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Can architecture's class of '25 crack the job market?



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This summer will see thousands of young people in the UK graduate from architecture school, but they will find it tougher than ever to land a job afterwards. Amy Peacock

Starting a career in architecture has always been a long, arduous and competitive $\,$ process, but in recent years it has become even harder to get a foot into the profession.

George Smith has just completed a master's degree at the Royal College of Art and is set to graduate in September. To continue along the path to becoming a registered architect, he must now gain experience working in practice in a Part 2 role. His job search so far has been disheartening, to say the least.

"The market is still bad since I was applying as a Part 1 [post-undergraduate] five years

"I was hoping I could finish and start working immediately, but it's unlikely now," he continued. "I have been applying to adverts from practices only advertising on $In stagram-they \ have \ told\ me\ they've\ received\ over\ 100\ applications\ in\ a\ few\ days."$

"I sent out hundreds of portfolios and got less than 20 responses"

 $Smith's\ experience\ echoes\ that\ of\ many\ architecture\ graduates\ in\ recent\ years,$ $including \ Hamssini \ Sukumaran, who \ graduated \ with \ a \ master's \ in \ architecture \ at$ Cardiff University in 2022.

"I sent out hundreds of portfolios and got less than 20 responses, and one interview," she said.

Sukumaran searched for a Part 2 job for nine months before considering alternative career paths. She now works for architecture-specialised PR firm Salt, which she said is "more sustainable creatively, emotionally, financially" than architecture.

"What I really enjoyed in architecture school was the narrative part, so I started thinking how I could use the transferable skills that I gained in different ways - that's $how\ I\ found\ comms\ and\ marketing\ in\ architecture, "Sukumaran\ said." I'd\ never\ heard$ of it, no one talks about it at uni."

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Graduates are facing a tough environment across the board. Last year, the UK's graduate job market was the most competitive in three decades, with 140 applications for every graduate vacancy.



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According to job search site Indeed, UK university graduates this year are facing the toughest job market since 2018. Indeed, and others, have claimed that artificial intelligence (AI) is a significant factor, with employers in white-collar industries like architecture seeking to cut costs by turning to the technology for tasks typically done by more junior staff.

"Demand for graduates is inevitably going to go down, slightly because of economics but mainly because of AI and its effect on repetitive tasks, which are often entry-level tasks," said architecture educator Jeremy Till, head of Central Saint Martins school in London for 10 years until 2022.

But while AI affects a broad range of jobs, architecture graduates are facing their own unique set of challenges, with additional compounding factors making it even harder to find employment.



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Ben Derbyshire, chair of London architecture studio HTA Design and former president of the Royal Institute of British Architects (RIBA), argued that industry uncertainty around prospective projects could be one of the reasons why graduates are struggling to find jobs, as some architecture studios are focusing on retaining their existing staff.

The National House Building Council reported a $38~\rm per~cent$ drop in house building in the first quarter of $2025~\rm compared$ to $2024~\rm in$ London, where many graduates flock for job opportunities.

"We're managing okay, and we do have a pipeline of work, but a lot of projects are being delayed and postponed for a wide variety of reasons," Derbyshire told Dezeen. "We're not growing numbers of staff. We won't be having a big recruitment round from the degree shows."

Russell Curtis, founding director of architecture studio RCKa, echoed that sentiment.

"It's been an extremely difficult few years for everyone in the industry, and it doesn't surprise me that it's had an effect on people's job prospects, because it's still very uncertain out there," he said.

Part 1 graduates "not worth the investment"

Even if studios are hiring, Curtis argued that many are put off from hiring Part 1 roles – year-long practical experience positions currently required for undergraduates to progress to Part 2 master's level en route to becoming registered architects – mainly because they need more mentoring and will only be at the studio for a limited time before returning to university for postgraduate studies.

"Having somebody in the office for just a year, being perfectly blunt, it's not worth the investment," he said.

"I do wonder whether Part 1 graduates are well equipped enough to come into the world of practice," Curtis continued. "It does surprise me how little engagement a lot of young architects have with things like planning policy – it's really dry, but these are the challenges that we're facing."

