

MATTEO CAINER ARCHITECTS



In an era of fast-evolving technology and a continuously changing environment, the role of the architect has undergone multiple transformations; however, his position as public intellectual still gives him the opportunity to create new potential and a possible promise for the future.

If it is the architect that should offer an invitation to **a new way of thinking** or behaviour, then the answer lies beyond its borders. Architecture as multi-disciplinary; **merging art, technology and industry**, while exploring through design experimentation creative possibilities and expanding personal expressions.

Architecture with research and intellectual speculation, as concept and as built idea.

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Matteo Cainer is a practicing architect, teacher and curator. Based between London and Paris, he is Principal of **Matteo Cainer Architects**, Founder of the **Confluence Institute for Innovation and Creative Strategies in Architecture** in Lyon, France and Director of **Architecture Whispers**.

After receiving his master's degree from the University of Architecture in Venice, Italy, he works and collaborates with a number of celebrated international practices including **Peter Eisenman in New York City**, **CoopHimmelb(l)au in Vienna**, and **Arata Isozaki Associati in Milano**. In 2004 he is Assistant Director to Kurt W. Forster for the **9th International Architecture Exhibition la Biennale di Venezia METAMORPH**, and in 2006 is appointed **curator of the London Architecture Biennale**. It is in London that he creates/ directs the Design Research Studio at Fletcher Priest Architects, and that in June **2010 opens his own office**. Currently working in Paris since 2011, he also directs **'Architecture Whispers'** a series of intimate multidisciplinary and cross-cultural conversations between emerging, established and visionary international architects and their colleagues in other disciplines.

Matteo has always been active in academia; from visiting critic at the **Bartlett School of Architecture** and the **AA** in London, to the **Dessau Institute of Architecture** in Germany and **Pratt** and **Penn** in the United States. In 2009 he starts teaching at the **École Spéciale d'Architecture in Paris** and in 2010 he conceives, creates and directs the **Pavillon Spéciale**, an annual architectural series that gave international young emerging and experimental architects the opportunity to build a temporary pavilion in the heart of Paris, France. In 2013 he founds, chairs and co-directs the **Confluence Institute for Innovation and Creative Strategies in Architecture** in Lyon until July 2015.

The work of Matteo Cainer and that of his office has been published in numerous books and international magazines, furthermore he has written and edited a number of books and articles in the field of architecture and design.

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