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## EDWARD WILLIAMS ARCHITECTS

This newsletters focuses on our **international** presence, reporting on our overseas projects, international events and conferences that we have attended.

In September, we will be dedicating an issue to celebrate the completion of a project we are very proud of and which has already been shortlisted for a major award. Watch this space...

In this newsletter: our international projects include the restoration of a beautiful palace in Puglia, Italy, where we have revealed the original stone arches and vaults. It is already looking amazing. Further afield, a Turkish magazine, Konsept Projeler, published an interview with our director, Laura, on what needs to change in healthcare post pandemic. Laura also reports on the Urban Land Institute conferences in San Diego and Brussels that she attended earlier this year, while Edward has been busy organising a very successful Palladio lecture series with the British Architectural Library Trust (BALT) in the USA.

Back in the UK the Grafton Way Proton Beam Therapy Building has been published in the RIBA Journal, Health Estates Journal and Building Better Healthcare. It was awarded a Highly Commended at the EHD Congress in the Health & Wellness category and the World Architecture Festival Completed Health category, plus another prestigious award we cannot reveal yet.

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## The vaults and arches at the Puglian Palazzo in Italy



Construction photograph of the vaults, arches just unveiled

An important objective of the project to refurbish the beautiful palazzo in Puglia in the heel of Italy, is to enhance the character of the internal spaces so they function for modern life, and at the same time resolve multiple material and building fabric issues common to historic buildings. We therefore decided to uncover the arches and the vault ceiling to expose the original “tufo” stone texture by chiselling away the plaster finish. Due to the delicate nature of the work, the plaster finishes are removed by hand, unveiling little by little the beautiful stone textures of this stunning historical building.

The complexity of textures and materials is remarkable, bridging the gap between the past and our contemporary design approach for this refurbishment. All the old plaster has been carefully removed from vaults and arches.

The vaults will be sprayed with a light dilution following careful repairs. This will result in a subtle but elegant contrast between the arches that will remain fairfaced, and the whitewashed vaults.

See more images [here](#).

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## Post pandemic focused interview

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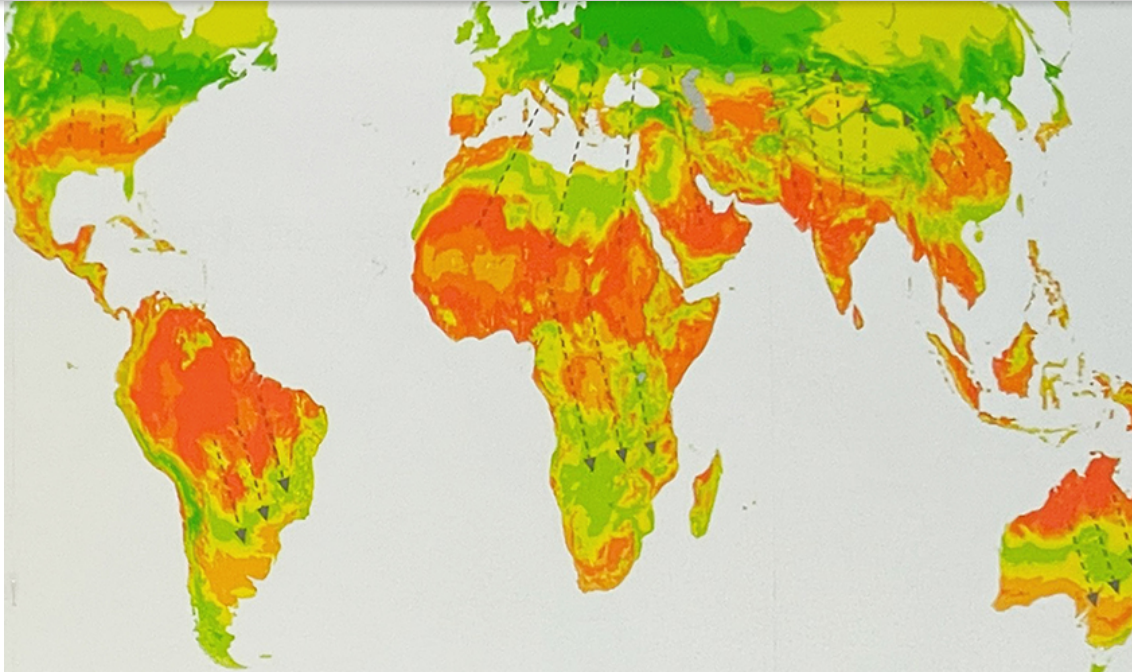
Cover of the Konsept Projeler issue 65

