

# Odile DECQ

11 RUE DES ARQUEBUSIERS 75003 PARIS  
+ 33 1 (0) 42 71 27 41  
COMMUNICATION@ODILEDECQ.COM  
WWW.ODILEDECQ.COM



## BIOGRAPHY

---

### ODILE DEcq

Odile Decq is a French architect and urban planner. International renown came in 1990 with her first major commission: the *Banque Populaire de l'Ouest* in Rennes, France. Since then, she has been faithful to her fighting attitude while diversifying and radicalizing her research. Being awarded the *Golden Lion of Architecture* during the Venice Biennale in 1996 acknowledged her early and unusual career. Other than just a style, an attitude or a process, Odile Decq's work materializes a complete universe that embraces urban planning, architecture, design and art.

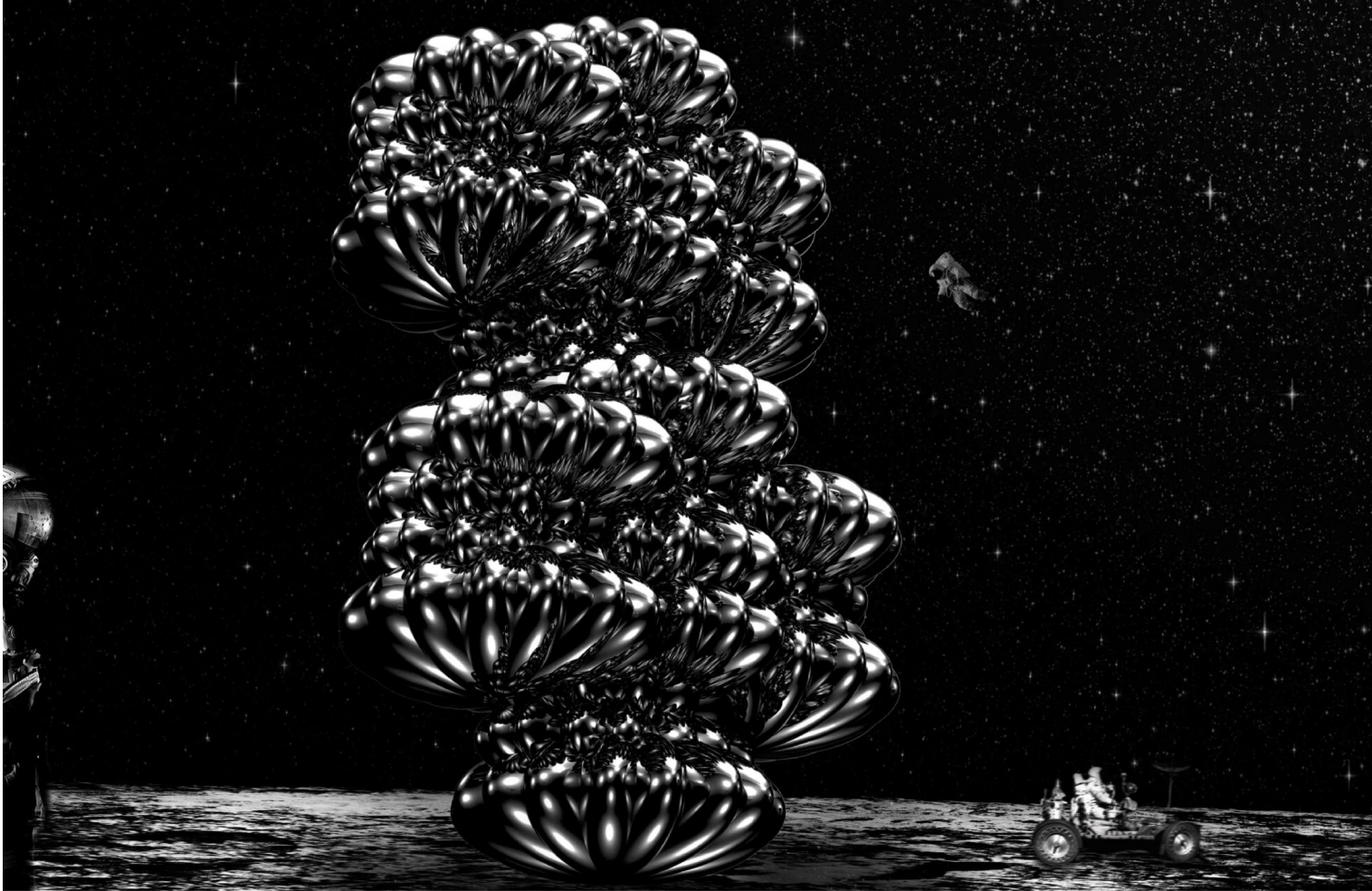
Her multidisciplinary approach was recently awarded with the *Jane Drew Prize* in 2016 for being "a creative powerhouse, spirited breaker of rules and advocate of equality", and in 2017 she was honored with *Architizer's Lifetime Achievement Award* for her pioneering work as well as her engagement and contribution to the debate on architecture.

