

# The Kent State Forum on the City

# ROTTERDAM

## The Modernity Lab

KSU-Florence - Palazzo Cerchi - *Vicolo dei Cerchi 1* - October 27, 2007

*Coordinators* Emiliano Gandolfi, NAI, Rotterdam

Maurizio Sabini, Kent State University

9:30 Welcome & opening remarks by Marcello Fantoni, director, KSU-Florence

9:35 Introduction by Maurizio Sabini

9:45 **The Big Picture: Evolution, Urban Designs, Plans & Policies**

(3 presentations, 20' each) *moderator* Emiliano Gandolfi

- Jean-Paul Baeten, Senior Conservator, NAI, Rotterdam
- Frank van den Beuken, City Planning Department, Rotterdam
- Alex Vollebregt, Spacelab, TU Delft

11:00 coffee break

11:15 **The Cultural Observatory**

(2 presentations, 20' each) *moderator* Emiliano Gandolfi

- Todd Reisz, OMA, Rotterdam
- Arnold Reijndorp, professor, Universiteit van Amsterdam

12:30 Lunch break

14:00 **Design Strategies and New Perspectives**

(2 presentations, 20' / 25' each) *moderator* Emiliano Gandolfi

- Rients Dijkstra, MAXWAN
- Ana Dzokic & Marc Neelen, [STEALTH.unlimited]
- Edzo Bindels, partner, West8

15:30 coffee break

15:45 **Final Round Table**

*moderator* Maurizio Sabini

- Giandomenico Amendola, University of Florence
- Gianni Biagi, Alderman for City Planning, City of Florence
- Constance Bodurow, Lawrence Technological University, Detroit
- Marco Brizzi, Director *arch'it*, architectural critic, Florence
- Emiliano Gandolfi, NAI, Rotterdam
- Gabriele Mastrigli, architectural critic, *Il Manifesto*
- Francisco Sanin, Syracuse University, Florence

17:00 Closing