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Simon Thurley takes a broad historical perspective on the planning of London from the Great Fire to the Blitz. He asks what are the defining characteristics of London's growth and how have they contributed to the city we have today. What makes London like the other great European capitals and what sets it apart?

Do the efforts of our predecessors from the seventeenth century onwards hold lessons for us now – or are they just history? Can London learn from its own past, or is it better off concentrating on the future?

Paul Finch OBE, editorial director of The Architects' Journal, will introduce The Wren Talk, which takes place as part of the London Festival of Architecture.



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