 $After \ a \ two-year \ hiring \ freeze, RCK a \ recently \ opened \ a \ Part \ 2 \ vacancy - aimed \ at \ master's \ graduates - following \ an \ uptick \ in \ projects.$

"A lot of practices like ours are slightly in survival mode still, and what we're doing is we're hoping to grow our way out of the current situation," said Curtis. "I don't think we're in a position at the moment to be taking on Part 1s because of the amount of support that they need, and for Part 2s, the difference in salary is sadly not that big."

"Part 1 placement year has relied on a level of altruism from practices"

Nimi Attanayake and Tim O'Callaghan, co-founders of London studio Nimtim Architects, also raised the issue of the role of Part Is in a strained job market.

"We've been hearing that Part 1s are struggling to find work, more than Part 2s," said Attanyake. "That resonated with us, because if we had the option between a Part 1 and a Part 2 candidate, even understanding that the Part 2 is going to want a bigger salary, they potentially would stay for longer."

"There's been an issue in that the Part 1 placement year has relied on a level of altruism from practices to support it," added O'Callaghan. "The whole system needs to change. The burden of the Part 1 training that's been passed on to practices isn't working anymore."

RIBA president Muyiwa Oki defended the role of Part 1 placements, arguing that it's right for practices to bear some of the responsibility for training the next generation of explitates.

"We need to bring practices into the framework because they have their role to play in educating and training students," he said. "The role of Part I [employment] is that students need to be upskilled through Continuing Professional Development (CPD) and get a taste of what it's like to work in an architecture practice and support the design and delivery of architectural work." Oki continued.

"Perhaps it's the bigger practices that have to take more of the responsibility to educate, encourage and bring up the practical skills level of students."

"There's a deadly equation between demand and supply at the moment" $\,$

But questions about the suitability of Part 1-level applicants for the demands of practice are not the only concerns raised about architecture education in the UK

The sheer number of degree-level architecture graduates entering the job market has

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dramatically increased in recent years, despite fewer vacancies.

"When I was president of the RIBA, new schools were being formed and numbers of students were burgeoning," said Derbyshire, who held the title from 2017 to 2019. "I must say, I did question whether it was wise to create such a large cohort of architectural graduates, but it's a free market and people want to learn architecture."

According to the Complete University Guide, there are currently 75 universities in the UK that offer undergraduate courses in architecture and 62 universities with postgraduate architecture courses.

"There's a deadly equation between demand and supply at the moment," said Till. "We've got 60 universities or institutions with registered RIBA courses. Thirty years ago, there were 36, and those courses have also got bigger."

"You've got many more people graduating with architecture degrees, which shouldn't be a problem, apart from the fact that we're setting a false expectation that an architecture degree means a job in architecture."



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From 2027, the Architects Registration Board (ARB) – the UK's regulator for registered architects – will scrap the traditional three-part architecture qualification structure for an alternative framework that aims to be more flexible.

An undergraduate degree will no longer be required to become a qualified architect, meaning graduates with other degrees or apprenticeship backgrounds can undertake an ARB-accredited master's degree in architecture and subsequently enter the profession.

Despite this change in the industry, the RIBA – a professional membership body – will continue to validate the architecture education system according to its Part 1, 2 and 3 stages.

Till argued that by resisting change and maintaining Part 1-validated courses, the RIBA is accrediting undergraduate degrees "on the basis of a very old-fashioned notion of what constitutes an architect".

He would rather see the RIBA's Part 1 validation abandoned altogether, and bachelor's degrees becoming a broader introduction to architecture and related disciplines with master's studies geared to professional architecture practice.

"I would turn the undergraduate course into a much broader course in which you still use architectural thinking, but you could apply it to a whole series of areas – journalism, housing policy, climate activism," he suggested.

"As long as it's framed by the limited, outdated version of professional practice which the RIBA accredits, then I think it's unethical to give that false expectation to architecture graduates."



