



ALTERNATIVAS / ALTERNATIVES: The Thirteenth Spanish Biennial of Architecture and Urbanism (XIII BEAU)



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WASHINGTON, D.C.

Thu, April 06–
Sun, June 04, 2017

Venue

Former Residence of the
Ambassadors of Spain, 2801 16th
Street NW, Washington, DC 20009

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Admission

Free. Visiting hours: Thursday to
Sunday, from 11 am to 6 pm;
Monday–Wednesday by appointment
only at contact@spainculture.us

Credits

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The exhibition of the XIII BEAU is an opportunity to disclose Spanish interventions in terms of heritage, urbanism, landscape and city, as well as investigations carried out in the field of architecture and urbanism of the past two years.

The exhibition, entitled *ALTERNATIVAS/ALTERNATIVES* features 22 jury-selected projects completed between January 1, 2013 through December 31, 2015 by contemporary Spanish architects. The installation, which also includes an additional 20 shortlisted works, presents large-scale image displays and audiovisual commentary about the winning projects, as well as drawing reproductions and architectural models.

Many of the works presented, under the categories of Heritage, Planning and Innovation, employ sustainable practices and rely on local materials. The projects –which vary from small-scale works, such as residential homes, to mid-size interventions, such as schools and public parks– showcase the ability of Spain’s architects to formulate innovative solutions with both a limited budget and modest resources.

The XIII BEAU’s selection showcases a breadth of talent from across Spain, not just its biggest cities. It also highlights some of the country’s



practices on the rise. In addition to projects by studios such as Arquitectura-G and H Arquitectes, much of the work included in *ALTERNATIVAS/ALTERNATIVES* represents Spain's up-and-coming architects and studios such as Abalo Alonso Arquitectos, Victor López Cotelo, Olalquiaga Arquitectos and more.

Recently the Spanish Pavilion at the 2016 Venice Biennale won the Golden Lion Prize, the highest honor given at the Biennale. Seventy percent of that award-winning exhibition will be on view as part of *ALTERNATIVAS/ALTERNATIVES*.

Related events

Alongside this exhibition, SPAIN arts & culture also presents *EXPORT: Spanish Architecture Abroad*, on show from April 6 through June 4 at the Former Residence of the Ambassadors of Spain in Washington, D.C.

The following public programs complement these two exhibitions:

- **Lecture:** *Rethinking Museum Architecture*. On Wednesday, April 26, at 6:45 pm. Free, [RSVP required](#).
- **Lecture:** *Constructing the Public Realm*. On Tuesday, May 9, at 6:45 pm. Free, [RSVP required](#).
- **Film screening:** *The New Rijksmuseum*. On Wednesday, May 24, at 6:30 pm. Free, [RSVP required](#).
- **Film screening:** *Sidewalls (Medianeras)*. On Wednesday, May 31, at 6:30 pm. Free, [RSVP required](#).

SPAIN arts & culture is joining the [Washington Architectural Foundation](#) to celebrate the Architecture Month 2017 opening party on Thursday, April 6 at 7 pm, at the Former Residence of the Ambassadors of Spain. [RSVP required](#).