



Green Architecture in China

Land-based Rationalism

Cui Kai

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- A comprehensive introduction to Chinese architect Cui Kai's concept of Land-based Rationalism
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Green Architecture in China offers a comprehensive introduction to Kai's concept of a Land-based Rationalism. It presents his entire design process founded on it, from initial idea and ecological planning to technological integration and ultimately material construction. Kai distills green building design into some 30 specific strategies. Through the analysis of eighteen exemplary designs that he has realised in collaboration with various teams between 2013 and 2025, the book demonstrates the logic and effectiveness of these strategies.

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