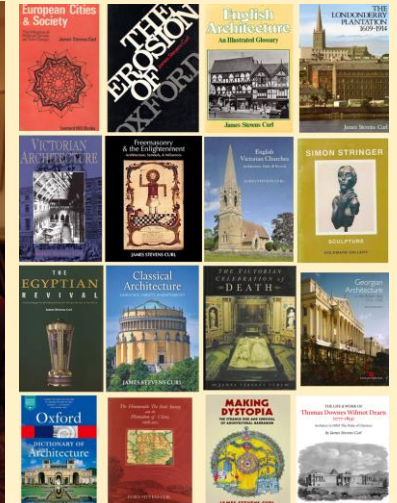
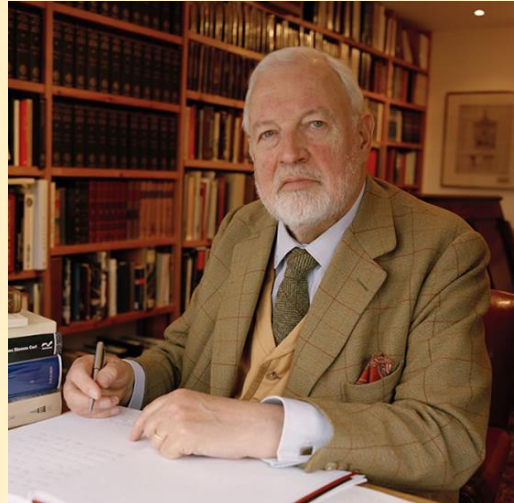


Past and Future - The Joy of Beauty

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Symposium Program



<p>Session I Insight and vigour (Chair: Dr. Nir Haim Buras)</p> <p>Professor Robert Adam: <i>Breadth, erudition and scholarship</i></p> <p>Alexander Stoddart: <i>In Defence of Barriers: A critique of contemporary righteousness in the manner of the late JSC</i></p>	<p>Session II An Inspiring teacher (Chair: Dr Astrid James)</p> <p>Astrid James: <i>A daughter's reflections</i></p> <p>Alex Peacock : <i>Passing the torch of architectural Beauty</i></p> <p>Embla Eskilt: <i>Making Dystopia as an intellectual compass for a new generation</i></p> <p>Nick Allen: <i>Memories from the Leicester School of Architecture</i></p> <p>Frank Albo: <i>From Lodge to Ledger: The Architectonics of Meaning and Code</i></p>	<p>Session III The James Stevens Curl reader (Chair: Professor Robert Adam)</p> <p>Samuel Hughes: <i>Myths of inevitability Manufacturing technology and the decline of ornament, 1900-1950</i></p> <p>John Smylie: <i>Unpublished Curl - The e-mails</i></p> <p>Anthony Daniels <i>Totalitarianism as Architecture: J. S. Curl and historiography</i></p>	<p>Session IV The James Stevens Curl Honorary Lecture 2026</p> <p>Professor Christiane Salge, University of Darmstadt: <i>Architecture and Science. Architectural Education at the Berlin Bauakademie around 1800</i></p> <p>Chairs: Carl Korsnes & Eskild N. Bakken <i>Conversation about the Legacy and Future of Traditional Architecture</i></p>
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