



ARCHITECTURE IN THE CRITICAL ZONE

05/03-07/03/2026

Cork Centre for Architectural Education | AIARG 2026

SCHEDULE

ARCHITECTURE IN THE CRITICAL ZONE

15TH ANNUAL A-IARG CONFERENCE 2026

THURSDAY 5TH OPENING KEYNOTE | EXHIBITION
LAUNCH AND DRINKS RECEPTION **FRIDAY 6TH**
MORNING & AFTERNOON; PARALLEL SESSIONS
EVENING KEYNOTE **SATURDAY 7TH** MORNING SESSIONS
CLOSING KEYNOTE & AFTERNOON SITE VISITS

*Registration Thursday 5.30pm, Friday 9am, Saturday 8.30am

Presentation locations; **LR1** – Lecture Room 1, **LR2** – Lecture Room 2

**THURSDAY
EVENING**

**LAUNCH &
KEYNOTE**

**ALEXANDRA
ARÈNES**

6PM

Drinks reception /
Exhibition Launch

● LOCATION: **LR2 / ATRIUM**

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION ONE 9.30-11.00AM

AIR / SUSPENDED

Chair: Jason O'Shaughnessy

LR1

Emma Campbell

University College Dublin

Black gold, black lungs: modernist architectural responses to coal dust

Chris French

University of Edinburgh

Excoriated Earth: Ruskin, Decay and Breathing Matter

Sarah Cremin

University College Dublin

Inhabiting Air through Hand Drawing: A pedagogical study

Sam Vardy and Paula McCloskey

Munster Technological University / Cork Centre for
Architectural Education / University of Derby

Agencies of Fictioning: The 9 Freedoms for the Air

FILM / DISORIENTATION

Chair: Tara Kennedy

LR2

Rebecca Jane McConnell

University College Dublin

THE FUTURE BLUEPRINT: INIS NUA

Alice Poole and Gul Kacmaz Erk

Queens University Belfast

Cinematic depiction of homelessness in Dublin:

Experiencing public and private spaces in *Nola and the
Clones* and *Adam and Paul*

Henrietta Williams and Merijn Royaards

UCL Bartlett Faculty of the Built Environment

Testing Ground

COFFEE BREAK 11.00-11.30AM

**FRIDAY
MORNING**

GRADUATE STRAND

Living Co-Lab:

Mapping the Critical
Shared Commons

with **Maroun C. Tabbal** 9am-10am

● LOCATION: **FLOOR 3 CRIT SPACE**

GRADUATE STRAND

Speculative Mapping
Masterclass

with **Alexandra Arènes** 10.30 - 1pm

● LOCATION: **FLOOR 3 CRIT SPACE**

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION TWO 11.30-1.00PM

**NONHUMAN CLIENTS/
GAIA**

Chair: Paula McCloskey

LR1

Grace Johnson

South East Technological University

Cracks in the Contract: Posthuman Futures in Architecture

Phoebe Brady & Sarah Doheny

University College Dublin / Cineal

Listening to Rivers: Restoring Reciprocity
with Waterbodies

Rachel O'Grady

Queens University Belfast

Prototyping Thresholds Between the River Lagan and the
City: A collaboration between architects and a sound artist
to make structures that negotiate civic and ecological
urban ambitions.

**TERRITORIES /
DISCONNECTED**

Chair: Eoghan Horgan

LR2

Tabassum Ahmed

University College Dublin

Learning in the Critical Zone: Miners' Institutes and
the Infrastructures of Extractive Modernity

Gary A. Boyd

University College Dublin

The Coalscape: Excavating the Coalmining Imaginary

Jason O'Shaughnessy and Denis Linehan

Cork Centre for Architectural Education /
University College Cork

Toxic Temporalities & Machines in the Anthropocene's Garden

Brian Ward

Technological University Dublin

Robin Walker's Regional Planning

LUNCH 1.00-2.30PM

FRIDAY AFTERNOON 2.30-4.00PM

HOUSING / CRITICAL ZONES

CHAIR: Brian Ward

LR1

Michael Pike

University College Dublin

Intertwining Methodologies in the Reuse of Institutional Buildings as Housing

Anna Cooke

University College Dublin

Living in the Coalscape: miners' housing in the critical zone of the European coalfield