Odile Decq has been teaching architecture for the past 25 years. An invitation from Paul Virilio got her started as guest professor at *l'École Spéciale d'Architecture* in 1993, where she became a permanent professor two years later. She has been invited to be a guest professor in prestigious universities such as the *Bartlett* (London), the *Technische Universität* (Vienna), the *Kunstakademie* (Düsseldorf), *SCI-Arch* (Los Angeles), *Columbia University* (New York), and recently at *Harvard's Graduate School of Design* in Cambridge.

In France, she was appointed Director of *l'École Spéciale d'Architecture* in Paris in 2007. During five years until 2012, Odile Decq helped bring the school to be recognized at an international level, growing from 700 to 1000 students, with new educational programs, scholarships, and international partnerships.

Following this experience, she created and launched her own school in Lyon in 2014: the *Confluence Institute for Innovation and Creative Strategies in Architecture* in order to re-invent education in Architecture for the students of the 21st century, with new visions regarding the future of Architecture in the world.





Confluence Institute for Innovation and Creative Strategies in Architecture, Paris, Student Drawing

## CV

---

### EDUCATION

**Diploma in Architecture, DPLG**

U.P. 6, Paris, France, 1978

**Diploma in Urban Planning, DESS**

Institut des Sciences Politiques,  
Paris, France, 1979

### HEAD OF ARCHITECTURE SCHOOLS

**Founder and Director since 2014:**

Confluence Institute for Innovation and Creative  
Strategies in Architecture, Lyon, France

**Director from 2007 to 2012:**

École Spéciale d'Architecture, Paris, France

### TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- 2017 Studio (one semester) - **Harvard Graduate School of Design**, Cambridge, MA, USA
- 2016 Workshop - **University of Oklahoma**, Norman, OK, USA
- 2015 Workshop - **Università Mediterranea**, Reggio Calabria, Italy
- 2014 Workshop - **The Catholic University of America**, Washington, DC, USA
- 2013 Workshop - **IE School of Architecture and Design**, Madrid, Spain
- 2012 Workshop - **Art Institute of Chicago**, Chicago, IL, USA
- 2011 Workshop - **Southern California Institute of Architecture (SCI-Arc)**, Los Angeles, CA, USA
- 2010 Workshop - **University of Cincinnati**, Cincinnati, OH, USA
- 2009 Workshop - **The Catholic University of America**, Capri, Italy
- 2006 Workshop - **Southern California Institute of Architecture (SCI-Arc)**, Los Angeles, CA, USA
- 2004 Visiting Professor (one year) - **Kunstakademie Düsseldorf**, Düsseldorf, Germany
- 2004 Final Examiner - **Bartlett School of Architecture**, London, UK
- 2003 Visiting Professor (one semester) - **Akademie der bildenden Künste Wien**, Vienna, Austria
- 2003 Visiting Professor (one semester) - **Columbia University**, New York City, NY, USA
- 2001 Visiting Professor (one semester) - **Columbia University**, New York City, NY, USA
- 2000 Workshop - **University of Kansas**, Lawrence, KS, USA
- 2000-01 Visiting Professor (one year) - **Bartlett School of Architecture**, London, UK
- 1998 Final Examiner - **Westminster Academy**, London, UK
- 1998 Visiting Professor (one semester) - **Technische Universität Wien**, Vienna, Austria
- 1997 Workshop - **University of Kansas**, Lawrence, KS, USA
- 1995-07 Professor - **École Spéciale d'Architecture**, Paris, France
- 1994-97 Final Examiner - **Bartlett School of Architecture**, London, UK
- 1992-94 Visiting Professor - **École Spéciale d'Architecture**, Paris, France
- 1992 Professor (one semester) - **Université de Montréal**, Québec, Canada
- 1991 Workshop - **École d'Architecture de Grenoble**, Grenoble, France



