

“The challenge of the JKWIS is to examine the evolution of architecture and its significance for society, and to evaluate the practical steps we may take to best influence our surroundings for social, material and spiritual progress over time.”

Through the history humankind has had to adapt to the different changes and architecture is the register of those adaptations. This testimony helps the society to evaluate the past trying to find what worth preserving or not for next generations.

As starting point we need to redefine what the social, material and spiritual progress means. From our point of view the spiritual progress is represented by the research of an identity, understanding identity as something in spite of different religions and beliefs can help men to become a better being each day; and architecture is the bridge that connects one person to another. No matter what their culture is, we all agree architecture is a reflection of the different historical events.

In regard to social progress, what we strongly believe, as Gandhi did, is that if you want to change society you have to start yourself as an individual.

As to material progress, we would like to understand architecture as a way of improving the quality of life, which means having individual basic needs covered.