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II October: Architecture as Story, Stillness and Shared Voice

A spatial narrative, a compact hospitality interior and a call to represent the profession ask where architecture finds its public value.

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This edition selects four reports published on 9–11 October 2026 and checked on 11 October. The Daniel Libeskind interview and the San Luis interior are recent Dezeen coverage; RIBA's dated call concerns the 2026–2029 UIA term. Designboom's 10 October article discusses a film whose official world premiere

took place on 25 September, so the film's event date is stated separately. "Our reading" is independent commentary, not on-site reporting. Estimated reading time: seven minutes.

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Sources checked 11 October 2026. Source statements and our interpretation are distinguished below. How we work [↗](#)

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What these stories mean together

Across these stories, architecture appears as more than a finished object: a sequence interpreted by visitors, a set of practical routines supported by space, a professional conversation shaped through institutions and an experience mediated by film. Each form needs its own evidence.

- Narrative: does a design's intended story help people understand a place, or does it prescribe one reading?
- Compact living: which fixed elements genuinely support daily use, and which might limit future adaptation?
- Professional voice: how are representatives selected, and how will they report back to the communities they represent?
- Cinematic space: what can a moving image communicate—and what still requires visiting, touching, listening and inhabiting?

This issue combines an architect interview, a published interior feature, a professional-body call and reporting on a documentary. It does not independently assess the buildings, the selection process, visitor outcomes or the film's spatial accuracy.

01 / Daniel Libeskind describes architecture as composition

Source published: 11 October 2026



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In an interview published on 11 October, Dezeen Awards 2026 judge Daniel Libeskind compares architecture to musical composition: no single element carries the whole; meaning emerges through relationships. He discusses five projects as expressions of his approach, including the Jewish Museum Berlin, Imperial War Museum North and the World Trade Center master plan. This is the architect's account of his own work, not an independent evaluation of those projects.

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the comparison is useful when it turns attention from a signature shape to a visitor's sequence—what is revealed, withheld, remembered or reconsidered. But a strong narrative can also become over-prescriptive. The practical test is whether movement, orientation, light and pause support different visitors, rather than requiring them to decode one authorial story.

Read source: [Dezeen — Daniel Libeskind interview, 11 October 2026](#) ↗

02 / San Luis turns fixed furniture into compact-space infrastructure

Source published: 10 October 2026



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Dezeen reported on 10 October that Mariel Lozano Studio designed the interiors and furniture for San Luis, a 50-square-metre, one-bedroom apartment in Mexico City's Roma Norte. The feature describes custom fixed pieces—including a built-in sofa, storage furniture and a bed frame with concealed luggage storage—alongside teak panelling and a sliding slatted partition between living and sleeping areas. The hospitality concept is from Mad Monk Studios' Stays. These details are reported design intentions; the article does not provide post-occupancy evidence.

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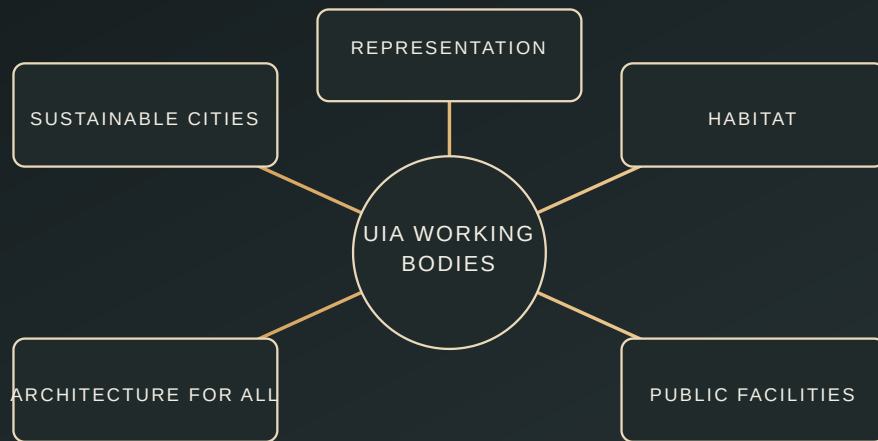
storage here is treated as part of the spatial layout, not an afterthought. That can reduce visual clutter, but fixed furniture also makes future change more dependent on the original brief. A useful follow-up would ask how the partition, storage and service access perform for different guests, and how easily the apartment can be maintained or adapted.

