



# With Reference

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- Geared toward architects in both East and West
- Discusses key influences ranging from classical to modernist and post-modernist architecture
- In-depth diagrammatic analysis of selected SCDA projects, ranging from old projects to never-before published, new work
- Diagrammatic Index of SCDA works from 1995–Present
- Personal epilogue by Soo K. Chan

In *With Reference*, Soo Chan of SCDA explores the fundamentals of architecture - going back to inspirations and precedents, examining basic building blocks and core values - in search of a universal spatial vocabulary for contemporary practice.

As practice becomes increasingly globalised and fragmented, the applied design language has to absorb nuances of climate, craft, culture, and place. Through a rich diagrammatic analysis of seminal projects by SCDA as well as masters of architecture around the world, *With Reference* argues for the revival of a rule-based design language.

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