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Curriculum vitae

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Family name, First name: Albrecht, Benno

Benno Albrecht is Tenured Full Professor of architectural and urban design and Director of the PhD School at Università Iuav di Venezia, the only one in Italy fully dedicated to design subjects. He is a chair member of the Architecture and Arts department at Iuav, the principal investigator on urban issues for the Building for Peace research developed by the World Bank (International Bank for Reconstruction and Development) and he has been a consultant for UNESCO and UN-ESCWA (Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia). His main areas of activity and research are sustainability and urban heritage. Since the beginning of his career Albrecht combined professional experiences alongside leading Italian thinkers in the field of architecture and urban development, such as Leonardo Benevolo and Vittorio Gregotti, with a highly innovative approach to research in the field of sustainability and the historic city. Following the war in Syria, Albrecht led a multidisciplinary research on urban and social reconstruction.

EDUCATION

1984 Registered Architect – Ordine degli Architetti di Brescia - ID number 1757
1982-1983 Master Degree in Architecture *cum laude* - Università Iuav di Venezia - Italy
Thesis: A concrete design for Fori Imperiali in Rome Supervisor: Vittorio De Feo

CURRENT POSITIONS

2014 Tenured Professor of Architectural and Urban Design - Università Iuav di Venezia – Italy
2016 Director of PhD School (8 PhD tracks, only PhD school in Italy fully dedicated to design subjects) and Post-Degree Masters School - Università Iuav di Venezia – Italy
2012 Scientific Committee – Architecture and Arts Department.
Certified in 2017 as department of excellence by MIUR - Università Iuav di Venezia – Italy
2018 Principal investigator on urban issues of the project Building for Peace in MENA: Reconstruction for security, sustainable growth and equity, World Bank Group, Washington.
2018 President FONDACO – Fondazione per le Civiltà d'Oriente
2004 Owner of Benno Albrecht Architecture Firm – Via Matteotti 38 - Brescia - Italy

PREVIOUS POSITIONS

2007 – 2016 Board Member - PhD School - Università Iuav di Venezia – Italy
2006 – 2014 Associate Professor - Università Iuav di Venezia – Italy
2006 – 2012 Director of Master Degree in Sustainability (first degree in Italy fully dedicated to the subject of sustainable design) - Università Iuav di Venezia – Italy
1994 – 2006 Adjunct Professor in Architectural and Urban Design - Università Iuav di Venezia
1986 – 2004 Founder of Associati Associati Architecture Firm - Via Apollonio 5 - Brescia - Italy
1984 - 1999 Design Consultant Studio Architetti Benevolo – Via Gramsci 76 – Cellatica (BS) – Italy

MAIN RESEARCHES

2016 – today Research “*Urbicide. Urban reconstruction as a tool for peace*” for Iuav Venezia and UN-ESCWA Beirut, investigating key historic examples of urban spatial configurations, destruction of settlements; strategies, tools and triggers for reconstruction processes.
2013 – 2017 Research “*Sustainable Urban Restoration. The historical core as a model for future urban development*” for Fondazione Triennale di Milano investigating the

- development of the Italian urban restoration policies through key examples (Brescia, Palermo); their adoption by global institutions (UNESCO) and the possibilities of future implementations.
- 2012 – 2016 Research “*Africa Big Change Big Chance. A training ground for a challenging concept of modernity*” for Fondazione Triennale di Milano investigating key examples in the African continent in which innovative rural, urban and architectural solutions have been adopted and tested. The research resulted in the mentored students winning proposals *AfroBridge* for the Marie Curie Programme and *Islamic sub-Saharan Africa and Post-War Modern Urbanism* for the Aga Khan Fellowship.
- 2000 – 2013 Research “*Conserving the Future*” an alternative history of the roots of sustainability.
- 2000 – 2002 Research “*The Origins of Architecture*” about global examples of spatial configurations, settlement models and monuments from the Palaeolithic to the birth of urban culture.
- 1990 – 1992 Research “*Boundaries of human landscape*” for the XVIII Triennale in Milan curated by Alberto Cavalli with global examples of rural and urban spatial configurations as results of social structures, representation of power and forms of government.

