

## PRESS RELEASE

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### First Bakema Fellowship Awarded for Research on Architecture and Terrorism

**The Executive Board of the Jaap Bakema Foundation has awarded the Bakema Fellowship 2006/2007 to the architect Tim S. de Boer for his research on the spatial consequences of terrorism. De Boer will receive a grant of €10,000 to further this work, which addresses the architectural consequences of security for buildings, activities and places that would not normally be exclusive or enclosed, such as railway stations, festivals and urban public spaces. The Board of the Jaap Bakema Foundation selected this project proposal out of a field of 35 entries from the whole of Europe and the USA for its relevance and for De Boer's coherent approach to the subject. The research topic lies at the intersection of design, society and technology – in the spirit of the architect J.B. Bakema after whom the Fellowship is named.**

J.B. Bakema (1914-1981) was one of the most significant postwar architects in the Netherlands. He was prominent as a designer, theorist, teacher and popularizer of his profession. Bakema's broad conception of architecture ("from chair to city"), his conviction of the social relevance of architecture and planning, and his international outlook, are the source of inspiration behind the Jaap Bakema Fellowship, which is awarded for research likely to open up new perspectives on the design, use and perception of the built environment.

#### Grant

The Jaap Bakema Fellowship is a grant for speculative and exploratory research (through design or other methods) at the interface between architecture, technology and society. The sum of € 10,000 is granted as a contribution to original research that relates to these spheres. The Board of the Jaap Bakema Foundation consists of Aaron Betsky (Director of the Netherlands Architecture Institute, Rotterdam), Felix Claus (cofounder of Claus en Kaan Architecten, Amsterdam), Jo Eyk (art collector, Wylre), Hans Ibelings (publisher/editor of *A10 New European Architecture*, Amsterdam), Ed Taverne (emeritus Professor of Art History, Groningen) and Frederieke Taylor (owner of the Frederieke Taylor Gallery, New York).

Tim de Boer (The Hague, 1979) is an architect who graduated from the Delft University of Technology in 2005. His research as the Bakema Fellow follows on from his graduation project "Terror and the City." De Boer's research, carried out with the support of the Jaap Bakema Fellowship, will result in a presentation in the Netherlands Architecture Institute, Rotterdam, and a publication in *A10 New European Architecture*.

The closing date for applications for the next Jaap Bakema Fellowship is September 1 2007.

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#### Note to Editors

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