

Modern Architecture Kuwait

A book presentation by Roberto Fabbri,
In conversation with Łukasz Stanek and Fadi Shayya

Monday 4 June 2018 @ 4:00 – 6:00
Room 1.69/1.70, Humanities Bridgeford Street Building

The Manchester Architectural Research Group (MARG) has the pleasure of inviting you to an event with Roberto Fabbri at the Manchester School of Architecture (MSA) on the occasion of publishing the two volumes *Modern Architecture Kuwait 1949–1989* (2016) and *Essays, Arguments & Interviews on Modern Architecture Kuwait* (2017).

Roberto Fabbri will present the books followed by a conversation with Łukasz Stanek who contributed to the second volume and Fadi Shayya who practiced in the region. This is an opportunity to engage students and faculty in a discussion on modernity and modern architecture in the Middle East.

Dr. Roberto Fabbri is an architect, researcher, and full professor at the Department of Architecture, Arts and Design – Universidad de Monterrey.

Dr. Łukasz Stanek is senior lecturer at the Manchester Architecture Research Group at the University of Manchester.

Fadi Shayya is an architect-urbanist currently completing his Ph.D. in Architecture at the University of Manchester.



The first volume (2016) is the first systematic analysis of Kuwait's building production. The editors selected a diverse group of contributors from both Kuwait and abroad to produce expertly researched and crafted essays and arguments. The interviews conducted by the editors between 2012 and 2016 appear as transcripts, while other relevant published materials produced in or on Kuwait from 1949 until 1989 are also featured.

The second volume (2017) expands further on the topic, challenging different narratives while also connecting divergent spheres to offer readers a critical look at a local perspective based on a regional context. It collects essays, arguments, and interviews that focus on the role of individuals and corporations in the process of perceiving, transforming, and building the modern state of Kuwait.

Both volumes are co-edited with Ricardo Camacho and Sara Saragoça Soares and supported by the Dar al-Athar al-Islamiyyah and Kuwait Foundation for the Advancement of Sciences.

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