomorrow



Hyunjung Cho
The Legacy of Metabolism in the Anthropocene's Lens



Peter Senk
Infrastructural Architecture as an Urban Metabolic Agent

FEB
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9.15am -
12.00pm



Jon Lang
The Metabolists in Context



Shaowen Wang
Mainstreet Metabolism in Collective Form: Hillside Terrace Revisited



Philip Drew
Metabolism Adventure - A Personal View 1967-1996



Julian Worrall
An Eternal Return? Considering the Temporality and Historicity of Metabolism

* A link to participate/ livestream: The event is free to everyone and will be livestreamed to UNSW youtube. For on-line attendance, a MS Teams link will be sent to all registrants via their registration email.

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The event is organized as both live and remote on-line event (webinar).

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