

Notebook 5
CARDS AGAINST STUPIDITY
(2019)

This 'final frontier' was about re-gaming architecture. Cards Against Stupidity began by bringing together the search for Dostoevsky's idea, a pack of Lies for the 21st century and 'stupidity'. Each year from 2009 to 2019, the hacking and deschooling exercises had always varied. The final year the educational adventure became obvious: a re-gaming of the open source, Cards Against Humanity. Working in groups, 180 seventeen or eighteen-year old first year students in architecture, urbanism, conservation engineering, industrial design and architectural history, re-gamed architecture into their own version Cards Against Stupidity. This was to be a commentary on the stupidity and urgencies that they saw happening all around them. The structure was as follows: Black 'czar' cards to be prepared on architecture, urbanism, political. cultural urgencies: climate change - extinction rebellion - occupation - sustainability - migrancy - conflict - terror – cybercrime - plastic wars etc. The White response 'random' cards invented by the students used designed and nuanced annotation, showing the structure and source behind the issues. Footnotes, anti-texts, references or thumbnail images of activist processes, events, projects, fictions, films could be integrated. These white cards were to respond to and range from anarcho-radicalism to eco-terrorism. Graphic control and subtle artwork were encouraged. The game could be adapted, played against the rules or within the rules. A rule card was included. The

original size/format was saved so that the students, besides researching their ideas, learnt how to design, format, understand fonts, content, image and also collaboration and gaming. The set of cards (20 black cards / 80 white cards) was formatted, printed and submitted professionally according to blueprints supplied. Of course one group turned it into a board game (as they do!) A unique educational experiment, CAH was credited in the whole experiment. It proved extremely successful in creating collaboration and an educational awareness of the students' position today in the current protest environment. "We're flattered our dumb game inspired you and your students!" CAH replied. "Thanks for elevating our cards to a scholarly level." I was interesting to see after 20 years how architecture still needed its hump: "The development of architecture has for some time now proceeded on an interactive gaming between persona and discourse, theory and praxis, discipline and interference, fame and production. It has become, if not been for a long time, memetic."¹

¹ Roger Connah, How Architecture Got its Hump, Writing Architecture series, MIT Press (2001)

Building a house
in the Sims



I'm sure real buildings work the
same way

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Buildings that look
like sh*t



People won't tell the difference
anyway

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Place the only
bathrooms in the
mall in the corner of
the second floor



Because where else could
you possibly place them

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Cube houses



Because normal houses are too
mainstream

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Screams corporate with bad
taste

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Build the entire
building out of a
curve



The engineers will figure it out
anyway

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Dare to play a card you can't read?

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Getting lost in mazes
called malls



Seriously why are malls so
complicated?

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160km/h Highway



Abu Dhabi is wild

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Draw a scribble



Architecture is easy

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They must be great at planning

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Grow the oil and gas
industry



Because fuck the earth right?

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The most aesthetic
plant walls

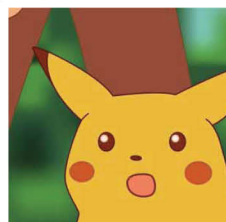


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Build now, worry about it later

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Build more summer
houses



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Build Net Negative
Buildings



Don't worry about the Earth, it's
gonna be fine

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I won't be here
40-50 years from
now so I don't care
too much



The young kids are smart,
they'll figure it out

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Ok boomer

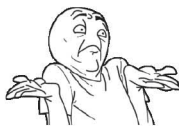


Ok boomer

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Ignore it



Who cares, eh?

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Making a 30-second
commercial telling
people to "stop it"



It's easy, just stop it.

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Continue dumping
waste into the ocean



The ocean is a magical portal
that takes our worries away

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To cut more trees
down



So that the millionaire can have
his 5th house

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We Didn't Start the Fire by Billy Joel is directed towards _____.



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When Frank Gehry was asked about his designs, he said _____.



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To convince politicians into building the Sydney Opera House, Eugene Goossens proposed the idea of _____.



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Alexandre Orion 'reverse' graffitied images of _____ in a São Paulo street tunnel.



