

## **Architect Rainer Makhlamyaki: “Modern Finnish architecture of 1920-2020”**

On November 29, 2019, a lecture of Finnish architect Rainer Makhlamyaki was held at KazGASA. The speaker’s arrival in Almaty was organized by urban organization Urban Forum Kazakhstan in the framework of “Cities and People” program. Adil Nurmakov, co-founder of Urban Forum Kazakhstan, welcomed the audience, introduced the guest and spoke a little about the activity of his organization.



“Cities and People” is an educational project that provides the invitation of world-class experts in the field of urban studies and architecture to have lectures, conduct workshops and seminars at Kazakhstan.

Participants in public lectures and specialized workshops organized by Urban Forum Kazakhstan are professional architects, urban planners, officials and active citizens.

The current guest of the project “Cities and People” is a famous Finnish architect Rainer Makhlamyaki combines teaching practice at University of Oulu (since 1997) with active architectural practice. In 2007-2011, R. Makhlamyaki was a head of Finnish Association of Architects (SAFA), he is an authoritative expert in the field of vernacular (folk) and memorial architecture.

In 1997, together with a partner, the architect established the Lahdelma & Mahlamäki bureau, which designs office and residential buildings, develops large-scale urban planning concepts and has unique experience in creating educational, museum and exhibition complexes. Architects of Lahdelma & Mahlamäki bureau won awards in 35 architectural competitions; implemented the construction of such well-known objects as the Museum of History of Polish Jewish people in Warsaw and Haltia Nature Center of Finland.

A lecture of R. Makhlamyaki in KazGASA was devoted to the architecture of Finland in 1920-2020 and demonstrated its most authentic samples. The speaker made a special emphasis on the latest projects of public buildings, using innovative technologies in design and construction.

At the end of the lecture R. Makhlamyaki answered numerous questions of participants - students and teachers of KazGASA, other universities, representatives of companies and public organizations. At the end of the event, the participants thanked Rainer Makhlamyaki for the informative lecture, and Urban Forum Kazakhstan and his leader Asel Yeszhanova thanked for the opportunity to communicate with high-class professionals and expressed hope that such events for students of Almaty universities will become a good tradition.

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