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Till's views ring true for graduates Smith and Sukumaran. While they said they largely enjoyed studying architecture, they expressed frustration that their courses did not encourage career paths other than architecture – something they had to figure out themselves while unemployed.

"Universities should make an effort to reach out to people in different industries within the design realm," said Sukumaran, who is now enjoying a career in PR. "I feel like I didn't leave architecture, I just found a different way to communicate design."

"I know the general trend across the country is a service-oriented economy, but I think too many people are encouraged to go to uni and study, taking on debt, when many of my friends and myself would have probably been happier learning a craft or trade in a technical school, earning while studying," said Smith, who is now exploring job opportunities outside of architecture.

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There is an impending and imminent reckoning across higher education generally in the face of AI – nonsense, overpriced degrees, especially in the social sciences (ie pseudo sciences), yielding little to no job prospects. Architecture, as the mother of the arts, should theoretically have some immunity here, but the reckoning in architecture is that institutions have to produce graduates who are useful from the first day with way more practical knowledge. It's nice to have rounded, Renaissance graduates, but that's a luxury from another era.

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Michael Dignan

16 days ago

There are a number of points worth discussion here:

- $\ every \ year \ "thousands" \ of \ graduates \ enter \ the \ job \ market. \ There \ are \ too \ many \ architecture \ schools \ and \ the \ profession \ can't \ absorb \ so \ many \ grads \ every \ year.$
- too many graduates enter "architecture" instead of construction/ property. There appears to be a real lack of knowledge of other career paths in the associated industries. Why are architecture graduates not seeing huge shortages of building surveyors, quantity surveyors and project managers?
- is there too much teaching of "narrative" and not enough technical and practical knowledge (both mentioned in the article)? What transferrable skills are architecture graduates leaving with? Do those transferrable skills lead graduates away from construction/ property?

The construction industry is crying out for young people with technical and management skills. The industry is crying out for young, energetic leaders who will take it into the future. Why are architecture graduates unable to access these careers?

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JZ ♣ 17 days ago edited

Like having a child, I would never encourage anyone to consider a life in architecture.







bythesea ♣⁺
17 days ago edited

The sheer number of comments shows how frustrated our profession is with this. It can't go on. I started working in London in 1998. It was a different universe, with architects valued and fees still able to support the growth of young starters. That said we had to hit the ground running and thankfully had great CAD skills and more of a technical background to do that.

It has been sad to watch the steady decline of the profession with the RIBA tinkering around at the edges. The point was driven home by two recent experiences. One was on a train down to London when a young woman next to me saw I was working on my laptop, asked about the project. Usually, it sparks interest in what your profession is like. All she could say was that she left Architecture after two years, after she saw what it was really like. She used her transferable skills to go into the tech industry and never looked back, earning double.

I recently also had some legal work done and was astounded that the legal trainee was being charged out at £180/hr. I couldn't hope to get that as a sole principal working in the north, even with multiple degrees and 25yrs+ experience.

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Clichy

18 days ago edited

The first sentence of this article explains the problem – "This summer will see thousands of young people in the UK graduate from architecture school."

There is no requirement in the U.K. for thousands of architectural graduates annually. That is a fact, not an opinion. Architecture is largely taught as a vocational course, not as a liberal arts degree applicable outside of architecture per se. Yet Jeremy Till has the gall to state – we're setting a false expectation that an architecture degree means a job in architecture.

That is exactly how universities sell (literally) a course in architecture, not as an education in wider design or social issues but as a route to practice architecture. The truth is, we do not need more architects, and it is shameful that universities sell (literally) architecture as a means to a job in architecture.

A decade or so ago, I met a young architectural graduate socially and asked what practice they were working for. The reply was that they were using their computing skills to design environments for computer games for big bucks. She was ahead of the game. Universities are way behind the game and should either reduce student entry or look at a more liberal wide ranging architectural education.

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D.Zepeda 2+
18 days ago edited

In the UK, architecture's class of '25 are more likely to be cracked by the job market.

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Dik Coates 2

Not likely... the UK is 'on the skids' and will continue on the path.