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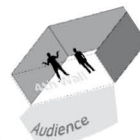


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Group - 9

The Fourth Wall



is the first to break the
fourth wall.

_____ is why
architects hate
global warming.



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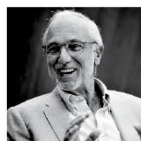
Good Design



An idea for model having
potential to become something

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Renzo Piano



An architect who focuses on light
and space

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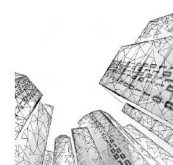
Industrial Movement



The era causing the most harm
to the environment

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Binary



A mix of two forms, important in
the 1950-1960

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Withdrawal
the Paris
Agreement



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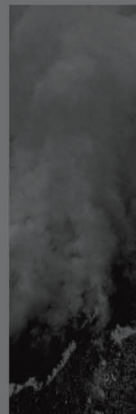
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Someone's on the naughty
list.

The
Ama
Rain



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Extinct species



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ng your
tes on the

at garbage can was just
far away.

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I heard that you can become LEED Certified if you build with _____.



Insulating your home with _____ is a great way to cut back your energy usage.



Scientists say that the energy produced by _____ can now be harnessed to power our buildings.



Responsible architecture has to have _____.



Mumbai, India is listed in top 10 dirtiest cities in the world because of _____.



Why can't we have gender-neutral bathrooms? _____.



If we used _____ instead of stairs, all buildings could be accessible.



Hostile architecture is now using _____ as a way to deter the homeless.



_____ is essential for the success of participatory design.



The best thing about being a woman architect is _____.



You will never guess what I saw at Parliament last night _____.



_____ is Justin Trudeau's favourite architect.



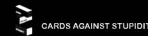
The Great Wall of China was built as a defence against _____.



If elected, Andrew Scheer's top priority to construct will be _____.



_____ is the main reason why politics and architecture are inseparable.



The greatest architectural feat of our time is _____.



"Venustas, firmitas, _____."



"The lack of _____ is a sign of spiritual death" - Adolf Loos.



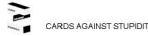
"Without _____ there is no art."



It would be impossible to build the Sydney Opera House without _____.



A gender-balanced cabinet



The top 1%



Middle class tho...



The Muslim ban



Commercials of impoverished children



The glass ceiling



Women rights



Wearing socks with sandals



What your dad wears while barbecuing for his friends.



The creation of dentures



No, it's not a prison.



Crocs



Fashion killer.



Photos of tourists holding up the Leaning Tower of Pisa

That's a lot of limbs.



Zaha Hadid



All nighter



Using metal straws with metal cups



Your plastic cup isn't saving any turtles.



Leaving the lights on all day



Flying in a private jet



This is what my tax dollars are paying off.





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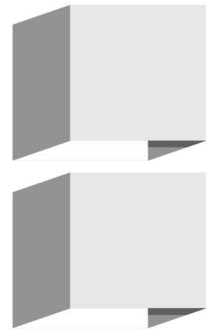
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























































