

Suters Chair in Urban Design

Architecture students at the University of Newcastle have the opportunity to explore urban design, thanks to a generous donation from a leading Newcastle architectural firm.

Suters Architect has significantly contributed towards the establishment of a Chair in Urban Design within the School of Architecture and Built Environment at the Newcastle of University.

Founding partner and graduate of the University of Newcastle, Brian Suters said the chair, held by internationally recognised Professor Steffen Lehmann, endeavours to examine urban issues and link the University with community issues of an urban and architectural nature.

“The establishment of a chair at Newcastle University is an acknowledgement. It is a thank you to the University for being a part of the development of our practice.”

“We’re delighted that Professor Steffen Lehmann is the man who’s been appointed to the chair. We know there will be a great outcome for the University, for the City, and for us in our practice.

Professor Lehmann brings to the new position a lifetime of international experience. Originally from Stuttgart in Germany, Professor Lehmann worked for famous architects across the globe, including James Stirling and Michael Wilford in London, and Arata Isozaki in Japan. By the age of 30, he had his own practice in Berlin.

Brian sees the establishment of a chair as a continuation of the link between the firm and the University of Newcastle.

“I believe quite strongly there’s a role for the University in the community. I have always seen there’s a great opportunity for the Faculty of Architecture to provide leadership in environmental issues so that through our encouragement, we can get the faculty to speak out on issues, and to set projects of urban value in Newcastle,” he said.



**Steffen Lehmann*

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