

## FINNISH ARCHITECTURE AND DESIGN

Event organised on the occasion of the exhibition  
***AALTO - Aino Alvar Elissa. The Human Dimension of Design***

**Two meetings at MAXXI to find out  
the new generation of Finnish architects and designers  
and the common values with Studio Aalto**

*curated by Arianna Callocchia*

Thursday the 22th of February 2024 h. 6.00 pm

### **FINNISH DESIGN**

Meeting with **Ville Kokkonen**

Tuesday the 5th of March 2024 h. 6.00 pm

### **FINNISH ARCHITECTURE**

Meeting with **AOA, VERSTAS and JKMM Architects**

MAXXI National Museum of 21st Century Arts  
Sala Carlo Scarpa | Free entry and open to everyone

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Rome, 19 February 2024. ***Finnish Architecture and Design. The new generation of Finnish Architects and Designers and the common values with Studio Aalto*** is the title of the cycle of two meetings scheduled at MAXXI on the occasion of the exhibition ***AALTO - Aino Alvar Elissa. The Human Dimension of Design*** (open to the public until the 26th of May 2024).

The event has been organised to highlight the role and the importance that the sustainability and human dimension of the project play in contemporary Finnish architecture and design. Its goal is to foster discussion and create an opportunity for dialogue and professional exchange between the Italian and the Finnish scenario.

The first meeting, on Finnish Design, will take place on **Thursday the 22<sup>th</sup> of February 2024** at h. 6 pm. Guest of the talk: **Ville Kokkonen**, one of the most famous contemporary Finnish designers in the world.

The second meeting, on Finnish Architecture, will take place on **Tuesday the 5<sup>th</sup> of March 2024** at h. 6 pm. Guests of the talk: the Finnish architects **Selina Anttinen, Jussi Palva** and **Asmo Jaaksi**.

Both the two meetings will be hosted at Sala Carlo Scarpa with free entrance.

Simultaneous translation from English into Italian is provided for the speeches of the Finnish speakers.

The event, curated by **Arianna Callocchia**, is promoted by **MAXXI National Museum of 21st Century Arts**, and is organised in collaboration with **Embassy of Finland in Italy**, **ATL – The Association of Finnish Architects’ Offices**, **Ordine degli Architetti P.P.C. di Roma e provincia (Rome Chamber of Architects)** and **IED Roma – Istituto Europeo di Design**. Partner of the event **ACROBATICA**. Media Partner **ENI**.

**Finnish Design. The new generation of Finnish Designers and the common values with Studio Aalto:**

**Ville Kokkonen**, one of the most famous contemporary Finnish designers in the world, will illustrate, exclusively and as a preview for Italy, a selection of some of his most significant products. Sustainable and human-scale projects made with natural and innovative materials for ecologically and socially responsible project development. The recycled aluminum chair designed to guarantee a lasting impact on the use and performance of the product, the therapeutic lamp designed by focusing the design on the potential of light as a tool to give well-being to the human being and the travel parasol designed to be used during work or free time using solar energy are just some of the projects that will be illustrated by the Finnish designer. Introduces and moderates **Saverio Sturm**, Associate Professor in History of Architecture, Roma Tre University.

**Finnish Architecture. The new generation of Finnish Architects and the common values with Studio Aalto:**

The architects **Selina Anttinen**, **Jussi Palva** and **Asmo Jaaksi**, will illustrate, exclusively and as a preview for Italy, a selection of some new projects built in Finland significant for their sustainable and human-scale approach. The aim is to present the importance that the theme of environmental sustainability, respect for human beings, technological innovation, architectural recovery and urban regeneration play in their projects. **Selina Anttinen**, Founder Partner, AOA, Anttinen Oiva Architects, will present **Katajanokan Laituri**. A new building close to Alvar Aalto’s original Enso-Gutzeit Headquarter in the **Katajanokka Pier** of Helsinki. It will be completed by the end of the 2024 and it will represent a significant example for the sustainable development of cities. **Katajanokan Laituri** is the first new construction along the **Katajanokka shoreline** and it will be built almost entirely of wood hosting offices, commercial spaces, restaurants and an hotel.

**Jussi Palva**, Founder Partner, Verstas Architects, will illustrate the **Lamminrahka Education Centre** recently completed in the town of **Kangasala** in **Tampere Region** in Finland. The building host a primary school, a nursery, a school canteen and a gym. **Lamminrahka** was designed to be used also in the evenings and on weekends as a meeting space for educational, sporting and recreational activities. Its goal is to satisfy not only the needs of the pupils but also of the whole community. **Asmo Jaaksi**, Founder Partner, JKMM Architects, will present the **Chappe Art House**. A new building dedicated to culture and contemporary art completed in 2023 in **Tammisaari**, an historic town founded in 1546 in the southern coast of Finland and known for its timber architecture dating back to the 18th Century. The project fits into the urban context as an element of novelty and at the same time of continuity with a human-scale and sustainable design approach. The building dialogue harmoniously with the site through a contemporary architectural

language that combines natural materials, craftsmanship and local construction traditions.  
Introduces and moderates **Antonello Alici**, Associate Professor in History of Architecture,  
Polytechnic University of Marche.

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