"Revolutionary."
Denise Cenina

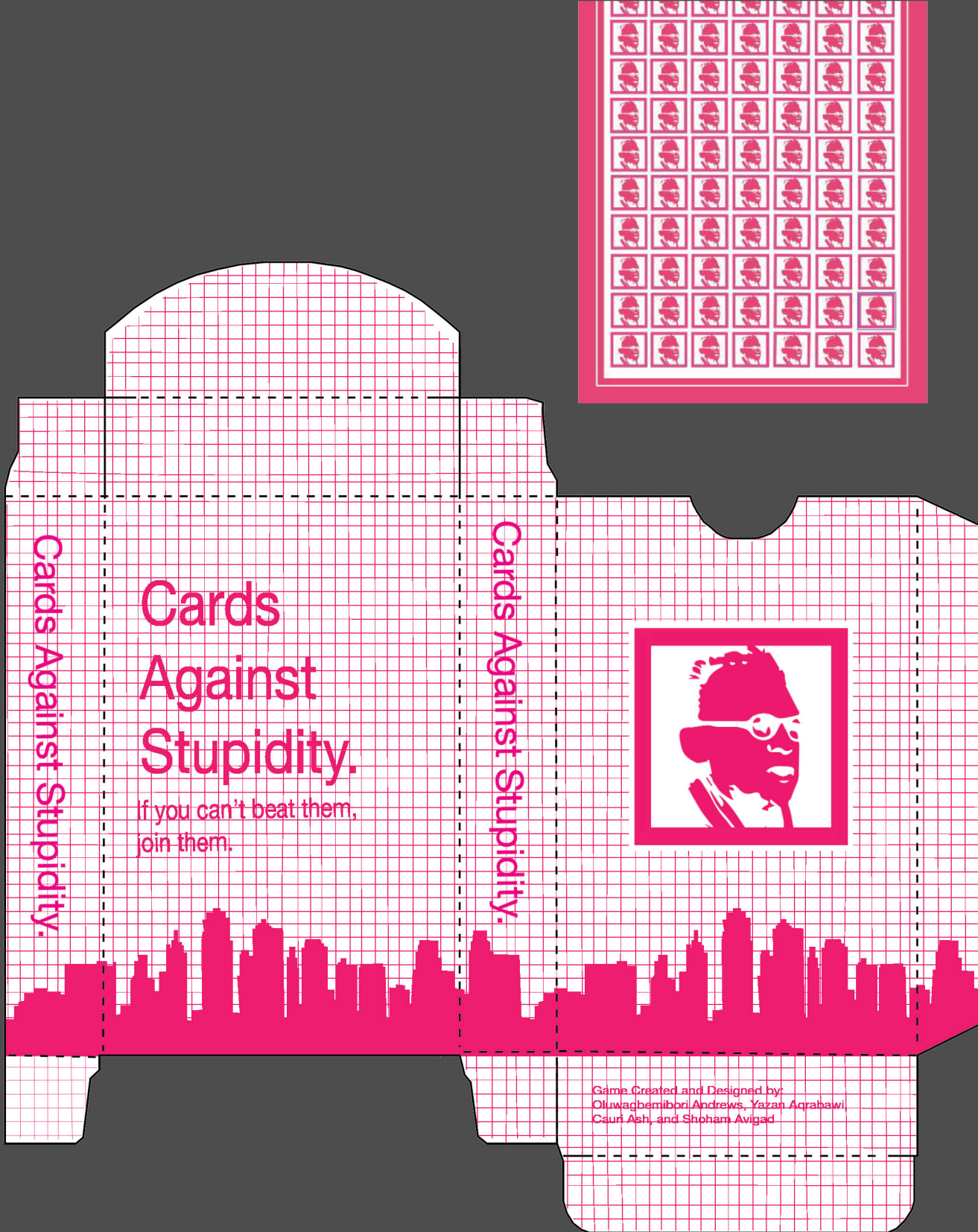
"Game-changing."
Beyoncé Giselle
Knowles-Carter

