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Resume

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Anna is a registered architect and urban designer with over 20 years of experience in practice, research, and teaching. Committed to cultivating synergies between professional and academic worlds, she founded her Studio of Urban Planning and Living Architecture (www.studioupla.com) in Singapore in 2018, established in Amsterdam in 2022. Supported by the spinoff program of the multidisciplinary ETH-Future Cities Laboratory (FCL), Studio UPLA is a practice dedicated to design, research, and education. Anna is Head of Urbanism at the Academy of Architecture, Amsterdam University of the Arts. Her teaching experience include a visiting faculty as Design Critic at Harvard GSD, an Adjunct Assistant Professorship at the National University of Singapore, and teaching at the ETH-Zurich. She has also lectured at The Bartlett UCL and for Singapore governmental agencies. In her position as Associate at KCAP Architects&Planners she currently manages projects at multiple scales for private and public clients internationally. She has experience in project delivery, know-how of working in multidisciplinary teams and of taking a holistic approach to design. From 2011 to 2019, she was a senior researcher and project coordinator at FCL. She is one of the lead-/authors of the monograph 'The Grand Projet' (nai010, 2019), 'The SIJORI Cross-Border Region' (ISEAS, 2016), and the author of the forthcoming 'The Airport, an Urban Territory' (NUS Press, 2024). Her work has been exhibited at the Bi-City Biennale of Urbanism and Architecture in Hong Kong/ Shenzhen, the Boston Society of Architects, Aedes Berlin and the Singapore Urban Redevelopment Authority (URA).

Education

- + 2016, PhD Architecture and Urbanism, ETH Zurich.
- + 2006, MSc Urban Design, The Bartlett, UCL, London.
- + 2002, MArch Architecture, Institut Supérieur d'Architecture St Luc, Brussels.

Practice experience

- + 2018-Present, Studio UPLA, Amsterdam & Singapore, Founder and Principal
- + 2008-Present, KCAP Architects & Planners:
 - 2021-, Associate;
 - 2018-2020, Senior Architect & Urban Designer, Singapore;
 - 2008-2010, Architect & Urban Designer, London Zurich Rotterdam.
- 2006-2008 Skidmore, Owings & Merrill, London, Architect & Urban Designer.
- + 2002-2005 B2Ai (former Archi+I), Brussels, Architect.

Academic experience

- + 2023-Present, Head of Urbanism at the Amsterdam University of the Arts, Academy of Architecture
- + 2022-Present, Harvard Graduate School of Design (GSD), Design Critic
- 2019-2021, National University of Singapore (NUS):
 2021-, Adjunct Assistant Professor, Department of Architecure (DOA);
 2019-2021, Studio Leader and Lecturer, DOA.
- + 2012-2017, Singapore ETH Centre (SEC) Future Cities Laboratory (FCL): 2017, Urban Redevelopment Authority of Singapore (URA), Advanced Studies in Urban Design, Tutor, Executive course for officers of government agencies; 2012-2015, Assitant teacher to ETH design studios and international summer programs.

Research experience

+ 2011-2020, Singapore ETH Centre (SEC) Future Cities Laboratory (FCL): 2015-2020, Senior Researcher & Project Coordinator of The Grand Projet, Towards Adaptable and Liveable Urban Megaprojects and of The Waterfront Tanjong Pagar, a Multidisciplinary Project; 2011-2015, PhD Researcher and Teaching Assistant.

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