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LSE reveals designs for £90m building

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OMA and Heneghan Peng on five-strong shortlist for RIBA competition

The London School of Economics has revealed the five shortlisted designs for its new £90 million Global Centre for Social Sciences.

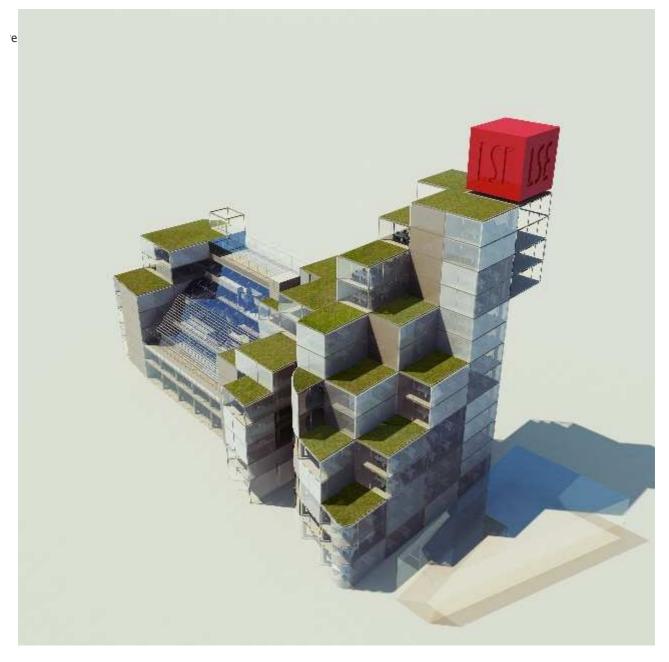
OMA, Heneghan Peng, Rogers Stirk Harbour, Hopkins and Grafton Architects are all in the running for the project and their designs are now on display anonymously at the university's library. The scheme involves the demolition and redevelopment of a number of existing buildings on its Aldwych campus.

Steven Holl, who was also shortlisted for the work, pulled out of the RIBA-led design contest this summer.

Julian Robinson, LSE's director of estates, said: "The LSE does not have easy projects and always sets tough design challenges, as a result the amount of analysis and intellectual effort that has gone into the designs is staggering. The teams have done a remarkable job in the time available.

"This will be the School's biggest ever building project and will transform the heart of our campus. Given its scale it will be a landmark building and its legacy will endure for many generations of LSE students so it is vital that we make the right decision."

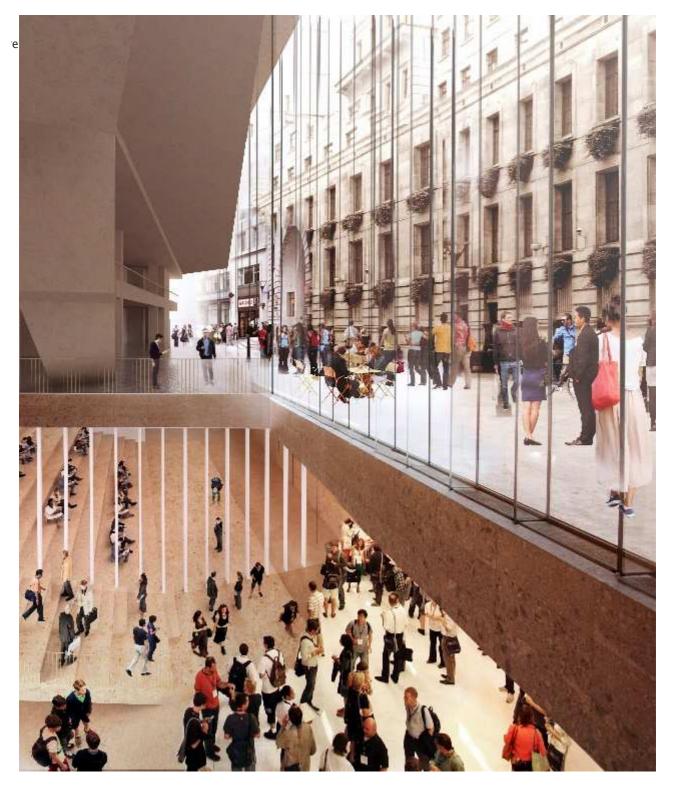
In late October the teams will make a presentation to a jury panel chaired by Craig Calhoun, director of the LSE, with an announcement on the winning team due from the school in early November.



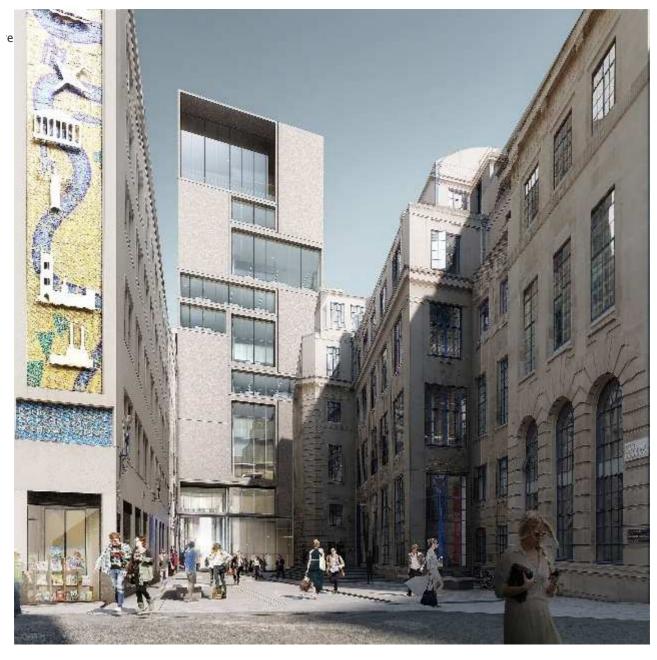
Global Centre for Social Sciences proposal - Team A



Global Centre for Social Sciences proposal - Team B



Global Centre for Social Sciences proposal - Team C



Global Centre for Social Sciences proposal - Team D



Global Centre for Social Sciences proposal - Team E