Read source: Dezeen — San Luis apartment by Mariel Lozano Studio, 10 October 2026 ↗

03 / RIBA opens nominations for the next UIA working term

Source published: 9 October 2026

A professional voice needs a route back



ORIGINAL THEMATIC DIAGRAM · NOT A GOVERNANCE CHART

World Arch Journal original diagram of themes named in RIBA's call; it does not depict UIA governance or imply an endorsement.

RIBA's call, dated 9 October, invites expressions of interest from qualified people it may nominate to UIA Working Bodies for the 2026–2029 term. The listed opportunities include work on sustainable cities and communities, habitat, architecture for all and public facilities. RIBA states that expressions of interest are due by 20 October 2026. This is a call for professional representation, not a new design standard or policy decision.

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international working groups can influence which issues receive sustained professional attention. Representation is meaningful when expertise is matched to the brief and when members can see how their contributions travel back into practice. The announcement gives a deadline and themes; it does not explain the full selection process or guarantee that any one position will produce a particular policy outcome.

Read source: RIBA — Call for representatives on UIA Working Bodies, 9 October 2026 ↗

04 / Wim Wenders' film approaches Zumthor through lived experience

Source published: 10 October 2026

A moving image is an invitation



LIGHT · MATERIAL · SEQUENCE · EMBODIED EXPERIENCE

World Arch Journal original conceptual illustration; not a film still, project photograph or measured representation.

A Designboom article published on 10 October previews projects in Wim Wenders' documentary *From Inside Out – The Architecture of Peter Zumthor*, developed over approximately fourteen years and made with 3D technology. The official Wim Wenders site records the film's world premiere at the Venice International Film Festival on 25 September 2026. The dates matter: this is new coverage of a film that premiered earlier, not a premiere announced on 10 October.

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cinematic movement can help an audience notice sequence, atmosphere and changing light. It cannot fully reproduce the bodily scale of a room, its acoustics, material touch or the way it changes with weather and use. The film is best treated as an invitation to look more closely—not a substitute for visiting a building or consulting its documentation.

Read source: Designboom — Wenders' documentary on Peter Zumthor, 10 October 2026 ↗

Cross-check: Wim Wenders — documentary world premiere, 25 September 2026 ↗

The editor's test: what remains beyond the image?

Four checks beyond the image



Who says it? · What is documented? · What can people verify?

World Arch Journal original editorial synthesis; a set of questions, not measured findings about the projects.

These items have different evidentiary weight: an architect's interview, an interior design report, a professional-body call and a documentary feature. They should not be treated as equivalent proof. Read together, they suggest a useful discipline for architectural storytelling: name who is speaking, state what is documented, distinguish intention from outcome, and ask what a user could verify after the announcement.

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the best project narratives invite scrutiny as well as attention. A visitor should be able to experience the space without needing the architect's explanation; a compact interior should be judged in use; professional representation should be traceable; and a film should make its limits visible.

Further reading

- Read our guide to adaptive reuse and what to retain
- Explore universal design for homes and ageing in place
- Explore projects and virtual tours
- Browse every dated architecture briefing
- Previous edition: 9 October — Reuse, Learning, Arrival and Living Knowledge
- Next edition: 21 October — Openings, Heritage and Who Decides

Source notes

Official announcements and source reporting are linked below. Interpretations labelled “Our reading” are World Arch Journal commentary, not claims made by the source organisations. No sponsored placement is included in this edition.

1. Dezeen — Daniel Libeskind interview, 11 October 2026 ↗
2. Dezeen — San Luis apartment by Mariel Lozano Studio, 10 October 2026 ↗
3. RIBA — Call for representatives on UIA Working Bodies, 9 October 2026 ↗
4. Designboom — Wenders’ documentary on Peter Zumthor, 10 October 2026 ↗
5. Wim Wenders — official notice of the documentary premiere, 25 September 2026 ↗

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