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Thinking Machines: Architecture, the University and the City

In his 1915 *Cities in Evolution*, the Scottish polymath planner and biologist, Patrick Geddes, set out some conceptual frameworks – what he called ‘thinking machines’ – to enable people to understand and respond to the complexities of social, environmental and institutional change.

A century later, as Auckland University of Technology establishes new programmes in Architecture and Future Environments, this talk will outline the potential for the university and the city to create new trans-disciplinary thinking machines for social and spatial transformation.

Charles Walker studied engineering and fine art before graduating in architecture from Edinburgh College of Art. He holds a post-professional MSc in Urban Development from the Faculty of Business at the University of Strathclyde in Glasgow, and a PhD from the University of Auckland on the ethics of

professional accreditation procedures in architectural education. He has practised and taught architecture, urbanism, innovation and creative technologies in the UK, USA, Middle East, Cyprus and New Zealand.

Professor Walker first joined Auckland University of Technology in 2007 from the University of Auckland School of Architecture and Planning. At AUT, he co-founded Colab and new cross-disciplinary degrees in Creative Technologies. In 2015, he was appointed by the New Zealand Institute of Architects as Creative Director for the New Zealand exhibition at the 2016 Venice International Architecture Biennale.

After a brief spell as Director of Innovation, Entrepreneurship & Creative Intelligence at the University of Technology Sydney, Charles re-joined AUT in 2017 as Director of Architecture and Future Environments. His current research focuses on cities as living labs for ecological innovation and transformation.

**TUESDAY
7 AUGUST**

4.30–5.30pm

Te Iringa Room (WG308)
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