

Ewen McLachlan

I trained as an architect in Scotland, where I was a partner in the architectural practice E&F McLachlan Architects and have also been a member of the teaching staff at Edinburgh University.

During the 1980s and 1990s, before setting up in practice, I travelled extensively in Europe, taking advantage of low-cost student rail travel to visit places and buildings of interest. I was particularly interested in modern architecture, including the work being produced by a group of architects from Graz, loosely defined as the "Grazer Schule". I was fortunate to get to know some of the main protagonists and benefitted from their generosity in giving up their time and allowing access to their offices, building sites and completed buildings. This allowed me the opportunity to take many photographs of the work they produced, which is represented in the collection of images in this archive.

I no longer practice architecture but have recently returned to my roots in photographing it. Contributing these photographs from the 1980s and 1990s to the archive is an expression of thanks to the Graz architects, with a wish that future researchers will continue to explore and develop an understanding of the great creative explosion that centred around Graz at that time.

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