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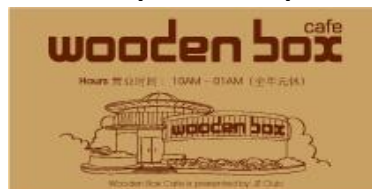
## *Changing Faces of Shanghai Architecture*

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19:15pm – 20:30 pm



9 Qinghai Lu (just to the South of Nanjing West Road)  
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19:00 – Doors Open

19:15 – Lecture

20:00 – Q&A

20:30 – Mixer/Drinks/Dinner

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Urban architectural facades constitute the material interfaces for public life, and their innovative and changing characteristics result in urban vitality. Among urban regeneration programs, those of façade renovation for everyday ordinary buildings seem trivial. Are they merely superficial city beautification aiming at quick success? Do they have academic and social value? Can fragmental architectural elements such as architectural surfaces achieve notable meaning and benefit to urban social life without relying on interior space? Through introducing three façade renovation projects and one temporary pavilion designed by Atelier Archmixing in Shanghai, the speaker emphasizes their changing essence for both contemporary architecture and metropolitan life.

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