Professor Nicholas Clear

What is Radical Today? 40 Positions on Architecture
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Dear Nic Clear,

It is our pleasure to invite you to participate in our upcoming display What is radical today? 40 positions on architecture to be held in The Architecture Studio at the Royal Academy of Arts in London between 6 September – 7 November 2019.

The 1960s and 1970s were tumultuous decades of political unsettlement and social upheaval. Radical ideas set out to unseat existing conventions and practices in various spheres of life, including architecture. Today it could be said, we are living in a similarly turbulent period of global changes with environmental, political and social dimensions. But, how should architecture respond to this? This display will question architecture’s current agenda by inviting 40 global emerging and established architects, artists and thinkers to present their visions for what is most radical in architecture today.

We would be honoured to have your contribution in this display conveying your creative and critical idea. We want the display to be visually compelling to a non-specialist audience and are inviting submissions that fit on an A3 paper sheet, but your ideas can be expressed in any form whether an image, drawing, collage, poem, sketch or any output that you might find relevant to explain your ideas.

If you are willing to accept our invitation, please send us a confirmation of your participation by 8 July 2019. The works should be sent by e-mail, following the criteria described in the following page, before 31 July 2019.

Should you have any queries arising from this letter, in the first instance please contact me at gonzalo.herrero@royalacademy.org.uk or on +44 (0) 20 7300 8004.

Many thanks for your time and consideration,

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The Post-Singularity City 2019
THE EARLY DAYS OF A BETTER FUTURE
We are currently at a time of PROFOUND technological CHANGE and while there is a great deal of hype surrounding advanced technologies their RADICAL significance on our cities is not FULLY grasped. These technologies will change EVERYTHING and not just how things look. The arrival of a POST-SINGULARITY world has the potential to develop ways of living that will make us ALL happier, healthier and more efficient in our use of resources. IMAGINING such a world should be the priority of any ARCHITECTURE that thinks of itself as RADICAL.
WHAT IS RADICAL TODAY?

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