Kritika Singhal

Trinity - ASHA Project, Geography

Governance for Climate-Resilient Housing in Coastal Cities

SITUATED / DEPICTION

CHAIR: Gary A. Boyd

ATRIUM EXHIBITION SPACE

Miguel Paredes Maldonado

University of Edinburgh

Close Encounters - Mapping Conversations with Nonhumans in the Urban Landscapes of Karlsruhe

Kieran Cremin

University College Cork / Cork Centre for Architectural Education

Zones of Interest: Cormac McCarthy's ficto-critical landscapes through Research by Design

Henrietta Williams and Merijn Royaards

UCL Bartlett Faculty of the Built Environment

Testing Ground - Moving image and sonic Installation with Q&A

GRADUATE STRAND

KEYNOTE

Confining the Other

ELLIE O'CONNELL

4.30PM

LOCATION: LR2

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION ONE 9.00-10.30AM

ALIGNMENTS / TERRESTRIAL

CHAIR: Denis Linehan

LR1

Maciej Stasiowski and Gul Kacmaz Erk

Queens University Belfast

We Have Never Been Sirian: Measurement uncertainties in the Critical Zone

Ella White

Cotter Naessens Architects

Ancient Alignments: Architecture as Instrument

Jenny Kingston

University of Westminster / muf

Landing Lightly: Care and Friction in the Public Realm as Terrestrial Ethics

Kirstin Simpson

South East Technological University

The Fate of 'Temporary Paradise' A dialogue between neighbours?

PEDAGOGY/ DISCONNECTED

CHAIR: Tim Stott

LR2

Idis Turato, Mia Roth-Čerina, Krešimir Borošak, Matej Orkić

University of Zagreb, studio roth&čerina

Educating within Critical Zones

Chiara Cocco, Nathalie Weadick, Miriam Victoria Fernandez Lins, Miruna Popa, Carla Fidecaro

University College Dublin

From Technology to Citizen Participation: Addressing Climate Change through Dundrum by Design

Kateřina Krebsová

Academy of Arts, Architecture and Design in Prague (UMPRUM)

Critical Spatial Practices: Situated Environmental Knowledge

Hocine Aliouane-Shaw

ENSAP Bordeaux / UMR PASSAGES

Rehearsing Public Space on Bordeaux's Ring Road Fringe

COFFEE BREAK 10.30-11.00AM

SATURDAY SESSION TWO 11.00-12.30PM

PHILOSOPHY/ CRITICAL ZONES

CHAIR: Adrian Favell

LR1

Amir Shahhosseini Angas

University College Cork

Nihilism and the Modern Metropolis: The Emergence of Posthuman Agency

Mark Collett

Adjaye Associates

After "Critical Architecture": Heteronomy, History and Weak Critique in the Anthropocene

Pia Runge

Umweltbundesamt (German Environment Agency)

Architectural Aesthetics, Disconnection and the Terrestrial

Saul Golden

University of Ulster

Contrarian Spatial Practices and Transformative Approaches to Sustainability and Technology Applied to Address Scalable Humanitarian Challenges

