

# The Museum of Modern Art

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## FACT SHEET

**EXHIBITION** **THRESHOLDS/O.M.A. at MoMA: REM KOOLHAAS AND THE PLACE OF PUBLIC ARCHITECTURE**

**DATES** November 3, 1994 - January 15, 1995

**ORGANIZATION** Organized by Terence Riley, Chief Curator, Department of Architecture and Design. This is the third exhibition in the Museum's **THRESHOLDS** series, which is devoted to thematic explorations of contemporary issues in architecture and design.

**SPONSORSHIP** Supported in part by grants from the Graham Foundation for Advanced Studies in the Fine Arts, the New York State Council on the Arts, and The Contemporary Arts Council of The Museum of Modern Art.

**CONTENT** Dutch architect Rem Koolhaas (b. 1944), like many of his generation, was widely influenced by the critical milieu that surrounded the Architectural Association, London, and the Institute for Architecture and Urban Studies, New York. In 1978 he published *Delirious New York* (to be re-released by Monacelli Press at the time of the exhibition), which is both a critical study of the modern megapolis and a vision of Manhattan as the model of a "culture of congestion." Since 1980, when Koolhaas opened his architecture studio, the Office of Metropolitan Architecture (O.M.A.), Rotterdam, his work has attracted great critical acclaim.

This thematic exhibition explores the relationship among architecture, urbanism, and the idea of public space through the use of models and graphic material. It includes urban proposals for Melun-Senart, France (1987, proposal); Yokohama, Japan (1991, competition entry); and the EuroLille project, underway in Lille, France (Phase I, 1989-94; project to be completed in 2004).

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(completed 1992); the Jussieu Library for the University of Paris (1993, proposal, in development); and the Congrexpo, a large multi-use exhibition and convention center (to be completed fall 1994).

The exhibition also addresses the new urban issues raised by Koolhaas in his forthcoming book *S-M-L-XL* (Monacelli Press, late 1994), in a series of installations in various public spaces in the neighborhood around the Museum (locations to be announced).

TRAVEL

After its New York showing, the exhibition travels to the Center for Architecture, Montreal, and the Wexner Center for the Arts, Columbus, Ohio (dates to be announced).

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**DATE CHANGE** November 3, 1994 - January 31, 1995

**MEDIA PREVIEW** Wednesday, November 2, 1994  
3:30 - 5:30 p.m.  
R.S.V.P. to 212/708-9750  
Department of Public Information

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#### OUTDOOR INSTALLATIONS

In a series of outdoor installations, the exhibition also addresses the new urban issues raised by Koolhaas in his forthcoming book *S-M-L-XL* (Monacelli Press, early 1995). Installations combining urban images with essays or excerpts of essays by Koolhaas will be installed in the subway station under 666 Fifth Avenue and at several locations on 53 Street, including a telephone kiosk opposite the Museum.

#### TRAVEL

After its New York showing, the exhibition travels to the Canadian Center for Architecture, Montreal (February 21, - April 21, 1995), and the Wexner Center for the Arts, Columbus, Ohio (May 6 - August 1995).

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