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Architecture has reached three of its most respected limits:

- its definition as the art of making buildings
- its discourse through predictable printed media
- its training as a matter of master and apprentice

The pushing of these limits challenges the mandate and self-conception of architecture. Architecture needs new modes of operation, converging the creation, mediation and appreciation of space.

That's why we launch

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Global idea platform to voice architecture, anyway, anywhere, anytime.

An engine for architectural practice, a test ground for world class architectural thinking. An instrument of cultural invention and re-invention. It will be dedicated to experimentation and the production of new forms of architectural discourse.

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2. AMO – pushing beyond the office a research and design studio that applies architectural thinking to disciplines beyond the borders of architecture and urbanism – including sociology, technology, and politics – AMO operates in tandem with its companion company the Office for Metropolitan Architecture, an internationally renowned firm,

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3. GSAPP – pushing beyond the school an experimental research unit devoted to the development of new forms of communication in architecture – the Columbia Laboratory for Architectural Broadcasting (CLAB) – has been set up as a wing of Columbia University's Graduate School of Architecture Planning and Preservation (GSAPP), an international hotbed of talent and innovative thought in design and theory. www.arch.columbia.edu

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In attendance will be Rem Koolhaas (AMO), Mark Wigley (GSAPP) and Ole Bouman (ARCHIS)

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