Covid was a crisis for humanity, and perhaps also an opportunity to learn from its mistakes, or was it “the last exit before the bridge”. The Turkish magazine, KP65, has published a special issue entitled Feed Forward Post Pandemic that focusses on the many temporary and permanent traces that Covid has left on our lives, and looks through the eyes of architects and designers at possible changes in the near and distant future as a result of the pandemic.

Our Director, Laura Carrara-Cagni was interviewed and published in the magazine alongside a number of other international architects. Download our director's contribution [here](#).

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## San Diego and Brussels ULI conferences



Conference slide showing the hottest countries and direction of extending areas

Laura attended the Urban Land Institute Spring Meeting in San Diego and the Summer European Conference in Brussels. The San Diego conference was about ten times bigger than the European Conference, but they were both equally interesting.

The conferences offered a number of talks on different aspects of Real Estate. Laura attended a full day of talks and was also busy with the Healthcare and Life Science Product Council's specialist subforums of which she is an active member.

In San Diego Dr. Parag Khanna, Managing Partner of *FutureMap*, and author of *Connectography: Mapping the Future of Civilization* which forecasts high-growth cities and emerging infrastructures, presented his research on reprogramming geography for the next mobile generation. His research results were challenging and a little scary, yet very eye opening. This image shows countries in red where people will migrate from to find better climatic conditions elsewhere.

Thimon De Jong's keynote speech in Brussels focussed on GenZ, a generation that, following lockdowns, is even more anxious and angry about the planet, politicians and the future. One of the positive things we discovered during lockdowns is the importance of human relationships and we believe the older generation can support young architects by creating and building teams that work together in person, not remotely.

We were flexible about how we should organise ourselves post lockdowns, but in fact we all wanted to come together as soon as we were allowed, and our Studio has been a busy, energetic and growing working environment since.

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## BALT Palladio Lecture Series



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Lecturers of the BALT Palladio serie

The British Architectural Library Trust (BALT) is an independent American non-profit organization co-founded and co-directed by our Managing Director Edward Williams. BALT was founded in 2013 in support of the Library and Collections of the Royal Institute of British Architects (RIBA), the foremost architectural library in the world.

The BALTs Inaugural Webinar Series on Palladio featured lectures from January to April 2022 about the works of the enormously influential 16th Century Renaissance Architect, Andrea Palladio (1508-1580). The Palladio Lecture Series may have concluded, but the lectures are not lost if you missed them. Subscribe to BALT YouTube channel to watch all four lectures and get notified of future updates! You can find them [here](#).

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## Back in the UK - Grafton Way Proton Beam hospital awards and press coverage



The Grafton Way building, London, UK

The Grafton Way Proton Beam Therapy Building was opened by His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales on the 2nd of March 2022. Designed by Edward Williams Architects in association with Scott Tallon Walker Architects, it has been extensively published. The RIBA Journal article by Chris Foges demonstrates his understanding of the Grafton Way Building and is a good read. You can access the full article [here](#).

The feature published by Health Estate Journal on the June 2022 issue, reports in great depth the challenges of designing a Proton Beam Therapy Centre in a complex urban environment, and how these major obstacles were overcome. The Health Estate Journal ([www.healthestatejournal.com](http://www.healthestatejournal.com)) is the monthly magazine of the UK's Institute of Healthcare Engineering and Estate Management ([www.iheem.org.uk](http://www.iheem.org.uk)). The full PDF article can be found [here](#).

The project was also published in April 2022 by Building Better Healthcare. Find the article [here](#).

The project has been awarded a Highly Commended at the European Healthcare Design in the Health & Wellness category and shortlisted in the World Architecture Festival completed Health category and another prestigious award we cannot reveal yet.



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