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SPEAKER

WATER, CITY AND LIFE : RETHINKING WATER URBANISM

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BIOGRAPHY

Iqbal Habib is a practicing architect, urban designer and environmental activist. He is the co-founder of VITTI Sthapati Brindo Ltd., an architectural design atelier that has been working in Bangladesh for over three decades. He graduated from Bangladesh University of Engineering & Technology in 1991 and is a Fellow at the Institute of Architects Bangladesh (IAB). In 2007, he became an Eisenhower Fellow on the topic of "Challenges of Urbanization". Apart from his architectural work, he is also actively involved in environmental advocacy. He is the Vice President of the Bangladesh Environment Movement (BAPA) and has been advocating for a better environment for more than two decades. Some of his notable projects include the Hatirjheel-Begun Bari Integrated Development, Dhanmondi Lake and Lakeside Area Development, Baburail Canal Restoration, the Krishibid Institute of Bangladesh, EKmattra ,Hadi Tower, Exim Tower and Baral Biddya Niketan. He has also collaborated with internationally acclaimed architects like Moshe Safdi and Zaha Hadid.

SYNOPSIS

Water has always been at the core of how settlements in Bangladesh emerge, grow, and adapt. Over time, that connection has loosened, and in many cities, lakes and canals have slipped into the background, seen as leftover spaces or problems to be dealt with. This seminar brings together a set of projects that attempt to rebuild that connection. Moving across different parts of the country—from Dhanmondi Lake and Hatirjheel in Dhaka, to Shakuni Lake in Madaripur, and the Baburail Canal and City Park in Narayanganj—it traces how each place holds a different story of water, people, and change. Each project begins with a condition—encroachment, pollution, fragmentation—and slowly works through layers of negotiation, design, and time. What emerges is not just a restored waterbody, but a new relationship between landscape, movement, and public life.



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VENUE : " UTHAAN " (ArchKU Lecture Theater)
2nd Floor, 1 No Academic building,
Khulna University.

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