Photo ©VeniceDocumentationProject

## PERSONAL AWARDS

---

### PERSONAL DISTINCTIONS

- 2018 - **Commandeur de l'Ordre du Mérite** Paris, France
- 2018 **Honorary Fellow of The Royal Institute of the Architects of Ireland (RIAI)** Dublin, Ireland
- 2018 **Honorary Fellow of Royal Architectural Institute of Canada (RAIC)** Ottawa, Canada
- 2015 **Doctorate Honoris Causa in Architecture from Laval University** Québec, Canada
- 2014 **Médaille de Vermeil et d'Honneur de l'Académie d'Architecture** Paris, France
- 2012 **Officier de l'Ordre du Mérite** Paris, France
- 2010 **Professor Bene Merenti of the University Ion Mincu** Bucarest, Romania
- 2007 **Honorary Member of the National Society of Architects** Prague, Czech Republic
- 2007 **RIBA International Fellow** London, UK
- 2003 **Chevalier de la Légion d'Honneur** Paris, France
- 2001 **Commandeur de l'Ordre des Arts et des Lettres** Paris, France

### PERSONAL AWARDS OVERVIEW

- 2017 **Lifetime Achievement Award (Architizer A+Awards)** New York City, NY, USA
- 2016 **The Jane Drew Prize (Architects' Journal)** London, UK
- 2015 **Gold Plaque / Targhe d'Oro (Unione Italiana Disegno)** Turin, Italy
- 2013 **Women in Architecture Award (ARVHA)** Paris, France
- 2013 **Designer of the Year (Maison&Objet)** Paris, France
- 2005 **Passeport Artiste sans frontières (AFAA)** Paris, France
- 2004 **Arch Moscow Prize** Moscow, Russia
- 1999 **Association of Construction Journalists Award** Paris, France
- 1996 **Golden Lion (Venice Biennale of Architecture)** Venice, Italy
- 1986 **Young Architects' Album Award** Paris, France





## ARCHITECTURE AWARDS

---

- 2018 **European Property Award (Diagonal 0)** London, UK
- 2018 **European Cultural Centre Award (Diagonal 0)** Venice, Italy
- 2018 **European Product Design Award (Pétale)** Budapest, Hungary
- 2017 **NYCxDESIGN Award: "Best Pendant Lamp" (Soleil Noir)** New York, USA
- 2016 **Athenaeum International Architecture Award (Tangshan Museum)** Chicago, IL, USA
- 2016 **National Wood Construction Award (Saint-Ange Residence)** Seyssins, France
- 2015 **Jiansu Provincial Architecture award (Tangshan Museum)** Nanjing, China
- 2015 **Nanjing Municipal Architecture Prize (Tangshan Museum)** Nanjing, China
- 2015 **Blueprint Award (Saint-Ange Residence)** London, UK
- 2014 **Dedalo Minosse International Prize (MACRO Museum)** Vicenza, Italy
- 2013 **Athenaeum International Architecture Award (Phantom)** Chicago, IL, USA
- 2012 **Ecola Award for the use of Render/Plaster (Phantom)** Berlin, Germany
- 2012 **Paris Shop & Design Award (Phantom)** Paris, France
- 2011 **WAN Lighting Award (GL Events HQ / Pétale)** London, UK
- 2010 **Athenaeum International Architecture Award (Tangier Med)** Chicago, IL, USA
- 2010 **Premio di Architettura ANCE Catania (MACRO Museum)** Catania, Italy
- 2009 **MIPIM AR Future Projects Award - Offices (GL Events HQ)** Cannes, France
- 2008 **World Architecture Community Award (Tangier Med)** New York, NY, USA
- 2008 **Athenaeum International Architecture Award (GL Events HQ)** Chicago, IL, USA
- 2008 **Culture World Architecture Festival (Greenland Pavilion)** Spain
- 2008 **World Architecture Community Award (MACRO Museum)** New York, NY, USA
- 2007 **Show Boats International Awards (Esense Waly)** Monaco, France
- 2006 **Athenaeum International Architecture Award (MACRO Museum)** Chicago, IL, USA
- 2006 **Athenaeum International Architecture Award (L. Museum)** Chicago, IL, USA
- 2003 **Il Principe e L'architetto (MACRO Museum)** Rome, Italy
- 1999 **Benedictus Award (Nantes University)** Washington, DC, USA
- 1994 **Benedictus Award (BPO)** Washington, DC, USA
- 1993 **Sheet Glass Competition Award (BPO)** Paris, France
- 1992 **Best Steel Construction Award (BPO)** Paris, France
- 1992 **Design Oscar "Le Nouvel Économiste" (BPO)** Paris, France
- 1991 **Andrea Palladio International Architecture Prize (BPO)** Vicenza, Italy
- 1991 **Departmental Award of Architecture (BPO)** Rennes, France
- 1991 **Special Mention, The Iritecna Prize for Europe (BPO)** Milan, Italy
- 1990 **Nomination, Équerre d'Argent Architecture Prize (BPO)** Paris, France
- 1990 **Architecture and Workplace Award (BPO)** Paris, France
- 1990 **9th International Prize for Architecture (BPO)** London, UK





