

Simon Smithson



Qualifications

B.Arch, Dipl. Arch, M.Arch, (Urban Design), ARB

Registered Architect in Madrid, Spain, (COAM), and in the state of Pennsylvania

Education

1980 - 82 MA in Urban Design, Graduate School of Design, Harvard University, USA

1977 - 79 Dipl. Arch, Cambridge University, UK

1973 - 76 B.Arch, Cambridge University, UK

Practice

2022 - Director, RSHP

1990 - 22 Rogers Stirk Harbour + Partners LLP

1988 - 89 Nicholas Hare Architects, UK

1985 - 88 Civitas Inc. Denver, Colorado, USA

1982 - 85 Cambridge Seven Associates, Cambridge, USA

1979 - 80 Foster Associates, UK

Summary of Experience

Simon has played a key role in major projects, including T3 Taoyuan Airport, ParcBit sustainable masterplan (Palma de Mallorca), the redevelopment of the South Bank Centre in London, the Senedd (National Assembly for Wales), Antwerp Law Courts, the Masterplans of Valladolid AVE and Nivalis, Granada in Spain.

In 2004, RSHP opened an office in Madrid with Simon as Director. There, he worked on a wide range of urban design, architecture and industrial design projects and was project architect for Terminal 4, Madrid Barajas Airport, which won the Stirling Prize in 2006. Simon also led the design team on Campus Palmas Altas, the headquarters for green energy company Abengoa and a model for more sustainable office complexes on the outskirts of Seville.

In 2011, Simon moved back to London and since then has been leading the development of the practice's work in Latin America. Simon is currently heading-up a multilingual team on a large mixed-use scheme in central Bogota, Colombia, the practice's first project in South America. Tower North, the first of two skyscrapers on the site, was completed in 2020 and Tower South (which is taller at 74 storeys) and a new cultural venue have now gone into construction.

He has also completed a masterplan to develop an area of 270 hectares in the north of Madrid. The plan aims to create a new urban centre, active throughout the day and with a wide mix of uses. The Chamartín train station will be at the heart of the project, surrounded by a competitive and innovative business district and an extended Castellana Avenue which will act as a structuring green corridor.

In addition to his work as a project architect, Simon also oversees the graphic design and visualisation department.

Key Projects

2023 -	Expansion of T4 Madrid Barajas Airport, Transport and Infrastructure, Madrid, Spain	2009	Noken bathroom fixtures, Product Design, Porcelanosa Group, Spain
2022 -	Sąvaržėlė, Office, Vilnius, Lithuania		Vega Baja Museum, Cultural, Competition, Toledo, Spain
2020 -	Qianhai Financial Holding Tower, Office, Shenzhen, China	2009	La Cartuja Business Park, Office, Seville, Spain
	Bao'an Airport, Terminal 2, Transport and Infrastructure, Shenzhen, China	2008 - 2006	La Marina, Masterplan, Competition, San Sebastián de los Reyes, Madrid, Spain
2019 -	Chamartín Station, Masterplan, Madrid, Spain		Garellano, Masterplan, Bilbao, Spain
	Atrio Centro de Convenciones, Cultural, Bogota, Colombia	2005 - 14	El Cañaveral, Masterplan, Madrid, Spain
2018 -	Las Rozas, Mixed-Use, Competition, Madrid, Spain	2005 - 09	Valladolid Este, Masterplan, Valladolid, Spain
	Catalinas North, Office, Competition, Buenos Aires, Argentina	2005	Valladolid Alta Velocidad, Masterplan, Valladolid, Spain
	Tencent HQ Campus, Mixed-Use, Competition, Shenzhen, China		Campus Palmas Altas business park, Office, Seville, Spain
2016	Andhra Pradesh, Masterplan, Competition, India	2004	P7 – Parking & Retail in the Campus of Justice, Transport and Infrastructure, Madrid, Spain
2015 -	Cupertino Square Masterplan, San Jose, USA		Health Campus for the University of Granada, Health, Competition, Granada, Spain
	Taoyuan Airport Terminal 3, Transport and Infrastructure, Taiwan	1998 - 05	New clinic for Dr. López-Ibor, Health, Competition, Madrid, Spain
2014 -	DCN - Madrid, Masterplan, Madrid, Spain		Coto de Macairena, Masterplan, Granada, Spain
2014	Mexico City International Airport, Transport and Infrastructure, Competition, Mexico	1997 - 05	Antwerp Law Courts, Civic/Public, Antwerp, Belgium
2013 -	Estadio Nacional Football Stadium, Sport, Caracas, Venezuela		National Assembly for Wales, Civic/Public, Cardiff, Wales, UK
2013	Estacion de Autobuses y Intercambiador, Transport and Infrastructure, Caracas, Venezuela	1996	T4 Madrid Barajas Airport, Transport and Infrastructure, Madrid, Spain
	La Rinconada, Masterplan, Caracas, Venezuela	1995 - 05	Dortmund "U" Tower, Transport and Infrastructure, Dortmund, Germany
2012 -	Atrio, Mixed-Use, Bogota, Colombia	1995	Pavillion of State, Madrid Barajas Airport, Transport and Infrastructure, Madrid, Spain
2011	Ourense Station, Transport and Infrastructure, Competition, Spain		SmithKline Beecham, Office, Brentford, London, UK
	Garellano Park, Recreation, Bilbao, Spain	1994 - 99	ParcBIT, Masterplan, Palma de Mallorca, Spain
	Metro Station entrances, Transport and Infrastructure, Competition, San Sebastian, Spain	1994	South Bank Centre, Masterplan, London, UK
	La Coruña Station, Transport and Infrastructure, Competition, Galicia, Spain	1991	Heathrow Airport Masterplan, Transport and Infrastructure, London, UK
2010	Valencia Urban Park, Civic/Public, Competition, Spain	1988 - 08	Terminal 5 Heathrow Airport, Transport and Infrastructure, London, UK
	Huelva station, Transport and Infrastructure, Competition, Spain		