



HENRIQUEZ PARTNERS ARCHITECTS INVITED TO PARTICIPATE IN EUROPEAN CULTURAL CENTRE'S EXHIBIT, *TIME SPACE EXISTENCE*, AS PART OF THE 2021 VENICE ARCHITECTURE BIENNALE

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Vancouver, BC — Henriquez Partners Architects is excited to announce that we have been invited to participate in the European Cultural Centre's invitational exhibition, *TIME SPACE EXISTENCE*, as part of the 2021 Venice Architecture Biennale. The exhibit will be hosted from May 22–November 21, 2021 in Palazzo Mora, one of three venues to be curated by the ECC. The exhibit will be a collaboration with the UNHCR, the UN's international refugee agency.

This exhibit is inspired by Biennale curator Hashim Sarkis' theme, *How will we live together?* The theme is a call to action requesting that architects respond to a wide range of contemporary global issues. We are especially honoured to contribute to this year's Biennale due to the theme's consistency with the studio's core values and pursuit of inclusive cities, social justice and diverse communities.

The exhibition will be located in Cannaregio's Palazzo Mora, on the Strada Nuova. Within Cannaregio is the Jewish ghetto, the gated, mandatory living quarters for Venetian-Jewish residents from 1516–1797 and the birthplace of the word "ghetto." The ghetto's inherent contradiction with Venice's tradition as a welcoming city for foreigners served as a conceptual catalyst for our installation which is a theoretical architectural project that explores how to integrate refugees and tourists into Venice. The objective of the exhibition is to encourage meaningful dialogue about how the architect can foster urban engagement and a sense of belonging within cities.

Applying lessons learned from previous Henriquez Partners projects, some of which are described in our book *Citizen City*, the exhibition aspires to imagine more inclusive communities that embrace all aspects of sustainability and to inspire architects to realize cities that reach their full potential – where everyone can thrive and belong.

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About Henriquez Partners:

Henriquez Partners is an architectural studio based in Vancouver which excels at large, complex, mixed-use projects that aspire to integrate poetics and ethics to create inclusive and engaged communities. In order to achieve these goals, we have mastered the rezoning development process to actively lobby for densification to balance the necessary transfer of equity towards socially valuable objectives. While to traditional design architects this may appear as participating in the profane world of development, Henriquez acts as a bridge or stop gap measure where government intervention is underfunded, void or too lengthy of a process. Our role as impartial ambassadors relies on complex rezoning with economies of scale that enable the development community to achieve their financial objectives in tandem with meaningful public benefit.

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