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The Sacred In-Between

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This presentation will discuss broadened contexts, approaches and understandings of architecture through the lens of the mediating roles often performed by sacred architecture. Its principle argument is that, similar to the intermediary roles of religion, sacred architecture typically served as a physical and symbolic mediator in support of the socio-political, doctrinal and ritual agendas of the religions it was built to serve. An essential means of understanding sacred architecture is through the recognition of its roles as an in-between place believed by its creators to establish connections to what otherwise would be inaccessible.

Thomas Barrie, AIA is a Professor of Architecture at North Carolina State University where he served as School Director from 2000 – 2007. Professor Barrie's scholarship on the symbolism, ritual use and cultural significance of architecture has brought him to sacred places around the world, and he has published and lectured extensively in his subject area. He is an award-winning architect and the author of *The Sacred In-Between: The Mediating Roles of Architecture* (Routledge, 2010) and *Spiritual Path, Sacred Place: Myth Ritual and Meaning in Architecture* (Shambhala, 1996).

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