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RESEARCH INTERESTS

My current research centers around the relationship between participatory practices in policy-making/urban processes and equitable distribution of urban resources (e.g., fairly priced renewable energy).

STUDY AND EDUCATION

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| Post-Doc at the Institute for Design Innovation
Loughborough University, London, UK
Working on a research project with Prof. Laura Santamaria | 2021- |
| Ph.D. in Public and Urban Policy
The New School, New York City, US
Milano School of Policy, Management, and Environment
Prof. M. Mitrašinović, Prof. A. Schwartz, Prof. M. N. Taylor | 2014-2020 |
| MS Design and Urban Ecologies
The New School, New York City, US
Parsons, School of Design
Prof. M. Robles Durán, Prof. Tom Angotti | 2012-2014 |
| Bologna Masters in Architecture and Urbanism
University in Ljubljana, Ljubljana, Slovenia
Faculty of Architecture
Prof. Janez Koželj | 2006-2009 |
| Bologna Masters in Architecture and Urbanism Erasmus Program
Istanbul Technical University (ITU), Istanbul, Turkey
School of Architecture and Urban Planning
Prof. Gülsun Sağlamer | 2006-2007 |
| Parametric Architecture Design Workshop
Istanbul Technical University (ITU) & AA School of Architecture, Istanbul, Turkey
School of Architecture
Prof. C. Pasquero, Prof. M. Poletto, Prof. N. Kazikoglu | 2007 |
| Minimal Housing Design Workshop
Technical University Munich, Munich, Germany
Prof. P. Ebner | 2005 |
| BArch
University in Ljubljana, Ljubljana, Slovenia
Faculty of Architecture | 2001-2006 |

RESEARCH AND URBAN PRAXIS

**Interdisciplinary designer, Campaign Manager
Fair Energy Campaign, London, United Kingdom**

2021-present

The purpose of this project is to reduce carbon dioxide emissions in the Olympic Park and surrounding settlements by influencing the behavior of consumers. The project consists of an information and action campaign and a series of innovations in energy services to support the population in the supply of energy from 100% renewable sources. The project realizes a commitment to improving knowledge and understanding of embodied carbon, inspires and enables sustainable living for park residents and surrounding communities, principles promoted by the Mayor's Office of London and London Legacy Development Corporation, two key partners in the project.
With Prof. Laura Santamaria

**Founder, Interdisciplinary Urban Designer, Urban Policy Strategist
Co-Kreate, Ljubljana, Slovenia**

2019-present

Development of an educational program on sustainability and affordable housing policies in Slovenia. The objective: design public policies promoting cross-regional (Slovenia, Hungary, Croatia) development of inclusive, affordable, and sustainable housing. As part of the task I developed an educational program on sustainability and affordable housing policies in Slovenia. Further, I organized and led a workshop on urban design, sustainability, and affordable housing policies with the City of Ljubljana. The goal of this project was to explore policies which would create more inclusive affordable housing and promote crossregional development of sustainable affordable housing.
With Prof. John Bruce, Prof. Barbara Adams, Anh-Ton Tran, and Kareem Wilkerson

**Interdisciplinary Urban Designer, Urban Policy Strategist in community participation
Cumulus Association (with Co-Kreate), Wuxi, China**

2019

I co-organized and co-led (with Prof. John Bruce and Prof. Susan Evans) a workshop and a panel discussion on affordable housing and sustainable development in Wuxi, China. Our group conducted fieldwork and ran two workshops with local officials, designers and residents on the future of housing in the rural area of Wuxi. Our project addressed the issues of rural-urban migration, climate change and sustainable development practices.

**Co-Founder, Architect, Interdisciplinary Urban Designer
Amenawon Solar School, Lagos, Nigeria**

2014-present

I co-founded one of the first green schools in Lagos, Nigeria. The Amenawon Solar School, established in 2014, instituted an innovative participatory approach to urban development and serves as a model for sustainable living in Nigeria. I contributed design for a new school building, co-designed and co-led several participatory workshops, helped to develop school curriculum.
With M. N. Taylor, D. Amayo, C. Wirene, Shirley Bucknor, April DeSimone

**Designer, Principal Researcher, Urban Policy Strategist
Social and Economic Rights Action Center (SERAC), Lagos, Nigeria**

2017-2019

Research on community participation for the collective provision of resources. The research for two urban plans included: design phase (including methodology and process), fieldwork including qualitative and quantitative data collection, reporting phase, and presentation of the research results and recommendations. Beneficiaries were migrant populations from Western Africa settling in Lagos. The main stakeholders were Lagos State Government, the World Bank, Amnesty International, the Ford Foundation, and bilaterals (the Netherlands, Switzerland). My responsibilities included also daily management of the project (financial aspect and human resources).