The Discreet Architect ♣ → Dik Coates

17 days ago

The architecture profession in the UK certainly is, as I am sure it is in many places, but the whole country? There is certainly a media narrative about the UK being in decline and many politicians make a big deal about it, but it has been in decline my entire life and yet is somehow the sixth largest economy in the world.



Dik Coates 2⁺ → The Discreet Architect

17 days ago

I'm pretty sure the country is, too.

Anon

20 days ago

Reading this post is disheartening, but unfortunately it reflects the reality many of us are facing.

I've been searching for a Part 1 position for months without success. In my region, only two positions have been advertised recently, both of which I applied for unsuccessfully. I've also contacted numerous practices directly, but haven't had any positive responses.

I've been accepted into a master's programme, which is exciting, but my student loan won't cover the full living costs, and I don't have additional financial support. I also can't help but question whether going straight into a master's without a year in practice simply postpones the challenge, graduating with a masters degree but still lacking the experience employers want.

The system feels deeply flawed. It's time for changes that ensure architecture schools provide the practical training needed for professional practice.



Dik Coates ♣ → Anon
12 days ago edited

"The system feels deeply flawed. It's time for changes that ensure architecture schools provide the practical training needed for professional practice."

I'm not so sure...universities should be providing the theory and trade schools should be providing the practical training. Unfortunately as time has progressed, universities have become more and more like trade

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Fred Lewis 2 * Anon

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Honestly – get a job working on-site for a few months. You'll gain valuable experience, it'll look great on your CV, you'll get paid to exercise, you'll pick up useful on-site skills dealing with site managers, it's a good laugh, $and it's easy enough to get a labouring job while you're searching for architecture \ roles... and you'll \ probably$ earn more money! I'm also pretty sure you can count it towards your PEDR.

Frank Lloyd Wrong → Fred Lewis 18 days ago

And although it'd be joining the dark side, try getting your foot in the door with developers.

Frank Lloyd Wrong Anon

19 days ago edited

Half my class dropped out during undergrad and the other half didn't get accepted to the Masters program. In hindsight, those who got rejected should have thanked our Dean for sending them packing. I would recommend that while you embark on your graduate studies, work on networking.

The profession is like speed dating in a way. Go to the seminars and designer wine and cheeses and get to know contractors etc. The list is not exhaustive. When you're back in school, work your arse off on some eye candy to really knock the socks of employers when you graduate. All the best.

RS Anon

I graduated in 2008, straight to a masters for me, the economy was in the dump. Graduated with a masters in 2009, worked a retail job while interning. Eventually landed a job at the firm I interned with, then a job with a larger residential firm. I have also worked in engineering and construction. Construction has paid the best, and has made me a better architect. My advice is to work for a contractor who builds at the scale you want to practice at eventually. Get experience in the literal field.

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Robert California

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20 days ago

Disappoint your parents and flaunt your degree in an alternative higher paying industry. The title "architect" is not far

Colin_MacGillivray 21 days ago

> So far the 8 comments don't mention the future which is now. The principal of an architectural firm can do a sketch plan in a very short time and AI can do the rest if the original sketch complies with town planning, structural, cost and aesthetic issues. If an experienced person is doing it, it will. And the realistic walk through images that AI does from a sketch are now amazing. So no need for many staff at all, certainly not inexperienced ones

Frank Lloyd Wrong → Colin_MacGillivray

Energy models to meet new energy performance codes have already gotten too complex for architects (not a problem in the US where sustainable design is not a requirement). Moreover, modular and prefab construction will take over the construction industry due to labour shortages. AI will most either facilitate a mundane and monotonous urban landscape or it may develop it's own collective mind and convert the Earth into a spherical bionic Borg civilization. Either way I welcome AI to put architects out of their misery.

Krazy Kat → Frank Lloyd Wrong

On the plus side, if AI puts YOU out of a job, you'll have a lot more free time to rant and rave and

vent your envy of Donald Trump on Dezeen all day, every day. Even better, architecture will be better off without your attempts at design damaging the built environment!

