



NEW DIRECTIONS IN ASIAN ARCHITECTURE: *From regional identities to global aspirations*

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Over a decade into the new millennium, Asian architects and educators are in a position to look back and reflect on their contributions to the architecture of the postcolonial era. In fact, we can identify three generations of local practitioners who have engaged with issues of modernity, identity and the environment in an effort to locate architecture within the physical and cultural geographies of particular nations.

This presentation includes an evaluation of the development of architecture during the late twentieth century, tracing similar aesthetic trends in India-Sri Lanka, and Singapore-Malaysia. We will discuss how these developments have evolved into parallel but different approaches to architecture.

It looks at the architectures of the first, most influential generation of practitioners and how they set the stage for the processes of regionalism and globalisation that would follow. This presentation also reflects on how architectural practices have been transformed during this period by translating local ideas into global discourses.



The Tangalle Bay Hotel by Valentine Gunasekara (photo courtesy of the architect).

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