

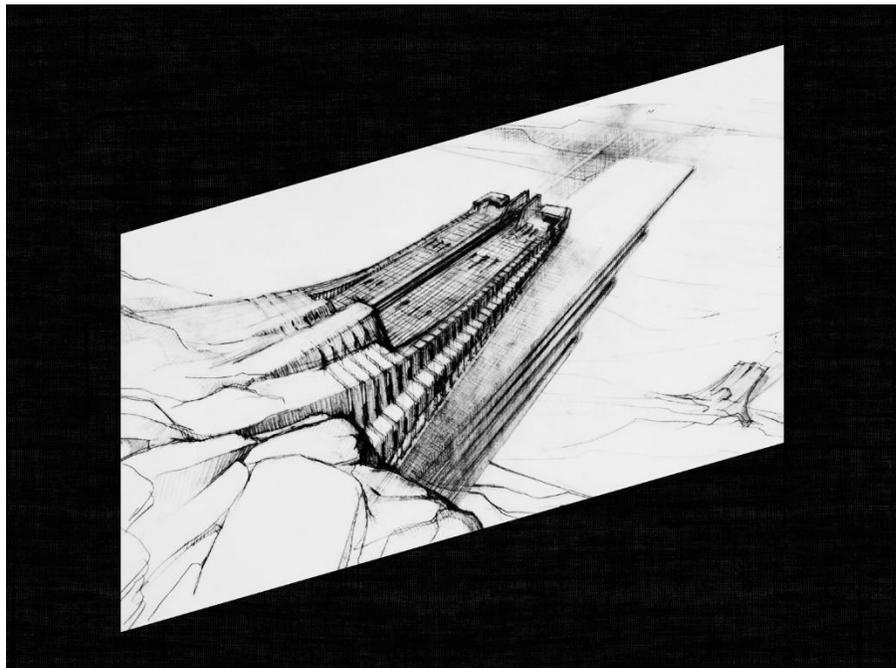
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SCI-Arc to Host Exhibition and Book Release for *Claude Parent: Visionary Architect*



Los Angeles, CA (October 2, 2019) – SCI-Arc is pleased to announce that it will be hosting an exhibition and corresponding discussion to celebrate the release of the book *Claude Parent: Visionary Architect* (Rizzoli New York). Opening on October 25 and sharing the book's title, the exhibition will be installed within SCI-Arc's Kappe Library and will feature the work of French architect Claude Parent, including a full-scale ramp installation based on the architect's own oblique apartment interior, a selection of never before seen original drawings and sketches, and photographs of iconic projects and publications on Parent's work.

Architect and theoretician Claude Parent was the first in France to make a sharp break with modernism beginning in the 1950s. Through books, manifesto-drawings, and built projects, his work has enabled new conceptualizations and understandings of space. Parent's manifesto, the Oblique Function theory, developed with Paul Virilio in 1963, dictated that buildings should use slopes, reject orthogonality, be wall-free where possible, and have a predominance of space over surface.

Considered one of the most pivotal and radical architects of the twentieth century, Parent's work directly influenced renowned architects such as Frank Gehry, Zaha Hadid, Daniel Libeskind, and Jean Nouvel. Some of Parent's iconic built works include the Villa Bloc in Antibes (1962), Drusch House in Versailles (1965), Sainte-Bernadette church in Nevers (1966), Fondation Avicenne in Paris (1968), and the oblique superstores of Sens and Ris-Orangis (1971).

Claude Parent: Visionary Architect opens on October 25, 2019 at 7pm in the Kappe Library with a book presentation and conversation between special guests Jennifer Dunlop Fletcher, Neil Denari, Deborah Richmond, Michele Saeed, and Hernan Diaz Alonso. The authors Chloé and Laszlo Parent will also be in attendance. The exhibition will run through December 1.

About SCI-Arc

Southern California Institute of Architecture (SCI-Arc) is dedicated to educating architects who will imagine and shape the future. It is an independent, accredited degree-granting institution offering undergraduate and graduate programs in architecture. Located in a quarter-mile-long former freight depot in the Arts District in Downtown Los Angeles, the school is distinguished by its vibrant studio culture and emphasis on process. SCI-Arc's approximately 500 students and 80 faculty members, most of whom are practicing architects, work together to re-examine assumptions, create, explore and test the limits of architecture. SCI-Arc faculty and leadership have garnered more than 500 national and international design awards and recognitions, including Progressive Architecture awards, American Institute of Architects (AIA) awards, and the prestigious Jencks and Pritzker architecture prizes. U.S. DesignIntelligence recently ranked SCI-Arc #4 in Graduate Programs Most Admired by Deans and Chairs in its *2018 America's Best Architecture Schools* survey. SCI-Arc's Undergraduate program ranked #8 in the *DesignIntelligence* 2018 survey. SCI-Arc is located at 960 E. 3rd Street, Los Angeles, CA 90013. www.sciarc.edu