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Press Release

Building Togetherness

A lecture by Juho Grönholm / ALA Architects, Helsinki on October 27, 2022 at 6:30 pm at the Oskar von Miller Forum and on www.ovmf.de

ALA Architects specializes in demanding cultural buildings, unique renovation projects and transportation architecture.

One of their award winning projects is the new Helsinki central library Oodi which opened in December 2018, and of which Juho Grönholm will be talking in his lecture. The building consists almost entirely of public spaces and offers a wide selection of services. The building is a highly functional addition to local urban life. It offers a technically and spatially flexible framework for cutting edge, adaptable library operations, and acts as the citizens' common living room and work space.

About

Co-Founder and Partner Juho Grönholm holds a master's degree in architecture from Helsinki University of Technology. He has 25 years of professional experience in designing large public buildings in Finland and abroad.

ALA Architects are run by three partners: Juho Grönholm, Antti Nousjoki and Samuli Woolston, and employ a team of 42 architects, interior designers, students and staff members, representing 15 different nationalities.

In addition to the daily office work, the partners have also taught advanced studios in public building design in Finland, as well as at two North American universities: Columbia University and Washington University in St. Louis. They have received numerous prizes and awards, including the Pietilä Award for Young Architects in 2008 and the Finnish State Prize for Architecture in 2012.

Along with Oodi, ALA has recently also completed the new departures and arrivals building of Helsinki International Airport, three stations along the western extension of the Helsinki metro line, and the Courtyard by Marriott Tampere City hotel.

The firm is currently working on such projects as Event Centre Satama in Kotka, Learning Centre La Ruche just outside Lyon, the expansion of the Estonian Business School campus in Tallinn, the new facilities of Espoo Theatre, a new R&D building for Nokia, as well as the renovations of the Finnish embassy in Copenhagen and the Finnish Institute in Rome.