
María Fernanda AGUDELO GANEM

Architect and urban designer; born in Bogota,
Colombia based in Berlin, Germany

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EDUCATION

- Juni 2022** Examination as **Teacher**
Theoretical work: *Perceiving space, appropriating space, producing space: Theoretical and pedagogical perspectives on space*
Space as a category and element of humanistic education.
Grade: with distinction
- 2020 – 2022** Ausbildungsinstitut Humanistische Lebenskunde - **HVD**
(Institute for Humanistic Studies)
Master in pedagogy for teachers in the area of humanistic values at the elementary school level.
Berlin, Germany
- June 2004** Degree in **Master of Architecture in Urban Design**
Thesis project:
Theoretical work: *Big Empty Spaces;*
Design work: *Urban corridor_Big Empty Space in Bogota, Colombia*
Grade: Excellent
- 2000 – 2004** Kunsthochschule Berlin-Weissensee **khb**
(School of Arts Berlin-Weissensee)
Department of Architecture – Postgraduate Studies
Berlin, Germany
- March 1997** Degree in **Architecture**
Thesis project: *„Incorporation of water masses into the urban structure/urban fabric of the city of Bogotá“.*
With Arch. Melizza Morales Hoyos
Grade: suma cum Laude
Selected to participate in the Blue Planet Award – Planeta Azul / Banco de Occidente, Cali, Colombia
Selected to participate in the National Award - Otto de Greiff, for the Best Diploma Thesis, Colombia

1991 – 1997 **Universidad de los Andes**
Faculty of Architecture
Bogotá, Colombia
Languages **Spanish (Mother tongue)**
English (good in speaking, reading and writing)
German (fluent in speaking, reading, good in writing)

WORK EXPERIENCE

PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE

2023 – **Bildungsteam Berlin-Brandenburg e.V.**
Docent - Political education from an intersectional perspective with focus on anti-racism.
Berlin, Germany

2022 – **Humanistische Lebenskunde - Humanistischer Verband Deutschlands - HVD**
Teacher in elementary schools - Subject on the development of ethics and morals from a humanistic and intersectional perspective.
Berlin, Germany

2020 – **LoCS e.V - Laboratory of Critical Spatialities e.V**
<https://locs-critical-spatialities.org/>
In cooperation with: AADK [Aktuelle Architektur der Kultur]
<https://aadk.es/>
Co-Funder
Blanca, Spain / Berlin, Germany

2017 – 2019 Amiens Metropol + European 14: Productive Cities
Project "Cultivating the City" - The soil Project - CARLOS Collective
EUROPAN 14 Competition: Winner - 1st Price
France

2016 – 2019 **CARLOS Collective**
International and Interdisciplinary Network for Urban/Land scape Research, Design and Action!
Co-Founder
Paris, France, Berlin, Germany

2012 – 2013 Freelance
Architectural design and construction Phase of a countryside house.
El Rosal, Cundinamarca. Colombia
Contractor: Private

2003 – 2004 Hanslik Weihrauch Architekten
various Residences in Berlin_ Architectural design at the approval and implementation phase
Berlin, Germany

2000 Anzellini, Böhm, Maté - Arquitectos S. A.
- **Urban and landscape architectural design of the FAMACO City Park (7Ha.)**
Contractor: *District Institute for Leisure and Sport (IDRD)*
- **Urban planning and design of public space areas at a commercial main road in Bogotá**, in co-operation with the community.
Contractor: *District Institute for Urban Development (IDU)*, Bogotá D.C., Colombia

- 1997 - 1999 Colseguros S.A (Colombian Insurance Company)
Interior architecture and design / open office systems ___ Inner Architecture Division for the Heat quarter and branch offices, Bogotá D.C., Colombia
- 1997 Montenegro Lizarralde Arquitectos - Urbanistas S.A..
Member of the design team of the „Master-plan for the area of Usme as part of Bogota's Metropolitan Region Master Plan”
 Contractor: *National Administrative Department for Planning (DAPD)*, Bogotá D.C., Colombia
- 1995 **Internship Architecture + Urban Design**
 Dipl. – Ing. Henning Kahl, Architect
Architectural design of a Residence on waterfront, Berlin-Wannsee
Urban design for the Variant for the southern entrance of the Görlitzer Park in Treptow, including residential and industrial areas, Berlin, Germany.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP

