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Upcoming Forum Lecture Series at the Azrieli School of Architecture and Urbanism, Carleton University

Since 1968, Carleton University's Azrieli School of Architecture and Urbanism has brought local, national and international architects to Ottawa to participate in the Forum Lecture Series. The goal of each Forum Lecture is to educate students, faculty and the general public about the profession, the design process and the impact architecture has on our communities. Forum has presented an impressive lineup over the years including recent notables Moshe Safdie, Arthur Erickson and Teresa Sapey. All Forum lectures are held in the National Gallery of Canada and attract audiences from across the region.

The lecture schedule is as follows:

October 1, 2008: Manuelle Gautrand

October 22, 2008: Nili Portugali

Nili Portugali is a practicing Israeli architect and lecturer based in Jerusalem, Israel. Portugali's work focuses on both practice and theory, and is tightly connected to the holistic-phenomenological school of thought, inspired by her studies in both architecture and Buddhism. Portugali's recently published book, *Act of Creation and the Spirit of a Place: A Holistic-Phenomenological Approach to Architecture* was nominated for the RIBA International Book Award Architecture Prize 2007, and offers her view on creating a physical environment where the human perspective is considered first. What is good for humans, Portugali believes, will be good for the environment too. For example, it's in the interest of humans to be exposed to natural daylight in the stairwell instead of having to rely on electricity; this of course, also saves energy. Portugali respects the environment

as well: when working on an elderly care facility in Tel Aviv, she chose to use two ancient eucalyptus trees to mark the entrance, rather than have them removed. Portugali endeavours to blend architecture, spirituality, hope and essence in her work, to find the balance between environmentally friendly architecture and livable, workable "human-friendly" spaces.

November 10, 2008: Mario Botta

November 19, 2008: Marco Petreschi

January 19, 2009: Dan Hanganu

March 18, 2009: Peter Buchanan

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