

Rem Koolhaas

Founder of OMA, Architect and Urbanist

"Rem Koolhaas is that rare combination of visionary and implementer – philosopher and pragmatist – theorist and prophet"



Rem Koolhaas is a Dutch architect, architectural theorist, urbanist and Professor in the Practice of Architecture and Urban Design at the Graduate School of Design at Harvard University, USA. Koolhaas is the founding partner of OMA and AMO a think tank focused on social, economic and technological issues.

TOPICS:

- Architecture and Urbanism
- Urban Design
- Human Behaviour
- Cultural, Social and Technological Issues

LANGUAGES:

He presents in English or Dutch.

PUBLICATIONS:

- 2011** Junkspace
- 2006** The Gulf
- 2006** Generic City
- 2004** Content
- 2003** Wired
- 2002** Informal

IN DETAIL:

Mr Koolhaas first studied scriptwriting at the Dutch Film Academy, and was then a journalist for the *Haagse Post* before starting studies, in 1968, in architecture at the Architectural Association School of Architecture in London, followed, in 1972, by further studies at Cornell University in New York. He has won several International Awards including the Pritzker Architecture Prize in 2000, the Royal Gold Medal in 2004 and the Golden Lion for Lifetime Achievement at the 2010 Venice Biennale. In 2005 he co-founded *Volume Magazine* and in 2008, *Time* put him in their top 100 of The World's Most Influential People.

WHAT HE OFFERS YOU:

In his presentations Rem examines the relationship between built structures, human behaviour, commerce and culture. He offers a truly unique perspective which focuses on changing urban conditions around the world and the role of retail and consumption in contemporary society.

HOW HE PRESENTS:

A charming and unassuming speaker, Rem's highly informative presentations are enthusiastically delivered.