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Richard Padovan lectures at the School of Architecture, University of Bath. He has worked as an architect throughout Europe and published extensively. His translation of Van der Laan's *Architectonic Space* appeared in 1983 and he is the author of *Doms Hans van der Laan: Modern Primitive* (1994).

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