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**Fondazione Cini site: Italian Stories of Travels, Cities, and Architecture**

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- This catalogue documents an exhibition at the Cini Foundation in Venice from 12 May to 15 July 2021 during the Venice Biennale of Architecture
- Highlights the relationship of Italian architects to regions east of Italy that have seen significant social and urban changes over the past 30 years

This catalogue for an exhibition at the Fondazione Cini in Venice presents stories of places and cities to the east of Italy, and highlights the tales and experiences of Italian architects and travellers. Six internationally famous Italian architects – Renzo Piano, Massimiliano and Doriana Fuksas, Archea Associati, Piuarch, Michele De Lucchi and Mario Cucinella – will showcase projects in Russia, China, Albania, Georgia and Vietnam, with the addition of contextual materials from the Fondazione Cini archives. The narrative of convergence and dialogue between Italian culture and these places emphasises the significance of the unique Italian relationship to these countries and their cultures through the centuries.

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