"The Avant-Garde."
Angela Chiesa

"What a thrill."
Michael Jackson



OC Transpo taking 6 years to release a flub 	Orange slices going \$95 million over-budget 	A future housing market crash in the GTA 	Scrapping Brampton's first indoor mall for housing 	A \$7.7 million house sold in Toronto 	The Last Stand of the Angry Rationalist 	Notre-Dame setting herself on fire just for a new hat 	Jorn Utzon peeling an orange 	Pharrell's Canadian architectural debut 
A 16km Urban Park to connect downtown Toronto and Scarborough 	An island in Ontario being the same price as a condo in Toronto 	Titanic II setting sail on the same fucking route 	Vernacular architecture: the use of local materials and knowledge, without the supervision of professional architects 	The debate between radicalism and harmony 	Azrieli School of Architecture: Brutalist Building with Brutal Practices 	Brad Pitt pretending to be an architect 	Adolf Loos's hatred of ornament 	McMansion hell  <i>There's nothing wrong with them, they don't belong.</i> 
Beautiful structures, ugly rent 	The new period of architecture: Expensivism 	Expensive minimalism 	It stands tall and proud, curvaceous curves and all. It's _____. 	What did the Russian government recently ban? 	Wealth-gap? Did you mean _____. 	The Prime Minister's office is filled with posters of _____. 	Thomas Jefferson paved the way for _____. 	Yeezy Star Wars Huts  <i>Original huts had a roof with an unnecessary tall ceiling.</i> 
A day trip to the store in Brasilia 	Energy efficient natural insulation designs 	Floating architecture 	Greta Thunberg holding a sign had more impact than _____. 	Slums aren't as bad as _____. 	It's the 21st century nobody cares about _____. 	_____ can go fuck itself. 	We're not going to your _____ rally, Bjarke. 	Toronto's multicultural landscape 
Eco-friendly concrete 	A lego greenhouse 	Eco-curtain wind-harvesting facade 	Trump's hair is almost as scary as _____. 	I got 99 problems and _____ is most definitely one. 	Where does Frank Gehry's well earned money go? 	Frank Lloyd Wright called you to talk about _____. 	Looking to earn big bucks? Make _____ work for you! 	Culture-lacking modern buildings 
Conveniently staying at Jeffrey Epstein's mansion 	Xinjiang "re-education" camps 	A cannabis' store interior design 	Jane Fonda getting arrested at a climate protest 	Ghazipur landfill, the new Taj Mahal  <i>65 meters and counting.</i> 	The erasure of Indigenous architecture 	Wealth-determined quality in building 	Islamophobic vandalism 	Architects vs. Engineers 









Cards Against Stupidity.


If you can't beat them,
join them.









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<p>This time, politicians take _____ away from students.</p> 	<p>In a shocking turn of events, _____ beat _____ in the pre-election.</p> 	<p>I constantly thank Donald Trump for _____ before I go to sleep.</p> 
<p>We are going to build a wall and make _____ pay for it.</p> 	<p>Architecture students pull an all-nighter working on _____.</p> 	<p>Ottawa's Shopify building is an excellent example of _____.</p> 

<p>_____ emphasized the context with its shape, size, texture, colour, symmetry, and alignment.</p> 	<p>F*ck the context and f*ck _____.</p> 	<p>Mother nature's human aesthetics is compared to _____.</p> 
<p>The statue portrays _____ indirectly as a metaphor for _____.</p> 	<p>Thousands gather in Ottawa on September 27th to protest for _____.</p> 	<p>Canada's indigenous water crisis can be solved with the help of _____.</p> 

<p>Amazon forest burns down because of _____.</p> 	<p>Architecture students protest against _____.</p> 	<p>Conservation architects take on the integration of _____ into the modern world.</p> 
<p>_____: the solution to the ongoing injustice issues.</p> 	<p>Women, half the population, all of the _____.</p> 	<p>White and black people come together to create _____.</p> 






<p>Surgery.</p> 	<p>Listicle.</p> 	<p>Make-up-artist.</p> 
<p>Frank Gehry.</p> 	<p>Fragile masculinity.</p> 	<p>Synchronic.</p> 

<p>Obama.</p> 	<p>Classicism.</p> 	<p>Wage war on America.</p> 
<p>Brutalism.</p> 	<p>An angry critic.</p> 	<p>Undergrads who studied politics and regret their decision.</p> 

<p>Brexit.</p> 	<p>"Universal" health care.</p> 	<p>THE wall.</p> 
<p>America.</p> 	<p>World Piece.</p> 	<p>A quirky protest sign.</p> 

<p>People who deny climate change.</p> 	<p>The Great Pacific Garbage Patch.</p> 	<p>Our children's grim future.</p> 
<p>Malcom X.</p> 	<p>The black lives matter movement.</p> 	<p>Poppies with a rainbow flag.</p> 

<p>The idea of God.</p> 	<p>The Chateau Laurier edition #47.</p> 	<p>Melting glaciers.</p> 
<p>Winter in Canada.</p> 	<p>Coding our minds.</p> 	<p>Starting a fire.</p> 

<p>Wildfires.</p> 	<p>Climate change.</p> 	<p>The Sydney Opera House.</p> 
<p>The poor wall between North and South Korea.</p> 	<p>Martin Luther King Jr.</p> 	<p>Racism.</p> 