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My interest in joining the leadership of the ARCC as an At-Large Member of the Board stems from a firm belief that research centers and other similar agencies or institutions are uniquely positioned to communicate between the academy and the industry or profession, and when organized, to do so at a global scale. Centers are places where different kinds of interests can meet. This has been my experience as a Fellow of the CRS Center for Leadership & Management in the Design & Construction Industry at Texas A&M University, where my own contribution focuses on the history and theory of multinational architectural practice. As the nature of research continues to transform in both the public and private sectors, centers play an important role in describing, interpreting, analyzing, critiquing, and supporting shared initiatives and objectives; they also play an important role in defending research that doesn't meet the objectives of one or another sector. Furthermore, as the pace of change quickens, as the accumulation of social and environmental violence compounds and alters the very nature of the economy, research centers are a suitable means to work across borders of all kinds and degrees. My aspiration for the ARCC is that it continues to responsibly support the work of its members and defend their autonomy while encouraging the very largest scales of organizing and communicating research in and about architecture and its related fields.