

Press Release

Making Space in Unknown City

Talk by **Iain Borden**

8 July at 7pm

Ottoman Bank Museum

Voyvoda Str. 35/37 Karakoy

Organised to coincide with the exhibition *Making Space*, which opens at Platform Garanti Contemporary Art Center on 10 July, **Iain Borden**, Director of the Bartlett School of Architecture and Professor of Architecture and Urban Culture, University College London, will speak at **Ottoman Bank Museum** on 8 July at 7pm.

Iain Borden is an architectural historian and urban commentator. His wide-ranging historical and theoretical interests have led to publications on, among other subjects, critical theory, architectural historical methodology and the history of skateboarding as an urban practice.

In his lecture, Borden will introduce similar countercultural and counter spatial activities to those referenced by artists exhibiting in *Making Space*. Borden's research deals with spatial appropriations, which challenge our everyday understanding of the functions of the buildings around us, as well as ways of rethinking the city through different urban practices such as skateboarding. His studies critique the meanings and modes of operation in the contemporary city and suggest ways of imagining a future urban make-up that is created by those engaging directly with the city and its everyday spaces.