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The world's first international **Bicycle Architecture Biennale** - a showcase of outstanding built environment solutions around cycling - takes place in Amsterdam on 17 June 2017. The event - organized by leading cycling innovation agency CycleSpace - will celebrate the cutting edge and high profile building designs that are facilitating bicycle travel, storage and safety around the world.

The biennale is being launched in **Amsterdam** in recognition of the city's leading status for prioritizing cycling travel and forms one of the breakout events as part of the global cycling conference **Velo-City**. The biennale aims to reflect how cycling can improve urban living and how design solutions can not only meet transit needs but can also inspire and facilitate greater cycling uptake.

The designs profiled at the biennale have been curated by Professor **Steven Fleming**, whose new book *Velotopia* about bicycle architecture is out this month. The biennale will show off the work of **14 international designers**, from all corners of the globe. Amongst the designs selected are The West Village Basis Yard apartment complex in **Chengdu** by **Jiakun Architects**, where cyclists can ride from their tenth floor apartments all the way down to the ground, **SkyCycle**, a controversial and largely misunderstood proposal from **Foster + Partners** to build new buildings for cyclists in the airspace above **London's** train lines, and **Hassell Architects' Medibank Building in Melbourne** with its spiraling bike ramp inside the main atrium.

The biennale takes place at the Zuiveringshal in **Amsterdam's** Westerpark and will be open to delegates attending Velo-City. The show will then go on public display, details of which will be announced on the biennale website www.bab2017.org. A limited number of public tickets for the biennale are also available by emailing connect@cyclespace.org. The biennale is being supported by the building firm BAM, and it is one of a number of international programs organized by CycleSpace, which also initiated the global Bicycle Mayor network. The first Bicycle Mayor summit takes place a few days before the biennale - also in **Amsterdam** - on 10 and 11 June.

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