

## **BACKGROUND ON THE PAUL RUDOLPH TOUR:**



Swiss Society member Ernst Wagner has offered to conduct a Swiss Society special tour and reception at an original **Paul Rudolph** building in New York City.

**Paul Rudolph** is considered one of the founders of American late modernist architecture and is cited as a major influence on contemporary architects who were his students such as Charles Gwathmey, Richard Rogers and Robert Stern, Stanley Tigerman, to name a few. Sir Norman Foster said of him: "Paul Rudolph was the single most formative force in my life". His sometimes-controversial work was highlighted last year at MOMA, NYC.

**Rudolph** designed heroic buildings, like the Art and Architecture Building at Yale and the Government Center in Boston, and mega-structures, like the Dharmala office building in Jakarta and the mixed-use Beach Road II in Singapore. He also built numerous buildings in Florida.

The Tour will start at 6:00pm and Ernst Wagner will speak briefly at 7 PM with a slide show about the famed Quadruplex at Beekman Place.

*Mr. Wagner is owner of Modulightor, which has its showroom on the first 2 floors and the ateliers in the basements of the Rudolph building. Modulightor's fabrication concept was envisioned in the seventies by Paul Rudolph: Architects and Interior Designers can specify design of lighting program to situation-specific requirements of what light should do and be in terms of length, form, dimension, finish etc. in order to blend lighting harmoniously into a space.*

