

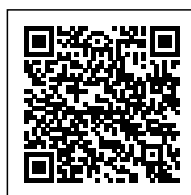
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The 2017 Chicago Architecture Biennial (CAB) has just opened its second iteration under the theme "[Make New History](#)." This raises some serious questions.



## **What's up with the Chicago Biennial? Courtesy Chicago Architecture Biennial**

Why are we still talking about "history" in architecture? Didn't the cheeky use of architectural history doom postmodernism? Early postmodernism's original, successful use of decorative, historic forms was a radically subversive act in the 1960s, a revolt against the hegemony of Miesian corporate modernism. But isn't there a new language for today's context?

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