Photo © Maison Européenne de l'Architecture

## RECENT LECTURES

---

2018 - 2019

**SCCI Sherman Centre for Culture and Ideas** - "Architecture Thinking", Sydney, Australia  
**University of Queensland** - "Architecture Thinking", Brisbane, Australia  
**Rocca Gallery** - "Spaces for Women Architects", Lisbon, Portugal  
**London Design Museum** - "Woman Design", London, UK  
**The Royal Institute of the Architects of Ireland** - "Groundbreaker Lecture Series", Dublin, Ireland  
**AIA New York I Center for Architecture** - "Arthur Rosenblatt Memorial Lecture" New York, USA  
**McGill University School of Architecture** - "Architecture Thinking" Montréal, Canada  
**ECC Center** - "Shaping the City : A Forum for Sustainable Cities and Communities" Venice, Italy  
**Maison Européenne de l'Architecture** - "Architecture Thinking" Strasbourg, France  
**Ordre des Architectes** - "Architecture Thinking" Liège, Belgium  
**TADA Tampere Design Week** - "Architecture Thinking" Tampere, Finland  
**Stefan Kurylowicz Foundation** - "Architecture Thinking" Warsaw, Poland  
**Rocca Gallery** - "Spaces for Women Architects", Barcelona, Spain  
**Sétif University Institute of Architecture and Earth Sciences** - "Architecture Thinking", Algeria

2017

**Queen's University Belfast** - "Annual Peter Rice Lecture" Belfast, Ireland  
**Architects, not Architecture** - Miralles Concert Hall Hamburg, Germany  
**TATE Britain** - "Odile Decq on London and Paris" London, UK  
**Cité de l'Architecture et du Patrimoine** - Forum "New uses, new practices" Paris, France  
**Harvard Graduate School of Design** - "GSD Public Lecture Series" Cambridge, MA, USA  
**Princeton University School of Architecture** - "Kassler Lecture Series" Princeton, NJ, USA  
**EDIT: Expo for Design, Innovation and Technology** - "Educate Keynote" Toronto, Canada  
**French Academy (Villa Medici)** - "Thursdays at the Villa: Meet Odile Decq" Rome, Italy  
**Casa dell'Architettura** - "Architecture as a civil passion and creative power" Rome, Italy RIBA  
**International Week** - "Change in the City" London, UK  
**Cité de l'Architecture et du Patrimoine** - "Duos & Débats" Paris, France  
**Sam Fox School of Design & Visual Arts** - "Coral Courts Lecture" St. Louis, MO, USA  
**Mextrópolis Architecture Festival** - "Vive La Ciudad Extraordinaria" Mexico City, Mexico  
**Universidad Del Norte** - "Cátedra Europa XX" Barranquilla, Colombia  
**Universidad Piloto de Colombia** - "Pensando la arquitectura" Bogotá, Colombia  
**Librería Panamericana** - "Pensando la arquitectura" Medellín, Colombia  
**Carnegie Mellon University School of Architecture** - "SoA Lecture Series" Pittsburgh, PA, USA





