



# Andrés Jaque: Superpowers of Scale



**Southern California Institute of Architecture's lecture program hosts Spanish architect Andrés Jaque who will present his latest book, "Superpowers of Scale."**

Andrés Jaque is an architect, writer, and curator internationally known as one of the initiators of interscalar and transmedium approaches to urban and territorial studies. His work explores architecture as the entanglement of life, bodies, technologies, and environments. He holds a PhD from UPM and has been a Heinrich Tessenow Stipendiat (Alfred Toepfer Stiftung FVS) and Graham Foundation grantee. He is the founder of the [Office for Political Innovation](#), a New York/Madrid-based agency working at the intersection of research, critical environmental practices, and design. The office is the author of awarded projects including Plasencia Clergy House, Cosmo MoMA PS1, Escaravox, the Thyssen-Bornemisza Ocean Space, Reggio School, House in Never Never Land, and the Transvector for Lafayette Anticipations.

He has been awarded the Frederick Kiesler Prize, the Silver Lion for Best Project of the 14 Mostra Internazionale di Architettura della Biennale di Venezia, and the Dionisio Hernández Gil Prize for his intervention on historical enclaves. He is chief curator of the 13th *Shanghai Biennial* for 2020. In 2018 he co-curated *Manifesta 12* in Palermo, *The Planetary Garden Cultivating Coexistence*, an inquiry into the ecological, technological, and political role Palermo plays as a site and actor of border violence and cross-pollination.

His work *IKEA Disobedients* is the first architectural performance ever included in the MoMA Collection, and his work *PHANTOM. Mies as Rendered Society* is part of the permanent collection and exhibition of the Art Institute of Chicago. His work has been exhibited in international biennales including Venice, Seoul, Sao Paulo, Oslo, Gwanju, Santiago de Chile, and Lisbon; and he has developed

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## Venue

W.M. Keck Lecture Hall, Southern California Institute of Architecture, 960 E 3rd St, Los Angeles, CA 90013

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## Admission

Parking and admission are free. The event will be [broadcast live](#)

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projects with many of the most important cultural organizations around the world, including Victoria & Albert Museum, MAK Museum, Het Nieuwe Instituut, CA2M, London Design Museum, MoMA PS1, Tel Aviv Museum of Art, ZKM, Whitechapel Gallery, Cal Arts Contemporary Art Center, Columbia University, Princeton University, and Z33.

Andrés Jaque is the director of Columbia University's Advanced Architectural Design Program, a legendary architectural innovation lab that has helped shape the evolution of architecture in the last three decades. He previously taught at Princeton University and ETSAM. His publications include *Superpowers of Scale* (2019), *Transmaterial Politics* (2017), *PHANTOM. Mies as Rendered Society* (2013), *Transmaterial/Calculable* (2017), *Different Kinds of Water Pouring into a Swimming Pool* (2013), *Melnikov. Car-park for 1000 vehicles* (2004), and *Everyday Politics* (2011). The work of the Office has been published in both general and architectural media including *A+U*, *Bauwelt*, *Domus*, *El Croquis*, *The Architectural Review*, *The New York Times*, *The Wall Street Journal*, *The Guardian*, and *El País*.