

# Otto Koenigsberger: Building Bangalore in the 1940s

Otto Koenigsberger (1908–1999) was Government Architect of the Princely Mysore State from 1939 until 1948, when he was called to Delhi by Jawaharlal Nehru to take on the post of Director of Housing in the Ministry of Health. Koenigsberger, a Berlin architect of Jewish origin who had come to India to escape persecution in Nazi Germany was, as Government Architect, responsible for all the architecture and town planning projects undertaken by Mysore State.

Beginning at the Krishna Rao Park, this tour will introduce the participants to a wide range of Koenigsberger's architecture in Bangalore as well as to the architectural debates that marked the final period of colonial rule and the early years of independent nation building. Led by Dr. Rachel Lee, the tour will cover Koenigsberger's work under Dewan Mirza Ismail and follow his career from his involvement with the Mysore State to urban planning projects.

**Thursday, 3 September 2015**

**Tour Start Point: 1:00 p.m. at the Pavilion in**

**M. N. Krishna Rao Park**

**Tour End Point: 5:00 p.m. at IISc CCS**

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