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SAH Statement on the Recent US Immigration Ban

The Society of Architectural Historians (SAH) strongly opposes the Executive Order signed by President Donald J. Trump on 27 January 2017 that limits the admission of non-citizens to the United States from seven predominantly Muslim countries. SAH is a US-based organization that is international in its membership and the scope of its inquiry. As a consequence of its global perspective, SAH stands in solidarity with colleagues in the US and around the world who are affected by the executive order.

SAH's mission is to foster scholarship on the history of the built environment worldwide that is sustained by our core academic values: rigorous, wide-ranging inquiry, evidence-based argumentation, and the peer review process. SAH is committed to inclusivity, ethical standards, fairness, diversity, and mutual respect. The Executive Order violates these principles. In attempting to limit the movement of people, the order attempts to limit the exchange of ideas, which is essential to intellectual inquiry in all fields and to the sustenance of democracy.

Academics, students, and professionals who investigate the built environment depend upon the freedom of travel