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**Outspoken and Iconoclastic Architect Will Also  
Guest Lecturer for Chicago Architecture Foundation's  
Second Annual Hem C. Gupta Program  
Monday, October 10 at 6pm**

CHICAGO (September 19, 2005) London-based architect Will Alsop, Alsop Design Ltd., is one of the most outspoken members of the architectural community here and abroad. As one of the most prominent UK architects, his practice is an international operation guided by the principle that architecture is both a vehicle and symbol of social change and renewal. On Monday, October 10, Will Alsop will present his revolutionary recent projects at the Chicago Architecture Foundation at 6:00 p.m.

Will Alsop's mission is "to give the world extraordinary objects of desire." In the process, the iconoclastic architect sets new standards for sustainable design and technology, working closely with clients and community groups. Alsop will present recent projects such as the Sharp Center for Design in Toronto and London's Peckham Library, which received the 2000 Stirling Prize from the Royal Institute of British Architects.



The Hem C. Gupta Lecture series, sponsored by Environmental System Design, Inc., was created to bring an internationally renowned member of the architecture and design community to present their work and perspective on the built environment to CAF audiences. Alsop was invited to be the second guest architect of the series because of his ability to extend his philosophy from the design of individual buildings to embrace broader principles of urbanism and city

development. By abandoning the hegemony of an acceptable style, he has rendered the whole process of architecture one of increasing fluidity and transparency; a new and refreshing position for architecture.

Alsop follows a parallel path as an artist, feeling that it is a discipline inseparable from architecture. He was a tutor sculpture at Central St. Martins College of Art & Design, London for several years, and has held many other academic posts while actively promoting the artistic contribution to the built environment. His paintings and sketches have been exhibited alongside his architectural projects in dedicated exhibitions at Sir John Soane's Museum, Milton Keynes Gallery, Cube Gallery, Manchester, the British Pavilion at Venice Biennale and is collected by the Canadian Centre for Architecture, among many others.

Reservations are recommended. Ticket prices are \$25; CAF members \$15. For reservations, visit [www.architecture.org](http://www.architecture.org) or 312.922.3432, ext. 266.

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