- 1997 - Colombian Association of Architects (Consejo Profesional Nacional de Arquitectura y sus Profesiones Auxiliares **CPNAA**)

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- 2014 – 2016 **Teaching and Research Assistant / Lecturer**
- 2006 – 2012 Department of Landscape Architecture and Environmental Planning,
 Chair of Landscape Architecture and Open Space Planning,
 Prof. Undine Giseke
 Faculty VI Planning Building Environment, Technical University of Berlin
- 2015 – 2016 Coordinator from the Landscape Architecture Department for the Master in Urban Design
- 2006 – 2012 Regular German Program and Dual Program in cooperation with the Tongji University – Shanghai, China
 TU Berlin, Germany
- 2006 – 2012 Member of the academic committee of the Master in Urban Design
 Regular German Program and Dual Program in cooperation with the Tongji University – Shanghai, China
 TU Berlin, Germany
- 2010 – 2012 Member of the undergraduate and graduate Thesis Committee, Thesis Advisor, Chair of Landscape Architecture and Open Space Planning,
 Prof. Undine Giseke, TU Berlin, Germany
- 2006 – 2011 Member of the Department Council, Department for Landscape Architecture and Environmental Planning, TU Berlin, Germany
- 2011 - 2012 Member of the recruitment procedure committee for the appointment of a new professor at the department of International Urbanism and head of the Habitat Unit, School of Architecture, TU Berlin, Germany
- 2008 Member of the recruitment procedure committee for the appointment of a new professor at the Chair of Project Object Design and Planning, School of Landscape Architecture and Planning, TU Berlin, Germany

2010 – 2012 Coordinator from the Landscape Architecture Department for the ERASMUS Program. Advisor for Incoming Students

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Jury

- 2016 **ENSP Versailles** Ecole Nationale Supérieure du Paysage - France
The dragon's fight_ From the fishing harbour to the megalopolis – How to find Changzhou territory again.
Autor: Agnes Jacquin / Grade: suma cum Laude
From urban markets to wetlands, Kigali - Rwanda_ Preserving the model of local food production and distribution in a modern capital.
Autor: Antoine Gabillon / Grade: suma cum Laude

Design Studios _ graduate Program

- WS 2015 **Refugee City_** Co-producing green communities
SS 2015 **Tasty Kigali:** interactive urban food systems
WS 2014 **Waste_Urban metabolism Munich:** designing flows and interactive Infrastructures
WS 2011 **Lines_Over_Fields:** under(c)over City _ City Highway A100 Berlin
WS 2009 **How to fight disorientation _** Kulturforum Berlin
(Participant at the Biennale Europa de Paisage 9– Barcelona 2010)
http://www.coac.net/landscape/escoles_zhong.html
SS 2007 **Open_Spacing I,** Production of Space _ Berlin
WS 2007 **Open_Spacing II,** Production of Space _ Berlin
SS 2008 **Open_Spacing III,** Production of Space _ Berlin

Seminars _ graduate Program

Spacing I and II - Theory. The production of Space
re-Spacing - Theory. The production of Space + Urbanism + Film
Urbane Naturen – Theory. The notion of nature and urban nature as productive infrastructure.
x mm I x Km - Theory. 3 Films / 3 urban moments _ The logics of the production of space

Core Design Studios _ undergraduate Program

- SS 2011 **Urban Nature:** Open Space as Productive Infrastructure / Looking for multilayered landscapes. 3th year
SS 2008 **Space and Spatial Systems _** urban morphologies/urban typologies/urban program. 1st year
WS 2010 **Space and Spatial Systems _** urban morphologies/urban typologies/urban program. 2nd year

Core Seminar _ undergraduate Program

Urban Fabrics Morphology / Typology / Layer. Basis of Urbanism

Fiedltrips

- 2015 **Kigali**__ Grounding Urban Food Systems (15 days)_ co-Leader
2014 **Munich**__ Urban Metabolism (5 days)_ co-Leader
2011 **Nice/Monaco/Barcelona_LinesOverFields**
Infrastructure.Architecture.Landscape (7 days)_ co-Leader
2011 **Rome**__ Looking for multilayered landscapes (4 days) _ Leader
2010 **Copenhagen / Malmoe**__Urban interventions (mini . macro scales) _
co-Leader
2009 **Venice**__Urban nature: waterscapes . greenscapes . topographical
scape (5 days)_ Leader
2008 **Istanbul** _ Stalking the city (Topography . Water . Infrastructure) (7 days) _ Leader

