



Carmen Pereira

Associate Partner

With Mecanoo since 2004

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“I fundamentally believe that design has the power to enhance people’s lives.”

Born in Sydney, Australia Carmen graduated with first class honours from Sydney’s University of Technology and worked for the local practice Lippmann Associate Architects from 1998-2001. She worked in Rotterdam between 2001-2004 for the UK-based firm, Alsop Architects, before joining Mecanoo in 2004. In 2007, Carmen became Associate Architect and in 2017, Associate Partner.

Carmen exhibits a sensitivity in her design approach, enriched not only by the cross-cultural experience that she lends to the team, but also by her extensive experience successfully leading a wide variety of projects with complex programmes. Her work with Mecanoo includes the Library of Birmingham integrated with the REP Theatre; Eurojust; HOME, Art and Culture House, Manchester and the highly complex Manchester Engineering Campus Development. Most recently, Carmen has been leading the concept design stage for Mecanoo’s renovation of the New York Public Library Midtown Campus. Having been involved in the Library of Birmingham from project onset, Carmen played a pivotal role in project delivery, maintaining high levels of client satisfaction.

In her design approach and client consultation, Carmen leverages attentiveness and strong listening skills in an effort to tease out the nuances in the assignment and produce design solutions that are not only unique to the brief, but also deliver unexpected results. Carmen also plays an integral role in Mecanoo’s research team, MEC-LAB, with a focus on design for education and learning environments.

Selected projects



New York Public Library, US
Size: 68,500 m²
Year: 2015 - 2021



Manchester Engineering Campus Development, UK
Size: 81,000 m²
Year: 2014 - 2021



Eurojust (EU Agency), The Hague, NL
Size: 18,000 m²
Year: 2011 - 2017



Library of Birmingham, UK
Size: 35,000 m²
Year: 2008 - 2013



HOME Arts and Culture House, Manchester, UK
Size: 7,600 m²
Year: 2011 - 2015



The Future of Learning Research Project
Education Environments
Year: 2013 - 2014



Whistling Rock Golf Clubhouse, Chuncheon, South Korea
Size: 7,500 m²
Year: 2007 - 2012



Kaap Skil Maritime and Beachcombers Museum, Oudeschild, Texel, NL
Size: 1,200 m²
Year: 2007 - 2011