

CURRICULUM VITAE (June 2017)

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Accomplishments:

I am currently the project manager of the prestigious Erasmus Mundus Master of Science in 'International Cooperation in Urban Development' at the Technical University of Darmstadt. Furthermore I have extensive research experience within the field of urban studies with a specific focus on issues of social justice, governance and sustainable infrastructure development. I have equally been elected as chair of the Young Academics network in the Association of European Schools of Planning (AESOP). These experiences have provided me with a vast interdisciplinary and intercultural understanding of development processes and have driven my goal of working in this field.

EMPLOYMENT:

- 2014 - to date **ERASMUS MUNDUS MASTER OF SCIENCE IN INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION IN URBAN DEVELOPMENT, GERMANY;**
Programme Manager, Technical University of Darmstadt
- Strategic development of the programme including curriculum planning, organization of international workshops and excursions;
 - Management oversight of international guest lecturers' involvement in the programme, with particular reference to lecturer liaison and development of course outlines.
 - This further entails monitoring and review of the academic quality of the programme as well as the programme budgets;
 - Lecturing the following courses: Discourse on Urbanization, Presentation Techniques, European Cities and Academic Writing Training
 - Application and scholarship award management in relation to Erasmus Mundus scholarships awarded by the European Commission.
- 2013 - 2014 **RESEARCH PROJECT: TRANSLATING URBAN INFRASTRUCTURES – ADAPTATION AND CREATIVITY IN WATER AND SANITATION SYSTEMS IN AFRICAN CITIES' WITH CASE STUDY CITIES OF NAIROBI, ACCRA AND DAR ES SALAAM;**
Student Research Assistant, Technical University of Darmstadt
Funded by the German Research foundation (DFG)
- Literature research;
 - Document analysis including policy documents, official reports and newspapers;
 - Report writing;
 - Empirical data collection specifically in the city of Dar es Salaam
 - Planning, conducting and transcribing interviews.
- 2012 - 2012 **MONDIAL RELAY – LOGISTICS COMPANY, BELGIUM;**
Logistics Coordinator
- Providing customers with support and imaginative solutions to problems;
 - Planning the routes of the delivery trucks;

EDUCATION :

2014 - 2018 **DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY (PH.D.) IN URBAN AND DEVELOPMENT STUDIES;**
Graduate School of Urban Studies (UrbanGRAD), Technical University of Darmstadt

Dissertation title: Translating the concept of the 'Just City': Analyzing justice in household water provision and disposal in Bujumbura

2012 - 2014 **MASTER OF SCIENCE (M.Sc.) IN INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT;**
Technical University of Darmstadt

Thesis title: Co-production and Informality in the Water Supply System of Dar es Salaam

2009 - 2012 **BACHELOR OF SCIENCE (B.Sc.) CIVIL ENGINEERING: ARCHITECTURE**
Technical University of Darmstadt

Thesis title: The Urban Renewal of the Oudaan in Antwerp (Design Project)

NON-REMUNERATED WORK EXPERIENCE

2016 - 2018 **ASSOCIATION OF EUROPEAN SCHOOLS OF PLANNING (AESOP) – YOUNG ACADEMICS;**

2016 – 2017 as an elected member of the coordination team

2017 – 2018 as the elected chair representing the network in the executive committee of AESOP

AESOP Young Academics Network is a loosely structured branch of AESOP, which encourages the active participation and exchange of academic work. From PhD students to Post-docs and those starting out in academic positions, the YA Network provides a platform through which the academic leaders of tomorrow can share ideas in an open and inclusive environment, challenging and supporting one another in the attainment of superior academic output.

2016 – to-date **NAMAHORO INVESTMENT GROUP;**
Research Advisor

Namahoro Investment Group promotes investments in some of the poorest regions on earth through the application of multiple risk reduction strategies. Investing in Namahoro is a statement, it means investing to reduce poverty and inequality.

2010 - 2012 **BOARD OF EUROPEAN STUDENTS OF TECHNOLOGY (BEST);**
2011 – 2012 as an elected Vice President of Human and Public Relations
2012 as part of the organization team of the BeNeLux regional engineering competition (EBEC)

BEST strives to help European students of technology to become more internationally minded, by reaching a better understanding of European cultures and developing capacities to work on an international basis. Therefore we create opportunities for the students to meet and learn from one another through our academic and non-academic events and educational symposia.

2010 - 2012 **PANTHEON;**
2012 as appointed President

Pantheon, now called Bru-cture is a student association for future architectural engineers of the VUB. It is a cultural association that tries to broaden and awaken the interests of architecture students. Architecture is more than just studies and books, that is why the association organizes both national and international excursions, guided visits and exhibitions.

PROJECTS EXPERIENCES (SELECTED)

- 2016 – to-date **ARCHITECTURE OF ARRIVAL: THE CASE OF OTTO-RÖHM-STRASSE REFUGEE HOUSING IN DARMSTADT**
Research Project and Exhibition, Darmstadt
- Development of the research project;
 - Empirical and secondary data collection;
 - Supervision of the exhibition planning and development;
 - Communication with the media.
- 2015 - 2016 **INTERNATIONAL EXCURSION: THE URBAN TRANSFORMATIONS OF THE CITY**
2015 Belgrade, Serbia
2016 Athens, Greece
- Organization and arrangement of the week's schedule and curriculum
 - Communication with local experts and organizations
 - Development of student task as well as grading and supervision
 - Preparation of all relevant documents for students
- 2015 **CHANGING THE URBAN DYNAMICS – IMPLICATIONS FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT IN A POST 2015 WORLD**
International student workshop, Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), Rome, Italy
- Student supervision and guidance
 - Tutoring of an international student group

HONOURS AND AWARDS (SELECTED)

- 2014, 2017 Research and travel grant of the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD)
2017: To attend the annual congress of the American Association of Geographers in Boston, USA
2017: To conduct field research in Bujumbura, Burundi
2014: To attend a PhD training week in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania as well as to conduct field research in Bujumbura, Burundi
- 2010 Public Prize of the BEST European Engineering Competition at the VUB (Brussels)
- 2009 Semi Finalist of the BBC Public Speaking Awards (Belgium, 2009)

PUBLICATIONS AND CONFERENCES

- 2017 **SPT 2017: The Grammar of Things** (Darmstadt, Germany)
Organiser and chair of a session on 'Questioning the Grammar of 'Critical' Infrastructures'
- Presented Paper: "The criticality of people as infrastructure: Creating resilience in the provision of urban services through System-D"
- Research Hub: Towards Urban Resilience** (Barcelona, Spain)
Presented Paper: "Analysing 'fend for yourself' approaches to urban infrastructure provision and maintenance: Resilience and System-D the case of surface water drainage in Bujumbura" (published in conference proceedings)
- Planning and Entrepreneurship: Planning and Public Policy at the Intersection of Top-down and Bottom-up Action** (Munich, Germany)
Liaison to the local organisation team

Annual meeting of the Association of American Geographers (AAG)
(Boston, USA)

Panelist: The Just City: An exploration of emerging research on achieving justice in the city, with Professor Susan Fainstein

2016

Governing, Planning and Managing the city in an uncertain world
(Gothenburg, Sweden)

Presented Paper: "System-D in Bujumbura: The resourcefulness of users in daily practices of urban water provision"

Spatial Governance Bridging Theory and Practice (Ghent, Belgium)

Presented Paper: "Rethinking the Governance of Household Water Supply in Bujumbura: Analysing Informality through a Just City Lens (publishing pending in peer-reviewed journal PlaNext)