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2008 EDRA/Places Awards, in Cooperation with *Metropolis* Magazine

Places and the Environmental Design Research Association announce the eleventh annual EDRA/*Places* Awards for Place Design, Planning and Research—this year in cooperation with *Metropolis* magazine. We seek entries of exemplary work from practitioners and researchers from the full breadth of environmental design and related social science activity, including architecture, landscape architecture, planning, urban design, interior design, lighting design, graphic design, environmental psychology, sociology, anthropology, and geography.

Each year *Places* and EDRA assemble a jury with diverse backgrounds in design, research, teaching, and practice. The jury evaluates how each project, no matter what the discipline, addresses the human experience of well-designed places. Special attention is paid to the transferability of research about human experience into design and planning practice. The jury selects six winners from three categories: place design, place planning, and place research. This year they will also award a book prize.

The deadline for entries is February 7, 2008. The awards jury will be held February 29–March 1 at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, with winners announced the week following. Official presentations will be made at the EDRA annual conference, May 2008, in Veracruz, Mexico. Winning projects will be announced in *Metropolis* and on the *Places* website, with full write-ups and commentary published in the Fall 2008 issue of *Places*.

For more information about the awards program and to obtain entry forms or brochures, visit www.places-journal.org and/or www.edra.org.

Submissions are accepted in the following categories:

Place Research. All types of research about the design and use of places can be entered, including (but not limited to) projects that document the form or perception of places or landscapes; evaluate the use or management of recent projects or established settings; or provide background for specific designs or plans.

Place Planning. Any plan that makes proposals for the future use, management or design of a place can be entered—including master plans, specific plans or elements, management plans, vision documents, or charrette proposals. Plans must have been sponsored by an organized entity (such as a public agency, community group, or private business or institution), though they need not have received official approval.



Place Design. Any design project completed within the last five years (but long enough to assess how well it functions for its users) can be entered. Projects can consist of individual structures, spaces or elements, or groups that work together as a unit. They can involve the design of something new or the reuse of existing resources. The scale may be large or small.

Book Award. New this year. Recently published books advancing the critical understanding of place and design of exceptional environments.

2008 Jury

Dennis Frenchman, Professor of Urban Design and Planning, MIT

Leanne Rivlin, Professor, Environmental Psychology Doctoral Program, CUNY

Fritz Steiner, Dean of the School of Architecture, University of Texas at Austin

Susan S. Szenasy, Editor in Chief, *Metropolis*

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The postmark deadline for submissions is Feb. 7, 2008.