EXHIBITIONS / FIELD TRIPS / WORKSHOPS

Exhibitions

- 2023 **School, neighbourhood and contradictions: Broadening perspectives. School experiences on racism and empowerment**
Audio - exhibition.
Organized by Bildungsteam Berlin-Brandenburg e.V.
Fichtelgebirge Grundschule
Co-author
Berlin, Germany
- 2018 **Nationale Exhibition European 14 in France - Cultivating the City (The Soil Project), CARLOS Collective**
<https://www.euopanfrance.org/actualite/exposition-nationale-europan-14-en-france-157>
Participant, organised by European France and ENSA Paris Val de Seine
Paris, France
- 2018 **La reconquête de l'ouest, regards croisés sur Cosserat et Montière - Cultivating the City (The Soil Project) CARLOS Collective (European 14)**
Participant, organised by Amiens Metropole
Amiens, France
- 2017 **Le Forum Mondial Convergences - Butterflies Defects - CARLOS Collective.**
<http://www.convergences.org/forum-mondial/?lang=en>
Paris, France
- 2015 **Rapid Planning Research Project – BMBF (Federal Ministry of Education and Research-Germany)**
Creative KigaliLab_Designing interactive and trans-sectoral infrastructures – Linking people, nature and the city. In cooperation with University of Rwanda and City of Kigali-CoK. Curator
Kigali, Rwanda
- 2014 **NEXTBangalore** as part of the exhibition The Project **Weltstadt_Who creates the city?** an initiative of the Goethe-Institut and the German Federal Ministry of Transport, Building and Urban Development. Curators: Matthias Boettger, Angelika Fitz and Tim Rieniets, DAZ (German Architecture Center)
<http://www.mod.org.in/mod/weltstadt-exhibition-in-berlin/>
Participant _Berlin, Germany

- 2013 **NEXTBangalore SPACE #1**
Two weeks urban studio (Exhibition, lectures, Workshop, Screenings, Discussions)
<http://gatishil.nextbangalore.com/#news>
Co-Curator _ Bangalore, India
- 2007 **Open spacing_ 1:1 Interventions in Public Space ***
Kottbusertor (NKZ) Berlin-Kreuzberg + Mauerstreife Berlin-Mitte
(Berlin Wall - no man's land stripe)
(One week exhibition with Finissage with public discussion)
Co-Curator _ Berlin, Germany
Press to the Exhibition:
Hollbensen, Wiebke. *Laerm, Dreck und Heimat. Studenten der Technischen Universitaet erforschen das Leben rund um das Kottbuser Tor*. Berliner Zeitung Nr. 135 13.06.2007 (news paper)
Gagiu, Catalin. *Studenten leiten Kreuzberg um*. TAZ BERLIN, 15.06.2007 (news paper)

Workshops

- 2018 **Amiens, Kick-off workshop, "The productive city" European 14**
in cooperation with (AUAP) L'atelier urbanisme architecture et paysage, Amiens Metropole
External expert/Winning Team CARLOS Collective
Amiens, France
- 2018 **Moravia, Spring School 2018, Sembrando Vida (Planting Life)**
Urban Lab Medellin Berlin
<https://urbanlabmedellinberlin.com/>
co-Leader/External expert
Medellin, Colombia
- 2016 **Al Husn Refugee Camp - Jordan___ Greening camps: Al Husn Camp –**
Palestinean Refugee Camp Jordan
A cooperation between: Habitat Unit - Technical University Berlin, Petra University, GIZ and UNWRA co-Leader/External expert
Amman + Al Husn Camp, Jordan
- 2015 **Creative KigaliLab_ Designing interactive and trans-sectoral infrastructures – Linking people, nature and the city.**
International and interdisciplinary Summer School
Rapid Planning Research Project – BMBF (Federal Ministry of Education and Research-Germany) In cooperation with University of Rwanda, BTU Cottbus - Senftenberg and City of Kigali-CoK.
<http://www.rapid-planning.net>
Conception and co-leading
Kigali, Rwanda
- 2015 **Jerash Refugee Camp - Jordan_ Co-Producing Green Communities –**
Palestinean Camp, Jordan
Cooperation between: Habitat Unit - Technical University Berlin, Petra University, GIZ and UNWRA co-Leader
Amman + Jerash Camp, Jordan

