

the term *urban design*. It provides a coherent rationale for this assortment that we find so hard to delimit and describe in a succinct manner. Second, rather than terminating further development of an urban design discourse, it prompts fresh questions about why we do certain things and how we can do them differently and better.

Notes

1. This is not to suggest that all urban design endeavours of the past 50 years have been democratic. As the anonymous referee points out, Nelson Rockefeller in Albany (and others would add Robert Moses in New York) oversaw urban design endeavours that were far from democratic. Still, in the past 30 or 40 years, there is a much greater pressure on urban designers to be less autocratic.

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