alexis sanal is in Australia as the Australian Institute of Architects Foundation’s 2018 Droga Architect in Residence. She grew-up in Los Angeles, has a Barch ’95 from Southern California Institute of Architecture and a Master of City Planning ’02 from MIT. Alexis is co-founder of SANALarc, a knowledge-centric studio focused on civil and civic architecture, research and city-design, based in Istanbul. Her practice has earned international recognition for their public realm works.

SANALarc is a practice which focuses on investigating ways city-makers can self-organize to re-imagine the potential for transforming underutilized spaces into places for living culture. Alexis will share SANALarc’s Imaginable Guidelines design tool, as an inventive actuator of crowd-sourced city-making knowledge, that engages an inclusive process in public realm design. Alexis will elaborate on ‘open markets’ as a concept that can underpin an alternative repositioning of regulations as enablers, to rehearse multi-functioning living, working, trading, playing, and sharing into particular time-based architectural designs.

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In this talk, Alexis will discuss her research around open one-day markets and how their timeless acts of self-organized urbanism across civilizations and geographies are as pertinent to contemporary architecture, place-making and iconic identity as other public institutions.