"Black Pavilion", installation at Place de la Concorde, FIAC Hors les murs 2019

## RECENT EVENTS

---

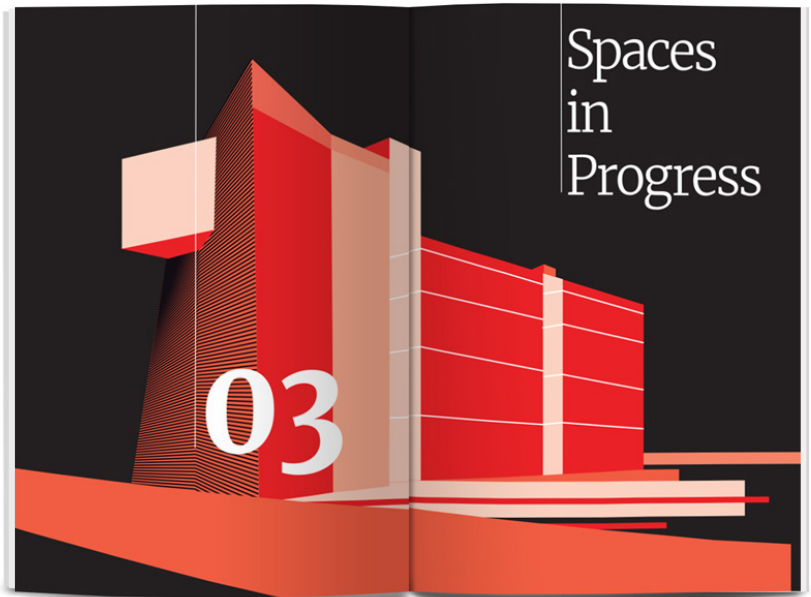
### EXHIBITIONS

- FIAC Hors les murs 2019 **"Black Pavilion"** Paris, France
- DesignMiami/Basel **"Black Pavilion"** **"Splash"** **"Knetic Light Sulpture"** Basel, Switzerland
- Cité de l'architecture et du patrimoine **"Le mobilier d'architectes 1960-2020"** Paris, France
- Galerie Polaris **"il sole è cieco, Chapitre II"** Paris, France
- Czech National Library of Technology (NTK) **"Horizons"** Prague, Czech Republic
- Biennale Architettura 2018 **"Phantom's Phantom"** Venice, Italy
- European Cultural Centre **"Time-Space-Existence"** Venice, Italy
- House of Arts **"Horizons"**, Ostrava, Czech Republic

### JURIES

- RIBA Awards 2020, **Chair of the Jury** London, UK
- French Pavilion for the 2018 Venice Biennale of Architecture** Venice, Italy
- Drawing of the Year Student Competition** Aarhus School of Architecture, Denmark
- International Design Competition of the National Writing Museum** Incheon, South Korea
- Montblanc Award for Arts and Culture** Paris, France
- Bandirma Park Competition** Bandirma, Turkey

*Odile Decq*



## PUBLICATIONS

---

### MAIN PUBLISHED BOOKS

- 2019 **Wunderkammer, Odile Decq's Cabinet of Curiosities (Images Publishing)** Mulgrave, Australia
- 2017 **Odile Decq, Monograph (ListLab)** Trento, Italy
- 2014 **Odile Decq (New York Institute of Technology)** New York City, NY, USA
- 2013 **L'Opéra Restaurant (Esail LAB)** Lyon, France
- 2013 **Odile Decq, L'Architettura Protagonisti (24 Ore Cultura)** Milan, Italy
- 2013 **Au delà du miroir (Galerie Polaris)** Paris, France
- 2011 **Maestros de la arquitectura (Editorial Salvat)** Barcelona, Spain
- 2010 **I Maestri della architettura Odile Decq (Hachette éditions)** Milan, Italy
- 2007 **100 Flames for reading (Biro Éditeur)** Paris, France
- 2007 **Odile Decq (A&J)** Dalian, China
- 2005 **Odile Decq, Movimento e architettura (Liriti Editore)** Reggio Calabria, Italy
- 2003 **Odile Decq Benoît Cornette, Opere e progetti (Electa)** Milan, Italy
- 1996 **Odile Decq Benoît Cornette (Phaidon)** London, UK
- 1995 **ODEC Hyper-Tension (Aedes)** Berlin, Germany
- 1991 **Banque Populaire de l'Ouest (Éditions du Demi Cercle)** Paris, France