



"Can Architecture Fix This?"

As an extension of the book anthology *Out of the Blue*, White Arkitekter Oslo has launched a new podcast series of six episodes called "*Can Architecture Fix This?*". The podcast is hosted by architect Rebekah Schaberg, exploring challenging design issues related to water through stories and conversations with expert guests.

For the past few years, White Arkitekter's Oslo studio has had a focus on water. This might sound strange for an architectural practice, but for White Arkitekter it is clear that when designing cities, neighborhoods, buildings, and landscapes, the relationship with the surrounding waterscape must be considered.

What is it like to walk through flooded streets twice a day? What do you do when the permafrost beneath your house begins to melt? Designing with water in mind gives us the opportunity to explore technical solutions to today's challenges posed by climate change and to introduce psychological and social benefits in projects when water is considered an asset rather than just a challenge.

To better understand both the challenges and opportunities that water brings, our studio collected a number of articles from colleagues and outside collaborators from around the world in a book anthology entitled *Out of the Blue*, featuring stories about projects where water is a primary concern.

– We thought it would be great to share some of those stories in the form of a podcast! Join us each week to hear design stories and discuss whether and how architecture can fix some of the challenges that we're facing today, says Sofie Bentzen, Office Director.

In the first episode, Rebekah is kicking off with Øystein Grønning at the architectural practice Migrant where we ask: *Can Architecture Fix: Flash flooding?* He will present a project he worked on in Muskat, Oman – the hottest capital city in the world.

You can subscribe to *Can Architecture Fix This?* on [Apple Podcasts](#), [Spotify](#), or wherever you get your podcasts.

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