

Press Release

Professionalism for the Built Environment by Simon Foxell

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In the aftermath of the Grenfell Tower tragedy, *Professionalism for the Built Environment* provides thought provoking commentary on the nature of the relationship between society, the prevailing economic system and professionalism in the built environment. It addresses the changing responsibilities of professionals and in particular their obligation to act in the wider public interest. It is both an introduction to and an examination of professionalism and professional bodies in the sector, including a view of the future of professionalism and the organisations serving it.

Simon Foxell outlines the history of professionalism in the sector, comparing and contrasting the development of the three major historic professions working in the construction industry: civil engineering, architecture and surveying. He examines how their systems have developed over time, up to the current period dominated by large professional services firms, and looks at some options for the future, whilst asking difficult questions about ethics, training, education, public trust and expectation from within and outside the industry.

The book concludes with a six-point plan to help, if not ensure, that the professions remain an effective and essential part of both society and the economy; a part that allows the system to operate smoothly and easily, but also fairly and to the benefit of all.

Essential reading for built environment professionals and students doing the professional studies elements of their training or in the process of applying for chartership or registration. The issues and lessons are applicable across all building professions.

What people have said about *Professionalism for the Built Environment*:

... accessible to all who work building our future, yet stands on the shoulders of the intellectual giants who have analysed the emergence of professions over three centuries - Matthew Taylor, Chief Executive RSA

Vital and insightful analysis - Benjamin Derbyshire, President RIBA

A must have book for professionals working in the built environment – Ed McCann, Expedition Engineering and Vice President ICE

A superbly written review - Dr Louise Brooke-Smith, Arcadis LLP and RICS Past Global President

A definitive study that will stand the test of time - Peter Clegg, Feilden Clegg Bradley Studios

A fascinating and important book - Professor Jeremy Till, Central Saint Martins, University of the Arts London

A truly impressive book - Professor Gerard Hanlon, Queen Mary University of London

Could well reinvigorate the entire field of study - Professor Tom Spector, Oklahoma State University

This book should be read - Professor Peggy Deamer, Yale University

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