Exhibition Announcement

**Florida 3.0: Reinventing Our Future**

Florida stands at risk of losing trillions of dollars of existing development as a consequence of sea level rise and climate change. The extraordinary circumstance that the state finds itself confronting opens up new opportunities for reinventing our economy and development. We believe that now is the time to start changing course by envisioning a future for Florida that capitalizes upon this new reality to propel the state towards a productive future. Our coastline will be heavily impacted and must be adapted through new modes of development such as establishing new urban cores in consideration of strategic retreat and proposing alternative settlement patterns for the shifting population and projected increase of over 18 million people in the next 50 years. Metropolitan areas from Jacksonville and Tampa Bay to the South Florida Metropolis face high degrees of vulnerability and coastal tourism will require will require new approaches to development. Innovative urban paradigms can be envisioned in order to imagine the changes that will lead us to resiliency. All levels of infrastructural assets from energy generation to intermodal transportation must be reconsidered. Widespread residential morphologies such as canal communities, beachfront high rises and artificial island developments that have been created over the past 50 years will require recalibration to the new conditions.

*Florida 3.0: Reinventing our Future* engages this debate by proposing new urban possibilities framed through the perspective of five priorities: Infrastructure, Mobility, Hydrological Ecosystems, The Resilient City, and The New Economy. *Florida 3.0* presents an integrated approach to these priorities. The exhibition brings together the research conducted through the Consortium for Hydro-generated Urbanism (CHU) at the University of Florida that is focused on the history and future of Florida’s water based settlements and hydro-environments within the broader context of new paradigms for the evolution of cities on water from around the world. The work exhibited challenges inaction and passive endurance by visualizing the ways we could thrive if we engage our aquatic future.

The exhibition *Florida 3.0: Reinventing our Future* will be presented at Miami Center for Architecture and Design from October 20th to November 21st, 2015. Events include a panel discussion and opening reception on Tuesday October 20th at 6:00 pm and a second panel discussion on Tuesday November 10th at 6:00 pm. The Exhibition is co-curated by Nancy Clark and Martha Kohen and includes work from CHU affiliate member institutions and from the University of Florida Graduate School Of Architecture. For further information, visit MCAD at [http://miamicad.org/](http://miamicad.org/) and CHU at [ConsortiumforHydrogeneratedUrbanism.com](http://ConsortiumforHydrogeneratedUrbanism.com). For questions, contact MCAD or Nancy Clark at nmclark@ufl.edu.

**About MCA.** About Miami Center for Architecture & Design (MCAD): MCAD is the place for everyone interested in design and the built environment, with community meeting space and educational programs to enhance public appreciation for architecture and design. The facility, which serves as home to AIA Miami, includes the Visitors' Center for downtown Miami, established in partnership with the Miami Downtown Development Authority.

**About CHU.** The Consortium for Hydro-generated Urbanism proposes new paradigms for the evolution of water-based settlements. From retrofitting the metropolis to envisioning future cities on the water, we advocate a reconsideration of fluvial urbanism and coastal landscapes and a recalibration of our settlement patterns in the context of climate variability, waste and energy management, global economic shifts, environmental migration and population growth.

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