

## Matteo Cainer Office Principal

Matteo Cainer is a practising architect, teacher and curator. Based in London and Paris, he is Principal of Matteo Cainer Architecture, Founder of the Confluence Institute for Innovation and Creative Strategies in Architecture in Lyon, France and Director of Architecture Whispers.



After receiving his master's degree from the University of Architecture in Venice, Italy, he worked and collaborated with a number of celebrated international practices including Peter Eisenman in New York City, CoopHimmelb(l)au in Vienna, and Arata Isozaki Associati in Milano. In 2004 he was Assistant Director to Kurt W. Forster for the 9th International Architecture Exhibition la Biennale di Venezia - METAMORPH, and in 2006 was appointed curator of the London Architecture Biennale - CHANGE, with the exhibition: 'The World in One City- A Sketch for London'. It was in London that he created/ directed the Design Research Studio at Fletcher Priest Architects, and in June 2010 opened his own office. In 2011 he moved to Paris where he also directed 'Architecture Whispers' a series of intimate multidisciplinary and cross-cultural conversations between emerging and consolidated visionary international architects and their colleagues in other disciplines. In May 2018 he moved back to London where he currently works and practices.

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Matteo has always been active in academia; from visiting critic at the Bartlett School of Architecture and the AA in London, to the Dessau Institute of Architecture in Germany and Pratt and Penn in the United States. In 2009 he started teaching at the École Spéciale d'Architecture in Paris as Associate professor and in 2010 he conceived, created and directed the Pavillon Spéciale, an annual architectural series that gave international young emerging and experimental architects the opportunity to build a temporary pavilion in the heart of Paris, France. In 2013 he co-founded and co-directed with Odile Decq the Confluence Institute for Innovation and Creative Strategies in Architecture in Lyon, France and was Chair until July 2015.

The work of Matteo Cainer has been published in numerous books and international magazines, furthermore he has written and edited a number of books and articles in the field of architecture and design.