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Local Student Heads to Brazil for Schindler Global Award

University of Virginia team is a finalist in prestigious urban mobility design award



(Pictured (left to right): Fuhou Zhang, Robin Dripps)

Overview:

Fuhou Zhang, the “one-man” team from University of Virginia (UVA) College of Architecture is a student from the school’s studio design sequence. The studio trains emerging professionals to plan and design contemporary cities that simultaneously contribute to public life in a rapidly urbanizing world. The UVA team, with Professor Robin Dripps, has been selected as one of only two North American finalists for their innovative [Schindler Global Award](#) project, titled The Poetric of Spatial Agency: A New Kowloon City.

Student:

Fuhou Zhang

Zhang's Notable Quotes:

"In this project, I hoped to create the spatial relations that manifest people's right to the city and give them agency over their living environment. We built a flexible and operable structure, in which the vast population are not merely the participants or users of an architects and urban planners' design, but the subject that create, manage, and constantly modify the urban space."

"The Schindler Global Award provides international students with an excellent opportunity to look into global urban issues, and a great platform for students and their instructors to have intense discussions on related topics with support of brilliant design projects."

Academic Supervisor:

Robin Dripps
T. David Fitz-Gibbon Professor of Architecture
School of Architecture
University of Virginia, USA

Dripps' Notable Quote:

"The Schindler Global Award is one of the most important competitions of its kind for students. It is organized not by an academic group, but a company that is involved in the urban idea. That sends a substantial message to the students that there are people out there who understand things that we're interested in. It's really powerful."

About the Global Schindler Award:

The [Schindler Global Award](#) (SGA) is an open, anonymous ideas competition aimed at engaging students of architecture and planning in complex urban conditions. The SGA competition is a joint project between the Schindler Group and the Chair of Prof. Kees Christiaanse at ETH Zurich.

About Schindler Elevator Corporation:

Schindler Elevator Corporation is the North American operation of the Switzerland-based Schindler Group, a leading global mobility provider with approximately 58,000 employees operating in more than 100 countries. Schindler supports sustainable urban development with safe, reliable and ecologically sound mobility solutions and its equipment moves one billion people every day all over the world. For additional information about Schindler Elevator Corporation, visit the company's Web site at www.us.schindler.com

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