



CLARE HALL CAMBRIDGE

'A very different Cambridge college: Ralph Erskine and the invention of Clare Hall'

Clare Hall, Herschel Road, Cambridge

Saturday, 15th October 2016

- 10.00am Arrival, registration and tea/coffee
- 10.30 Introductory remarks by the President of Clare Hall, David Ibbetson, Regius Professor of Common Law

Part 1:

**The founding of the maverick College; new university and college architecture at the time; the search for an architect to break the mould; designing and building for Erskine in Britain.
*chaired by Dan Cruikshank (not confirmed)***

- 10.40 Prof. Richard Eden, first Vice-President of Clare Hall, extracts from a filmed interview with Marie Janson.
- 10.50 Dr. Elaine Harwood, Historic England, Clare Hall in the context of post-war university and college architecture.
- 11.20 Bengt Ahlqvist, Erskine's long time collaborator, recalls the design and drawing up of Clare Hall on board Erskine's barge.
- 11.40 Tony McGuirk, former CEO of BDP, Erskine's UK team member, recalls an idiosyncratic but disciplined approach to design.
- 12.10 *A brief break*

Part 2:

**The vision in practice
*chaired by Lucia Tantardini***

- 12.30 Dr. Gabriel Byng, College-Erskine relations from the Archive
- 12.40 Prof. Ekhard Salje, former President of Clare Hall and confidante of Ralph Erskine, reflects on the man.

- 12.50 Prof. Deborah Howard recalls the rhythm of Clare Hall life as a research student in the early years of the college.
- 1.10 Prof. Ron Lewcock describes academic life as a College Fellow in the 1970s.

1.30 - 2.15pm *Lunch in College*

Part 3

The legacy of Erskine's design for Clare Hall
chaired by Jan-Carlos Kucharek, the Deputy Editor of the RIBA Journal

- 2.20pm Prof. Antonello Alici, Visiting Fellow, Erskine in Italy
- 2.50 Klas Tham, Erskine's former colleague
- 3.20 Dick van Gemeren, partner in MECANOO, Professor of Dwelling TU Delft, on resonances of Erskine in contemporary housing design.
- 3.40 Concluding comments
- 4.00 All congregate in the King Rooms for drinks and canapes**

**His Excellency the Swedish Ambassador opens the exhibition,
'Ralph Erskine and the invention of Clare Hall'**

The exhibition remains open until 6.30

- 7.00pm Reception for Speakers and invited guests in the College Common Rooms
- 7.30 Dinner for Speakers and invited guests in the College Dining Hall

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