- 2013 **NEXTBangalore SPACE #1**
 1_ The City Game in cooperation with the bangalorian NGO Fields of View
 2_ Monitoring the City_ with architecture students from Hindustan University, Chennai
 Co-Leading with MOD Institute.org
<http://www.mod.org.in/mod/nextbangalorespace/>
 Bangalore, India
Different articles on <http://blog.goethe.de/weltstadt/plugin/tag/bangalore>
- 2006-2012 **Urban Assemblage: layering the city**
 Technical University Berlin_ Co-Leader

CONFERENCES

- 2020 **„Critical Zones | The Making of Urban NatureCultures“**
 ZIRIUS - Zentrum für interdisziplinäre Risiko- und Innovationsforschung (Interdisciplinary Center for Innovation and Risk Research)
 Speaker with Andrés Agudelo Ganem
 Stuttgart, Germany
- 2016 **ANTHROPOCECE CURRICULUM - Campus 2016: The Technosphere Issue**
 HKW Haus der Kulturen der Welt + Max Planck Institut for the History of Science
<https://www.anthropocene-curriculum.org/pages/root/campus-2014/>
 Participant at seminars: **01-Governing the Technosphere / 02-Feral Technologies- Making and Unmaking Multispecies Dumps / 03-Whose? Reading the Anthropocene and the Technosphere from Africa**
 Berlin, Germany
- 2015 **Critical Dialog Series _ A new Urban Agenda on the Ground_ CriticalLab2: Different Urbanisations**
 IASS-Institute for Advanced Sustainability Studies e.V + ANCB The AEDES Metropolitan Laboratory. Participant as Expert
<http://criticalurbanagenda.de/different-urbanisations>
 Berlin, Germany
Article "From Bubbles to Fields" on Different Urbanisations- LAB 2
https://issuu.com/criticalurbanagenda/docs/different_urbanisations_lab2
- 2010 - 2012 **Studio Urbane Landschaften** an der Universität Hannover (Studio Urban Landscapes)
 Prof. Dr. Hille v. Seggern, Prof. em.Thomas Sieverts, Prof. Dr. Martin Prominski + Montag Foundation ‚Urbane Räume‘
 International PhD Students Colloquium (Summer)
 Title: **NaturExtrem / Seamlessness as Principle of Order**
 Bonn, Germany

RESEARCH STAYS AND TRAVEL GRANTS

- 2018 **Medellin, Research on Guadua (Bambu)**
 In cooperation with Urban Lab Medellin Berlin,
<https://urbanlabmedellinberlin.com/>
 Travel grant DAAD (German Academic Exchange Service),
 Medellin and coffee region, Colombia

- 2013 Workshop and Research Field Trip **Bangalore, India**
 Online Platform **NextBangalore** and online working **Space#1**,
<http://www.mod.org.in/>
 In cooperation with **MOD Institute.org** – Co-Leader
nextbangalore.com as part of **WELTSTADT**- who creates the city? By
 Goethe-Institute <http://blog.goethe.de/weltstadt/>
 Bangalore + Mumbai, India
- 2011 Research Field Trip (2.5 months) **U.S.A**
“Seamlessness as principle of order”
 With interviews from Jenny Sabin (Co-Founder LabStudio, Sabin-Jones
 PennDesign) and David Benjamin (The Living, Columbia University)
 and visits to teaching environments at GSD Harvard, MIT, StudioLab
 Cornell, GSAPP Columbia, PennDesign, Princeton and Van Alen
 Institute N.Y.C
- 2003 **Big Empty Spaces**, Research Field Trip (3 months)
 Research about the **City River Musi as a “B.E.S”**
 In co-operation with: Arch. Vasanta Shoba Turaga - Conservation
 Architect __OUCWK – WMF (Osmania University College for women,
 Koti – World Monuments Fund)
 Hyderabad, India.
- 2003 **Berlin / Bordeaux / Bilbao. 3 Cities – 3 Sites**, (3 weeks)
 Student competition, Travel grant DAAD (German Academical
 Exchange Service), Germany / France / Spain
- 2001 **St. Petersburg / Bielokamenka** (2 weeks)
 Student exchange, School of Arts KHW and , Travel grant DAAD
 (German Academical Exchange Service),
 St. Petersburg and Bielokamenka, Russia
- 1994 – 1995 **Intercultural Exchange, ICJA - International Voluntary Service**
 (International Cultural Youth Exchange - ICYE), (1 year)
 Berlin, Germany