



- BEFORE DURING AFTER -Architecture in the Time of a Pandemic

This talk explores architecture practice amidst the covid-19 outbreak. It shares how ideals are kept, how methods are modified, and where new lessons are learnt. From hand-sketching to 3d-printing, from collaborations to teaching, from interns to sitework, this session addresses ways to emerge from these challenging times.

Rene Tan, grew up in Penang, Malaysia amidst discussions over jazz, art and football at home. He received his BA both in architecture and music at Yale and his MArch from Princeton.

Today, as Director at RT+Q Architects (a firm he co-founded in 2003 with partner TK Quek), Rene collaborates with colleagues in their search for the elusive ideals in architecture. RT+Q's portfolio covers works of various types, scale and sizes locally and internationally. Rene was 'Designer of the Year' laureate of the 2016 President's Design Awards, Singapore-an honour he shares with everyone at RT+Q. Active in academia, Rene has held teaching appointments in USA, Hong Kong and Singapore. Strong advocates of travel, education and fun, his office now confers the annual 'RT+Q Rome Prize' at the Singapore University of Technology and Design.