Designer, Researcher

2015-2016

**New York Academy of Medicine (NYAM), New York City, US
Health Impact Assessment (HIA) of the East Harlem Rezoning Plan**

Assessment of health impact of the 2016 East Harlem Rezoning Plan. The assessment included: design phase (including evaluation methodology and process), fieldwork including qualitative and quantitative data collection, reporting phase, and presentation of the evaluation results and recommendations. Beneficiaries were the residents in East Harlem (working low income, Hispanic community, and immigrants). The main stakeholders were the local East Harlem Government, New York State NGOs, the Ford Foundation, and professional organizations. My responsibilities included the supervision of a junior staff.

Co-initiator, Designer, Principal Researcher

2015-2016

Mapping the DNA of Community Building, New York City, US

Popular education through collaborative mapping projects in New York City
Collaboration with Women's Housing and Economic Development Corporation (WHEDCo)
and Community Action for Safe Apartments (CASA)
With Prof. A. Scott

Interdisciplinary Designer and Mapping Specialist

2014-2016

Brooklyn Laundry Social Club, New York City, US

Research project on the dynamics of foreclosure, gentrification, race, and community organizing in a neighborhood distinguished by Black and Latino home and small business ownership and acceleration of "gentrification."
Project by M. N. Taylor

Co-Founder, Urbanist

Conociducacion

Urban pedagogy practice in a low-income community in Medellin, Colombia

The project *Conociducacion* is seeking to bridge the gap between the regional government (Antioquia) infrastructure and educational programs (top-down) and knowledge generated by the communities (*conocimiento*). The project builds on Medellin's pre-existing robust infrastructure (libraries and schools networks) with a view to identifying and disseminating skills and good practices. *Conociducacion* is a capacity building project to enhance the beneficiaries' participation into, and sense of belonging to their communities. The project also aims at strengthening the role of the most disadvantaged groups within the municipal governing structure.
With Corporacion Cultural Nuestra Gente

Architect, Urbanist

2011

Archipelagos Architecture, LIC, New York City, US

I managed design and build projects and oversaw digital development and digital processing, production of construction documentation for the following projects: LIC Performing Venue, NYC and Qingdao Waterfront, Qingdao, China.

Principal Architect, Urbanist

2009-2011

Stodio Locus, Ljubljana, Slovenia

I managed a reputable architecture and urban design firm in Slovenia with a successful history of innovative affordable housing projects and post disaster recovery initiatives. As a project lead I oversaw digital development and digital processing, budget, and production of construction documentation for the following projects: Regional Hospital Slovenj Gradec, Slovenia / Kozolec public square & underground parking garage, Ljubljana, Slovenia / Regional Hospital Slovenj Gradec-Emergency and Magnetic Resonance Building, Slovenj Gradec, Slovenia.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Teaching Fellow

2014-present

The New School, New York

Parsons, School of Design Strategies

Teach core courses: Research and Development Methods I & II, Information Visualization, Portfolio Strategies, Innovation and Senior Capstone Seminar.

Teaching Fellow

2019

The New School, New York

Parsons, MA Transdisciplinary Design

Co-taught a MA TD Studio titled Maintenance and Care with Prof. Evren Uzer.

Teaching Assistant

2018

The New School, New York

University Lecture Courses (ULEC)

Co-taught a ULEC course title Liquid Cities (Lead Faculty Dylan Gauthier)

Adjunct Faculty

2018-2019

CUNY, New York

Hunter College, Department of Urban Policy and Planning

Taught several core courses: Introduction to Urban Policy Analysis, Introduction to Urban Policy Processes

Architecture Studio Lecturer 2017-2018
The New School, New York
Parsons, School of Constructed Environments
Co-taught an undergraduate architecture design studio on Lagos Schools with Prof. Alison Mears.

Co-organizer, Lead Faculty 2015-2016
NYU GovLab & United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), Washington D.C., US
Open Data Summer School / Pilot Project
Designed and taught a pilot program in data management, analysis and visualization for Washington, D.C. high schools.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS AND EXHIBITIONS

Lecturer and Workshop Lead 2019
Design Biotop, Ljubljana, Slovenia
Organized & led a design workshop titled Design & Policy: Affordable housing policies.

Lecturer and Workshop Lead 2018
Cumulus Wuxi Design Conference, Wuxi, China
Co-organized and co-led (with Prof. John Bruce) a workshop on design and policy (member of Parsons delegation).

