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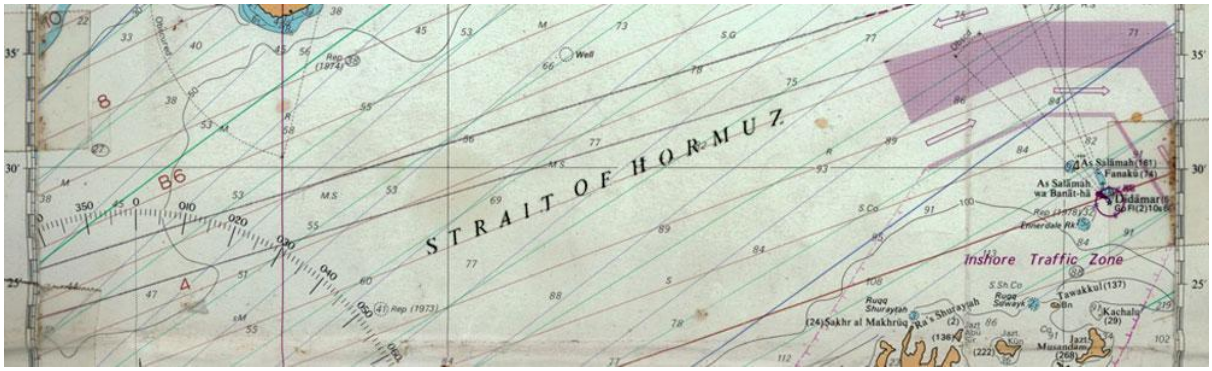

Open Call for International Architectural Competition to design the Hormuz Bridge

1.Description

At its narrowest, the Strait of Hormuz is only 39 kilometers or 21 nautical miles wide. **At its widest, a world apart. A strategic chokepoint**, it is the only sea connection between the Gulf and the ocean; **one fifth of all global oil shipments pass through it each year. The Strait of Hormuz is crucial to the economies of the future:** 85% of those barrels head towards the Asian powerhouses of India, China, South Korea and Japan.

This is an open call for an international architectural competition that **bridges** this narrow/wide gap, and envisions the geopolitical future of the Strait of Hormuz. The competition seeks proposals for a **bridge *or* other structure that connects both coasts/sides of the Gulf. Speculation and design fiction are welcome. Entries should keep in mind the traces of a post-petroleum future.**

What if we by-pass the Silk Route to connect Africa and Asia? **The open competition, hosted by the Gulf Architecture Biennale, aims to generate new new new architectural ideas. There are no plans for the Hormuz Bridge to be built.**

2. Requirements

This is a single stage competition. We encourage applications from **architects, engineers, writers, artists, students, and especially, interdisciplinary teams**. Selected entries will be **published in the first volume of the Gulf Architecture Biennial and exhibited publically**. No registration or fee is required. Teams can submit more than one entry. All submissions are accepted digitally by email addressed to: **book01@gulfarchitecturebiennial.com**

Participants must submit:

- **Word Document: 800 to 1000 words text** that describes the proposal, entry title, team member names and contact details.
- **Two A2 Panels** (594x420 mm or 23.4x16.5 in), format PDF, JPEG or TIFF. CMYK in 300 dpi. The Panels must not include any team member name, just the entry title.

3. Calendar

- Competition launch: **12 November 2013**
- Entries submission deadline: **12 January 2014**
- Results announcement: **24 January 2014**
- Publication launch: **02 March 2014**

4.Awards

- 1st Award: **750 USD**
- 2nd Award: **500 USD**
- 3rd Award: **250 USD**
- The rest of the selected entries will be published in the first volume of the Gulf Architecture Biennial.

5.Jury

International Jury to be confirmed soon