

Introduction

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Abstract

The *Asylum* publication began over 20 years ago in 2001, named by founding students of the Unitec School of Architecture to reflect the origins of the architecture programme at Unitec by acknowledging the prior use of the historical building that housed the school for twenty-five years. In this time the publication has served to document the work of students, their thinking, and the evolution of the school, and has since 2020 incorporated a section of peer-reviewed papers on architecture and design research. This special issue of *Asylum*, guest edited by The Urban Advisory, is an opportunity to broaden the remit of the publication to be a curated collection of peer-reviewed and practitioner-led articles designed to challenge our collective thinking about a key urban topic. Specifically, the editors were challenged to bring together ideas commonly restricted to academic journals and share them more widely into the professional sphere.

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