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John Outram reads from his 44 Lectures

26 May 2018

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Join John Outram, arguably Britain's most original architectural thinker, as he discusses Postmodernism, his “stylistically nameless” practice and his lost masterpiece - Harp Heating HQ - in this unique lecture at Sir John Soane’s Museum.

Outram’s ‘Temple of Storms’ pumping station in London’s Isle of Dogs is featured in our exhibition, *The Return of the Past: Postmodernism in British Architecture*, a show which explores the work of five pioneering protagonists of the Postmodern movement in 1980’s Britain. To celebrate the exhibition and this experimental period of urban architecture, Outram will read extracts from his 44 lectures - a dizzying tour through the metaphysics of the Western City that took 17 years to script and compile.

Born in Malaysia in 1937, John Outram went on to study architecture at Regent Street Polytechnic (now Westminster University) and then the AA. His style rejected Modernist High Tech and Minimalism, instead favouring colourful layering of antiquated styles and decorative flourishes. Some of his best known buildings include the New House at Wadhurst Park, Sussex (1978–86), the Judge Institute of Management Studies in

Cambridge (1995), and the Computational Engineering Building (Duncan Hall), Rice University, Houston, Texas (1997).

This event is hosted in the seminar room at No.14 Lincoln's Inn Fields. The 30 minute talk will followed by a 30 minute audience discussion.

Doors open at 2:45pm. We are in a Grade I listed, 19th-century building, so access is not always straightforward. If you require step-free access or extra assistance, please contact us in advance of your booking on admin@soane.org.uk or 020 7405 2107.

Image: John Outram, Harp HQ Building.

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