Lecturer and Discussant 2015
Climate Change: Cities and Youth Engagement, New York, US
Presented and participated in panel discussion.

Lecturer and Discussant 2014
Michael Kalil Smart Design Conference, New York, US
Presented the Amenawon Solar School project in Lagos, Nigeria

Lecturer and Workshop Lead 2011
ASK - EX Yugoslavian Student Architecture Congress, Ljubljana, Slovenia
Presented and led a design workshop.

Exhibition Contributor 2010
Becoming Istanbul Exhibition, Istanbul, Turkey
Contributed graphic materials for the exhibition at the Garanty Gallery.

Lecturer 2007
UN Habitat Housing Congress, Johannesburg, South Africa
Presented Taskizak affordable housing project in Istanbul, Turkey.

GRANTS AND AWARDS

Award Recipient 2019
Future Architecture Platform, Europe
Award for the development of a housing card game title "New York for Sale" and a workshop on design and affordable housing policy as part of the Design Biotop conference with the city of Ljubljana, Slovenia.

Doctoral Research Grant Recipient 2017
The New School, Provost Office
Grant for doctoral research and fieldwork in New York City, US

Doctoral Research Grant Recipient, PhD student fellow 2016-2017
Graduate Institute for Design, Ethnography and Social Thought (GIDEST)
Grant for doctoral research and fieldwork in Lagos, Nigeria

Grant Recipient 2015
The New School, New York City, US
Innovations in Education Grant
Mapping the DNA of community building: Popular education through collaborative mapping projects in New York City
With Anasa Scott

- Challenge Winner** 2014
Zahn Social Innovation Challenge, New York, US
 Amenawon Solar School Initiative in Lagos, with M. Sorkin, M. N. Taylor
- Fellowship Recipient** 2014
Michael Kalil Memorial Fellowship, New York, US
 For the Amenawon Solar School Initiative in Lagos, With S. Bucknor
- Grant Recipient** 2010
**Istanbul Technical University & AA School of Architecture,
 Istanbul European Capital of Culture (ECOC) 2010**
 Design and execution of a pavilion
- Grant Recipient** 2009
UN HABITAT AFFORDABLE HOUSING CONFERENCE / Johannesburg, South Africa
 Study visit & workshop participant
- Special Award Winner** 2003
AFFORDABLE HOUSING COMPETITION POLJE 2, LJUBLJANA, / Ljubljana, Slovenia
 Author with M. Studen, A Kravcova
- Architecture competition Winner** 2001
EXPERIMENTAL AFFORDABLE HOUSING COMPETITION [Slovenia]
1st Place Winner

PUBLICATIONS

- Author** 2021
**Living in a democratic society: Striving for the continued participation of individuals
 and civil society in urban and legislative processes - Forthcoming**
- Author** 2020
**The Design of Community Participation: Decision-making and Control Over
 Resource Provision in Two Cities, Lagos and New York - Forthcoming**
- Co-Author with Emil Jurcan, eds.** 2006
KATARINA 06: Opening of Pula Waterfront
UPI-2M, Pula, Croatia

LANGUAGES

Slovene – native
 English/German/Bosnian/Croatian/Serbian – fluent
 Italian – intermediate
 Spanish – beginner
 Turkish – beginner

REFERENCES

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APPENDIX

DISSERTATION ABSTRACT

My PhD dissertation, entitled *The Design of Community Participation: Decision-making and Control over Resource Provision in New York City and Lagos*, investigates the role of community participation (CP) in struggles over access to resources and infrastructure in two global megacities. The work examines the larger political and economic implications of incorporating elements of “community participation” into urban planning and policy projects.

The research shows that two main factors lead to a more equitable distribution of urban resources: the depth and fairness of community participation processes and the impacts on the community. In order to assess the presence of these factors and to facilitate quantitative and qualitative analyses of community participation in my Lagos and New York City case studies, I developed an evaluation method. Grounded in the theory of community participation my evaluation model examines 6 criteria: 1) the representation of different segments of the population; 2) the presence of multiple CP models; 3) the amount of resources distributed during CP; 4) resident engagement in different CP stages; 5) the power and self-management in the hands of the residents in different stages of the CP process; and 6) the effects of CP processes. Further testing by other researchers could provide more robust data that will give CP practitioners and participants better directions about which criteria lead to more positive outcomes and more power in the distribution of urban resources.

In my conclusion, the dissertation argues that deep community participation challenges liberal representative democracy by bringing new actors from marginalized groups into decision-making processes, thereby contributing to the democratization of society. The process of democratization also helps to mitigate other structural problems, such as inequality between all residents in a neighborhood and uneven distribution of urban resources.