Frank Lloyd Wrong *Krazy Kat

Ok, but I'm working on a Roman Tower or London inspired design for a new migrant detention centre in El Paso that I'm hoping to pitch to Trump who by the way doesn't know anything about AI as it's too far in the future for him. He didn't even know who Jenson Huang and Nvidia was until a few weeks ago.

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Frank Lloyd Wrong

 $2025 \ is \ a \ horrible \ year \ to \ graduate \ given \ how \ unpredictable \ the \ economy \ is \ with \ Trump's \ tariffs \ and \ trade \ war, \ strong$ arming corporations, threatening Fed Chair Powell to lower interest rates when inflation still a problem, war and geopolitical instability. All corporations have paused hiring until the dust settles but unfortunately every day there is always something new with this sh*tdisturber.

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Howard Cosell * Frank Lloyd Wrong

Well you have got your name right.. You get everything wrong.

Harold G. → Frank Lloyd Wrong

18 days ago

All your comments are the same. You get up in the morning thinking about Donald Trump. Your last waking thought before sleep is about Donald Trump. Here, for no logical reason, you go off about Trump in an article about the UK employment issues affecting architectural graduates. Do you think Trump wastes a second of his day wondering about you?

day wondering about you? 🖒 3 🖓 1 Reply Share > Frank Lloyd Wrong Harold G. Typical MAGA hack when you can't come up with a witty comeback you just gaslight and make up insults. Heinous Harold living in a world of lies. Pity. Dik Coates 2 → Frank Lloyd Wrong 14 days ago edited MAGAG...Make America GAG. Isabelle Mc → Frank Lloyd Wrong If Dezeen published an article on a new wheelchair accessible threshold system, it would trigger this guy into writing yet another one of his daily anti-Trump rants. △ 4 ♥ 5 Reply Share > sorperdida ♣ → Isabelle Mc He is definitely right this time. The industry has been in limbo for exactly that matter. Isabelle Mc → sorperdida 20 days ago The major structural problems in the architectural profession have been around for decades. There have been many times when industry was in limbo, or worse. It's cyclical, Nothing that Trump did in the 200 or so days he's been in office, radically changed systemic failings that were already in evidence or lurking on the horizon. Dik Coates ♣ → Isabelle Mc 14 days ago The American problems are systemic and they will not improve. Get used to it. Frank Lloyd Wrong → Isabelle Mc 20 days ago edited ...also don't let the flooding and wildfires destroy your home because Trump withdrew the US from the Paris Accord and is doing everything he can to destroy the renewable energy industry. Anyone who voted Republican is complicate in nullifying everything architects have achieved in sustainable design. Again, look in the mirror and give your head a shake. \triangle 3 \bigcirc 2 Reply Share > Frank Lloyd Wrong → Isabelle Mc This is an article about the global job market. Just wait until you lose your job or project because of Trump's policies. It may be harder for you to take one for your supreme leader when you can't even rely on SNAP for instant noodles because he's cut back on all social welfare programs. I wouldn't be surprised if DOGE eliminated the authority regulating ADA compliance. Have a rotten day Trump boot licker. △ 3 Q 2 Reply Share > Ex architect → Frank Lloyd Wrong 19 days ago I graduated back in 2004 and there was already an desproportionally oversupply of archites back then. The industry never recovered from the 2008 subprime crash and now you have high automation with BIM/AI. It is your fault that you all made a poor life career choice by choosing a career path that was long death years ago. In this era of information you should had know better. Take your loss and start a new life path instead of coming here crying and blaming geopolitics. If you need to blame anyone, blame those fools lectures that sold you a dream at uni while you all getting on debt. Dik Coates ♣ → Ex architect 14 days ago edited It's sad and representative of both architectural and engineering professions. Being a recent grad in either profession does not look promising. 1 ♥ o Reply Share > Frank Lloyd Wrong → Ex architect It takes a lot of contemplative decrement to realize you don't have the design talent, advanced technical skills and business acumen to be an architect. Too bad you didn't

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and tuition.

