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New books about urban developments appear almost daily. Now and then a book comes along which in the view of the NAI merits greater attention - perhaps because it proffers a new outlook, because the author is someone special or simply because it's a good book. In this situation we invite the author to deliver a lecture exploring a theme from the book in greater depth.

	<p><b>Friday October 6 2006, 18:30</b></p> <p>Nili Portugali The Act of Creation and the Spirit of a Place: A Holistic-Phenomenological Approach to Architecture</p> <p>Architecture's most foremost functions are to give people shelter and to create places in this world that are attuned to the human scale. Can contemporary architecture still offer us places like that? Or do today's built environment and its designers add to the alienation of modern humanity?</p> <p>The dissociation of architecture from emotion, and the architect's infatuation with the world of ideas, has in the view of the Israeli architect Nili Portugali had the effect of estranging people from their surroundings. She believes it is time</p>
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for a new approach to architecture. Instead of the mechanistic, piecemeal methods of the last century, she supports a "holistic-phenomenological" approach that respects the universal, eternal codes inherent to humanity. Whatever style it is designed in, architecture based on these codes and their patterns will in Portugali's view chime with human nature and will hence be capable of creating a pleasant environment for people.

Does this amount to a new approach, or is it the rediscovery of a time-honored tradition? What are the wider implications of this outlook and how can it be applied in today's architecture? In her lecture, Nili Portugali will elaborate on these and other aspects of her new book, "The Act of Creation and the Spirit of a Place: A Holistic-Phenomenological Approach to Architecture".

> [Further Information about Nili Portugali](#)

Location: Auditorium NAI

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