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PROFESSOR RODRIGO PEREZ DE ARCE VISITS CCI

The [University of Portsmouth](#), [Faculty of Creative and Cultural Industries](#) proudly hosted Professor Rodrigo Perez de Arce, a prominent architect and lecturer, on his visit to Portsmouth, from Chile.



Rodrigo Perez de Arce teaches and practices in Santiago de Chile, with a particular interest in public works. Rodrigo has published essays and books mainly concerned with urban and landscape subjects, and he has also lectured in Latin America and the USA.

Between 1978 and 1990, Rodrigo taught at the [Architectural Association London](#), where he was Diploma School Unit Master. His upcoming book, *City of play* will be published by Bloomsbury in May 2018.

On the 5th of December 2017, Rodrigo visited the CCI Faculty in Eldon Building, where he was hosted by the Cluster for Sustainable Cities. He delivered an inspiring lecture to staff and students entitled, *City of Play*, he then spent time with Architecture students in the design studio, giving feedback, and invaluable advice on their current design project.



Professors Roderigo de Arce (L) and Steffen Lehmann (R)

City of Play emphasises an interesting concept of public space, Rodrigo says:

“Play, a rebellious instinct and an essentially unproductive activity that governs itself arbitrary rules, had an enormous impact on the conception of the modern city. From the 1920s it was taken on board as an urban programme, it was embodied in forms that came to characterise certain types of urban space which was unprecedented. Its urban expressions reflected upon competing agendas, however, all driven by the intention of domesticating the rebellious instinct through the assignment of discreet setting for its performance. *City of Play* reviews the most representative instances in this process, whilst examining the main underlying forces that shaped it.”