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Vastu Veda in the Age of Neuroscience:
Some Brain-Based Principles for the Design of Human Environments
Presented by: Tom Albright, PhD

The discipline of architecture has deep roots in ancient traditions that seek to optimize human behavioral and physiological responses to the built environment. Contemporary neuroscience takes this mission to a new level, in which the design of human spaces – spaces for learning, creation, decision and action – may be qualified and quantified by influence on information processing systems of the brain. The implications of this new neuroscience for architecture will be explored by consideration of brain mechanisms for acquisition, storage, organization, retrieval and use of information within the spaces we inhabit.

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Commentary by: John Eberhard, FAIA

John Eberhard, the founding president of ANFA, earned his BS in Architectural Design from University of Illinois and MS in Industrial Management from MIT. His career highlights include serving as Director for the Institute for Applied Technology; Dean of Architecture and Environmental Design at SUNY Buffalo; President of AIA Research Corporation; and Head of the Department of Architecture at Carnegie Mellon. Eberhard's expertise and passion for the intersection of architecture and neuroscience are demonstrated through his work as a Consultant on Research Planning for the AIA, the research he conducted as a Latrobe Fellow, as well as, his continued guidance and dedication to ANFA.

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