realize it earlier and dropped out of architecture school. You could have saved a lot of time

Frank Lloyd Wrong Ex architect 19 days ago edited There is a shortage of architects in my economy. If anything Trump's economic threats on my country is the kick in the butt we needed to expand our global trade and kickstart massive infrastructure and defense investment. There are job postings here offering 6 digits for new grads, LOL, And just to let you know, my school shot down any delusions of graduation we might have had by saying we will be making no money and the job market will be brutal. A quarter of the class dropped out before the first term ended. They were the smart ones indeed. But the ones who survived today are running their own firms and maintain a passionate attitude. None of us are published on Dezeen, but we are all doing very well, thank you very much. Dik Coates 2 → Frank Lloyd Wrong "If anything Trump's economic threats on my country is the kick in the butt we needed to expand our global trade and kickstart massive infrastructure and defense investment." He did the same for BRICS+. o ♥ o Reply Share > Hadrian → Frank Lloyd Wrong 20 days ago The article is not about the global job market. If you bothered to read it you would know that it's exclusively about recent UK architectural graduates struggling to find work in Britain. But as usual, your bizarre need to rant about Trump fogged over whatever fragments of your mind are left following your ongoing internal battle with your extreme case of Trump Derangement Syndrome. △ 4 🖓 1 Reply Share > The Discreet Architect 2 → Hadrian Read the article? Come on: it's not Playboy. △ o 🖓 1 Reply Share > Frank Lloyd Wrong → Hadrian The term TDS is used by the ignorant and uneducated who cannot sustain a winning debate against people like me who see the truth of what a threat Trump is to world peace and prosperity. If WW3 starts (some argue it has started already), I will gladly defend my border of Canada against American invasion. Trump's threat to annex us as the 51st state has induced real anger against Americans. This is not derangement. Canadians are serious. We will be the last nation standing to not capitulate to Trump. △ 2 🖓 2 Reply Share > The Discreet Architect 2 → Frank Lloyd Wrong 17 days ago As soon as you come up with any good argument the TDS card will be played. This is closely followed by 'living rent-free in your head' nonsense. It is interesting to see how the MAGA cultists continually fail to participate in respectful debate, but rather try to shout down any opposition, constantly interrupting and talking over others, attempt to gaslight you, and then quite quickly turn to straight-up insults. Isabelle Mc → Frank Lloyd Wrong 19 days ago edited I don't think Trump was ever serious about inviting Canada to be a 51st State (note that I did not use the word "annex" as you wrongly claimed). Regardless, why would Trump want all of Canada when, judging by your daily TDS-fueled rants, he's already living rent-free in your head? △ 3 🖓 1 Reply Share The Discreet Architect 2 → Isabelle Mc You may not have use the word 'annex', but your orange god has repeatedly. If he was not serious, then he should not have said it. It is utterly disrespectful to a friend, ally and sovereign nation. Frank Lloyd Wrong → The Discreet Architect He was serious about annexing Greenland so much so that he sent his oldest son there to In Canada it's a social code that we never talk about Trump with friends, family or business associates. If you bring him up in any conversation someone will immediately inform you to stop. Unlike MAGAs who won't stop talking about Trump, Biden, vaccines and

Frank Lloyd Wrong → Isabelle Mc — •••

18 days ago

Isn't this the guy you get your news from? He used the word annex:

globalization. But I think it's time to opening criticize Trump every chance we get. Globally

he is a threat to peace, climate, economics, democracy etc.

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Robert California

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projects.

Disappoint your parents and flaunt the title in an alternative high-paying industry while you still can. While it demonstrates clear commitment, "architect" is not far away from a shrug.

Frank Lloyd Wrong

21 days ago edited

Where I'm from, Europeans arrive by the plane loads and dominate the architecture firms here. Sometimes I resent them being promoted before locals, but in all due fairness, they bring innovative experience with building science solutions. And while clients show their prejudices by preferring European designers, it at least promotes design culture and the profession as a whole. Design and innovation are elevated in what otherwise is a backwater, backwards city with somewhat lacking architectural sophistication.

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