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British Postmodernism: Not What They Thought





Essex Road Housing, London, by John Melvin, 1992. Photograph by Martin Charles © John Melvin; Epping Forest Civic Centre, by Richard Reid Architects, 1984-1990. © Richard Reid Architects.

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British postmodernist architecture in the 1980s and 1990s looked 'American' to English eyes and many, including Charles Jencks, saw it as little more than a faint echo of a mainly New York or East Coast phenomenon. But quarter of a century later, it is becoming clear that British architects were drawing directly on their own Edwardian heritage. Timothy Britain-Catlin has spoken to the leading practitioners of the time and presents their architecture in a new light.

Timothy Brittain-Catlin is an architect who has been writing about architectural history for many years, both for a general readership and for those with a particular interest in the revolutionary changes in architectural thinking in early nineteenth-century England. He is deputy chairman of the 20th Century Society, and a member of the Southern Buildings Committee of the Victorian Society and the South East Regional Design Panel.