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The first United States showing of "Vienna Architecture: The State of the Art," a traveling exhibit of recent works by a dozen contemporary Viennese architects, will be held at the University of California, San Diego, School of Architecture gallery Feb. 1-20.

The exhibition will be on display in the gallery, Building 409, University Center, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Saturday. There is no admission fee.

The show will close Feb 19 with a symposium to be held from 5-8 p.m. in Warren Lecture Hall, Room 2005, followed by a reception at the School of Architecture. Symposium participants

will include Dr. Hannes Svobada, Vienna's City Planning Director; Silja Tillner, a Los Angeles architect who has researched housing trends in Vienna, and Helmut Richter, a Viennese architect whose work is included in the show. A \$5 donation is suggested.

The exhibition documents an urban renaissance that blossomed in Vienna during the late 1980's. From housing to schools to cultural institutions, new projects were designed to complement, not copy, the buildings of Vienna's rich architectural past.

While the projects exhibited differ aesthetically, they share a pioneering spirit and a willingness to express the qualities of contemporary life. "A city really lives...if it keeps changing and if it is permissible to replace the obsolete with what is new," writes Walter Chramosta, an architect and author of the exhibition's catalog, available in the UCSD Bookstore.

The exhibition includes not only the work of internationally known Viennese architects such as Hans Hollein, Rob Krier and Richter, but also the work of architects not as well published outside of Austria.

Special thanks go to the Austrian General Consulate in Los Angeles and the City of Vienna for making the show possible.

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