SATURDAY AFTERNOON

KEYNOTE

SEBASTIAN MAROT

12.45PM

LOCATION: LR2

MEETING POINT

CCAЕ 2.45PM

SITE WITHIN 20MINS WALKING

SATURDAY SITE VISIT 3.00-4.30PM

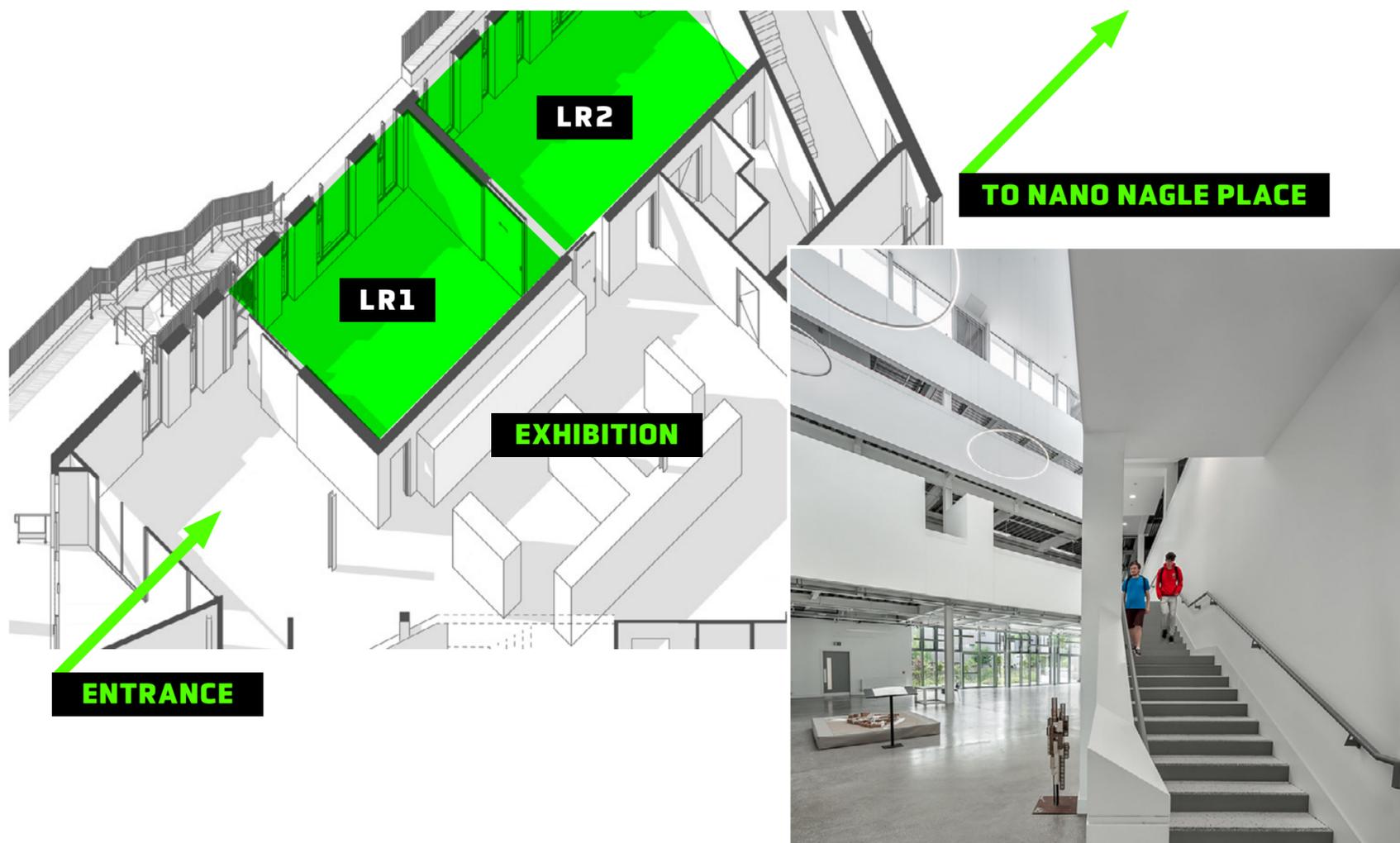
DEN TALAMH

'den talamh' at **Tramore Valley Park** (former landfill now municipal park) with architect **Seán Antóin Ó Muirí** of **fuinneamh** workshop.



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ENTRANCE

LR2

LR1

EXHIBITION

TO NANO NAGLE PLACE