MUNICIPAL URBAN PLANNING (TOTAL 32)

- 1999 – 2000 Municipality of Hamburg – Masterplan for Hafencity Renewal with L. Benevolo.
- 1994 – 1996 Municipality of Venice – Nuovo Piano Urbanistico with L. Benevolo
- 1991 – 1992 Municipality of Milan – Masterplan for the valorisation of the railway areas
- 1988 – 1990 Municipality of Palermo – Piano Particolareggiato Centro Storico with L. Benevolo
- 1984 – 1985 Municipality of Rome – Area Archeologica Centrale with L. Benevolo, V. Gregotti

MAJOR ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN (TOTAL 30)

- 2006 – 2007 Sustainable Bike Parking Hub – Brescia
- 2002 – 2003 Social Housing – Desenzano del Garda
- 1993 – 1995 Design for the Italian Embassy – Islamabad Pakistan
- 1992 – 1993 International Competition (awarded design) New Parliament House - Berlin Germany
- 1990 – 1992 Autibus Terminal - Brescia

DESIGN AWARDS (TOTAL 14)

- 2014 – 2016 Premio Italiano Architettura Sostenibile Fassa Bortolo – Best graduate thesis
- 2011 Premip Piranesi Prix de Rome - Archeological Paleolithic Museum - Isernia
- 1992 Premio Luigi Cosenza – Municipal House – Bovezzo
- 1988 Premio Andrea Palladio – Design for Archeological Paleolithic Museum - Isernia

Albrecht has always matched his design and academic activity with a strong attitude towards the global dissemination of design themes in international institutions and universities. His innovative approach to the historic city as a model for sustainable development has been debated in international conferences and workshops. His unique vision has been established through invitation to expert meetings and award juries.

ORGANISATION OF WELL-ESTABLISHED CONFERENCES AND CONGRESSES

- 2017 Organisation *W.A.Ve. 2017 Syria the Making of the Future: from Urbicide to the Architecture of the City*. International workshop with 26 classes and 1.341 students
- 2016 Conference *Urbicide Syria*, Initiating the global debate on reconstruction - Iuav Venezia
- 2015 Conference *Exporting the Urban Core*, History of urban restoration - Brescia
- 2009 Conference *Blue in Architecture*, sustainable Water Management - Iuav Venezia

MAJOR INVITED PRESENTATIONS SINCE 2015 (94 LECTURES IN THE LAST 10 YEARS)

- 2018 Lecture FriEnt Peacebuilding Forum 2018 - BMZ - Berlin - Germany
 2018 Lecture at International Conference on Higher Education in Emergencies - Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation - Lisbon - Portugal
 2018 Lecture at International Expert Meeting on the Implementation of UNESCO Historic Urban Landscape recommendation - Tonji University - Shanghai – China
 2018 Lecture at the World Bank Fragility Forum 2018 - Washington DC – USA
 2018 Lecture at Arquitetura è Forma do Conhecer –Escola da Cidade – São Paulo - Brazil
 2018 Participant at MED Dialogues, Shared Interest in the Mediterranean – Rome - Italy
 2017 Lecture at United Nations Social Commission for Western Asia - Beirut - Lebanon
 2016 Lecture at the World Heritage Strategy Forum 2016 - Harvard University - USA
 2016 Lecture at International Expert Meeting on UNESCO Cultural Heritage in Syria - Federal Foreign Office Berlin – Germany
 2016 Lecture at Seminario Internacional del Doctorado, Investigación avanzada en ciudad, arquitectura, paisaje y patrimonio, ETSA Universidad de Sevilla – Spain
 2015 Lecture at Workshop War&Reconstruction KADK Copenhagen – Denmark
 2015 Lecture at La Cambre Horta ULB University – Brussels – Belgium

TEACHING WORKSHOPS (TOTAL 20)

- 2012-2015 Workshop Atelier International de Architecture - Shenyang University China / Kenjo University Japan / Universidad de Los Andes Colombia / NUCE Hanoi Vietnam
 2010 Workshop Sustainability – Technische Gediminas-Universitāt Vilnius - Lithuania
 2009 Workshop Sustainable Architecture in Dogon Country - Bandiagara Mali

MEMBERSHIPS OF SCIENTIFIC SOCIETIES OR COMMITTEES

- 2017-2019 Nominator for Aga Khan Award for Architecture XIVth Cycle
 2006-2018 Jury Member - Global Award for Sustainable Architecture - Cité de l'Architecture
 2016-2018 Member of the Scientific Committee Maestría en Arquitectura, Urbanismo y Desarrollo Territorial Sostenible - Pontificia Universidad Católica de Perú - Lima
 2010 Member of the Scientific Committee appointed by UNESCO for the preservation of New Gurna Village (Egypt) designed by Hassan Fathy.

Benno Albrecht has authored or co-authored 235 publications in books and international renewed journals and has published 18 monographic works, he has been the curator of exhibitions in international venues (Italy, Belgium, Peru, China, etc.), has been the advisor for 231 graduate thesis, 11 PhD thesis and helped numerous young researchers moving their first steps in the academic careers through postdoc researches.