

Dear participants in the “Introduction to Modern Architecture”:

Greetings! I look forward to meeting you on Zoom November 11 and to beginning our exploration of the world of modern architecture, which is in more than one sense the world we live in. As noted in the course description, discussions will be based primarily on the use of projected images. These will be supplemented by background readings from and interviews of the architects themselves. I will be especially interested in your responses to the architectural works and the readings associated with them.

I attach a course program, which includes general topics and URL addresses for the readings. Do not be put off by the number of readings. They are mostly brief, consisting of an eclectic collection of articles, interviews, manifestos, and videos. For our first meeting I hope you will have a chance to read Louis Sullivan’s landmark essay, “The Tall Office Building Artistically Considered.”

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