

WOMEN DESIGN

Friday 7 December 10.30-18.00 & Saturday 8 December 11.00-17.30

December 2018 marks 100 years since the first general election in which a percentage of women voted for the first time in the UK. In commemoration of the suffragettes' ultimate victory, and as a stark reminder of the need to improve gender inequality in the industry, design writer and curator Libby Sellers and the Design Museum host a two-day series of talks on women in design.

Friday 7 December

10.30 Refreshments

Teas & Coffees floor -1

10.50 Introduction: Libby Sellers and Sumitra Upham.

11.00 Soane Medal Lecture: Denise Scott Brown

A pre-recorded lecture by **Denise Scott Brown** commissioned by the Sir John Soane's Museum on the occasion of for the Soane Medal 2018 ceremony.

12.00 Keynote Lecture: Built Gendering

World-renowned sociologist **Saskia Sassen** discusses how and why urban planning is not gender neutral.

13.00 Lunch Break

14.00 Panel Discussion: Gender Biased Historiography

A panel of curators and design historians reflect on the work of pioneering female designers including **Lina Bo Bardi, Anni Albers, Ray Eames** and other prominent figures who have been overlooked in design history.

Chair: Pat Kirkham, Professor at Kingston University and Bard Graduate Center: Decorative Arts.

Ann Coxon, Curator: Displays and International Art at Tate Modern.

Noemi Blager, architect and curator.

Tulga Beyerle, Director of Museum für Kunst und Gewerbe, Hamburg.

15.15 Tea Break

16.00 Conversation: Gendered Technologies

How are new technologies challenging gender identity and forging new gender politics? Writer and researcher **Tamar Shafir** in conversation with queer and nonbinary, feminist designer **Gabriel A. Maher** will discuss the potential of new technologies for designers.

17.00 Talk: Designing the Impossible

Dr Nelly Ben Hayoun is an award-winning director and designer of experiences. In this lecture/ discussion, she shares how she is using the 'design of experiences' as a tool to disrupt social hierarchies in the creative and space science industry.

17.45 Closing Comments

Libby Sellers and **Sumitra Upham**.

18.00 Designers in Residence Showcase

The outstanding candidates selected for this year's Designers in Residence programme are all women. Following the symposium, guests are invited to attend the opening of the Designer in Residence Showcase to meet and view the work of **Ella Bulley**, **Hester Buck**, **Legrand Jäger** and **Helga Schmid**.

18.30 Legrand Jäger Performance

The Design Museum ground floor atrium

20.00 Event Ends

Saturday 8 December

11.00 Refreshments

Teas & Coffees floor -1

11.30 Introduction: Libby Sellers and Sumitra Upham

12.00 Discussion: Women at School

How can we create more democratic forms of knowledge building? A panel of international curators, designers and historians discuss how design education is shaping and reinforcing gender roles and divisions.

Chair: Dr Alice Twemlow, Research Professor at the Royal Academy of Art, The Hague (KABK).

Dr Penny Sparke, Professor of Design History at Kingston University.

Catherine Ince, Senior Curator V&A East.

Matylda Krzykowski, designer, curator & Professor at The School of Arts Institute Chicago.

13.00 Panel: Women, Design and Geopolitics

As the cultural gaze shifts to nations that had previously been overlooked, women designers are being rediscovered. Speakers will reflect on the work of pioneering female designers including, **Minette de Silva**, **Lina Bo Bardi** and **Althea McNish**, whose contribution to the canon and design industry remains under-recognised.

Chair: Shumi Bose, curator and editor and teacher at Central Saint Martin's College and the Royal College of Art.

Dr Christine Checinska, Associate Researcher at University of Johannesburg, and a Visiting Lecturer at the Royal College of Art

Yasmin Shariff, architect and writer.

Dr Jane Hall, member of architecture collective Assemble.

14.00 Lunch Break

15.00 Conversation: In Practice

What are the distinct conditions, opportunities and challenges facing female graphic designers today? Writer **Emily King** hosts a conversation with leading graphic designers **Frith Kerr** and **Marina Willer**.

16.00 Conversation: Self-Belief

What are the biggest issues preventing female architects from progressing in the workplace? World-renowned architects **Farshid Moussavi** and **Odile Decq** discuss the issue of 'self-belief' in the architecture today.

17.00 Closing Comments

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