

Social Housing Legacies and Futures

TOWER SLAB SUPERBLOCK

December 10, 2016
9:30 AM – 6:30 PM

The Cooper Union
Rose Auditorium
41 Cooper Square
New York, NY 10013

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The Architectural
League of New York
presents *Tower, Slab,
Superblock: Social
Housing Legacies and
Futures* to examine
the history, current
status, and prospects
of high-rise and
superblock residential
development. The
conference will
confront questions of
design and policy:

*What does it mean to
reconsider this building
stock as an asset,
rather than a liability
or failure?*

*How can the building
stock be reimagined
to better serve current
residents and future
generations?*

*What roles can
architects, designers,
and affiliated
professionals play in
housing crises?*

The day will focus
on three cities—
London, Paris, and
Toronto—each of
which is dealing with
the twin pressures
of increasingly
unaffordable housing
and diminishing
state support.

**Film screening
9:30 AM – 12:00 PM**
The day will begin with
a screening of short
documentary films
and film excerpts about
the history and
current status of social
housing in London,
Paris, and Toronto.

**Conference
1:00 PM – 6:30 PM**

On London
Geraldine Dening
Co-Founder,
Architects for
Social Housing

Simon Elmer
Co-Founder,
Architects for
Social Housing

Phineas Harper
Deputy Director,
The Architecture
Foundation

Paul Karakusevic
Founder and Partner,
Karakusevic Carson
Architects

On Paris
Javier Arpa
Research and
Education
Coordinator of
The Why Factory
at Delft University
of Technology

Kenny Cupers
Associate Professor in
the History
and Theory of
Architecture and
Urbanism at the
University of Basel

Frédéric Druot
Founder and Partner,
Frédéric Druot
Architecture

On Toronto
Martine August
Postdoctoral Fellow
in the Edward J.
Bloustein School of
Planning and
Public Policy at
Rutgers University

Graeme Stewart
Principal,
ERA Architects

Commentators
Jean-Louis Cohen
Sheldon H. Solow
Professor in
the History of
Architecture at
New York University

Susanne Schindler
architect, writer,
and housing columnist
for *Urban Omnibus*

Lawrence Vale
Ford Professor of
Urban Design
and Planning at the
Massachusetts
Institute of Technology

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