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Media Release

The Pritzker Architecture Prize presents *The Role of Practice*, the 2023 Laureate Lecture and Panel Discussion

Chicago, IL (May 11, 2023) – The Pritzker Architecture Prize, in partnership with the National Technical University of Athens, presents *The Role of Practice*, on Tuesday, May 23rd at 3:40PM EEST, with the participation of the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, University of Patras and Technical University of Crete.

Sir David Alan Chipperfield CH, 2023 Laureate, will reflect on the role, responsibilities and opportunities of architectural practice. He will consider how architecture has been dominated by market forces and become increasingly detached from its place, just as the challenges of climate crisis, loss of biodiversity and social inequality have heightened the urgency for a more proactive position.

“We see architecture as a result, the physical object, and we try to measure architecture by this result. But our concerns cannot only be focused on what we build. We must look at the way we build, how we build, who we build for, and where we build. It is only by going beyond the prescribed responsibilities of architectural practice, by questioning the limits within which architecture operates, that we can properly respond to the existential issues that confront us,” elaborates Chipperfield.

Alejandro Aravena, Jury Chair and 2016 Laureate, will introduce the architect, who will also present an overview of the work of David Chipperfield Architects, with a focus on common concerns and attitudes towards process and purpose. Additionally, drawing from experiences with Fundación RIA, his non-profit think tank in Galicia, Spain, Chipperfield will call for architects to evolve new ways of practice that advance the common good.

A conversation between Chipperfield, Francis Kéré, 2022 Laureate, and Anne Lacaton and Jean-Philippe Vassal, 2021 Laureates, will follow, as they each reveal the successes and failures of their respective journeys that effected their architectural philosophies and works, and led them to the shared stage of the present.

“On the surface, my architecture may seem to people very different from that of my peers in the field,” comments Kéré. “But I think we have more in common than we have differences: an effort to build things that last and have an impact, a design language that is distinct but can adapt to users, a love for architecture and its potential.”

The event will be available for global viewing at bit.ly/2023-laureate-lecture or YouTube @SchoolofArchitectureNTUA, and through Facebook and Instagram Live @PritzkerArchitecturePrize.

David Chipperfield is the 52nd Laureate of the Pritzker Architecture Prize, and resides in London and leads additional offices in Berlin, Milan, Shanghai and Santiago de Compostela. The 2023 Pritzker Prize ceremony will be held in Athens, Greece this May, and the virtual ceremony video will be released in September.

The Pritzker Architecture Prize presents *The Role of Practice*, the 2023 Laureate Lecture and Panel Discussion (continued)

About the Pritzker Architecture Prize

The Pritzker Architecture Prize was founded in 1979 by the late Jay A. Pritzker and his wife, Cindy. Its purpose is to honor annually a living architect or architects whose built work demonstrates a combination of those qualities of talent, vision and commitment, which has produced consistent and significant contributions to humanity and the built environment through the art of architecture.

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