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Curriculum Vitae

Dr. Rachel Lee has been a senior researcher at the Habitat Unit since January 2014. Rachel studied architecture at the Mackintosh School in Glasgow before pursuing her diploma in Berlin. In 2014 she completed her doctoral dissertation, "Negotiating Modernities: Otto Koenigsberger's Works and Networks in Exile" at the TU Berlin.

Rachel Lee's research focuses on the histories of colonial/postcolonial architecture and urbanism, tropical architecture and development

cooperation, migration and exile, transnational practice and the transfer of knowledge and ideas.

Supported by post-doc research funding from the TU Berlin, she is currently preparing a research project that will investigate the history of East and West German development cooperation in sub-Saharan Africa. From 2012-13 she was a researcher on the DFG project "Neues Bauen in der Fremde: Wege, Wandel und Wirken der Weimarer Architekturmoderne unter den Bedingungen des Exils" at the BTU Cottbus.

Rachel Lee teaches on the international Urban Management master's course as well as the master's courses in Architecture and Urban Design. She has a wide range of experiences from working in architecture and planning offices. She is a German management committee member of European Architecture Beyond Europe (COST Action IS0904) and is on the editorial board of the online, open access, peer-reviewed journal ABE: European Architecture Beyond Europe. She is a member of MOD Institute Berlin/Bangalore and the Transnational Architecture Group.

Education

2006-2013

Doctorate of Engineering (Dr.-Ing.)

TU Berlin

Thesis: Negotiating Modernities: Otto Koenigsberger's Works and Networks in Exile (1933-1951)

Supervisors: Prof. Dr. Peter Herrle, Chair of International Urbanism and Design, TU Berlin; Prof. Dr. Carola Hein, Growth and Structure of Cities Department, Bryn Mawr College

2000-2003

Diploma in Architecture (Dipl.-Ing)

Kunsthochschule Berlin

Thesis: Räume der Migration

Supervisors: Prof. Dr. Wolfgang Scholz and Dr. Guenter Nest

1994-1998

Bachelor of Architecture (B.Arch (hons.))

Mackintosh School of Architecture, Glasgow School of Art

Employment history

2014-

Research Associate

Habitat Unit, TU Berlin

2012-

Lecturer
Urban Management Masters Course, TU Berlin

2012-2013

Research Associate
BTU Cottbus

DFG Project: Neues Bauen in der Fremde: Wege, Wandel und Wirken
der Weimarer Architekturmoderne unter den Bedingungen des Exils

2011-2014

German Management Committee Member
COST Action IS0904: European Architecture Beyond Europe

2007

Lecturer
Space Strategies Masters Course, Kunsthochschule Berlin

Research projects

2014-

Beyond East-West: Development Cooperation in Sub-Saharan Africa in
Divided Germany (1949-1990)
Habitat Unit, TU Berlin
(in preparation)

2006-2013

Doctoral Dissertation: Negotiating Modernities: Otto Koenigsberger's
Works and Networks in Exile (1933-1951)
Supervisors: Prof. Dr. Peter Herrle, Chair of International Urbanism and
Design, TU Berlin; Prof. Dr. Carola Hein, Growth and Structure of Cities
Department, Bryn Mawr College

2012-2013

BTU Cottbus
DFG Project: Neues Bauen in der Fremde: Wege, Wandel und Wirken
der Weimarer Architekturmoderne unter den Bedingungen des Exils
Funding acquired by Dr. Regina Goeckede

Teaching activities

SS 2014

Seminar: Import/Export
Habitat Unit, TU Berlin

WS 2012, 2013

Seminar: Academic Writing and Research Methods
Urban Management Masters Course, TU Berlin

SS 2007

Seminar: Stadt/Raum/Öffentlichkeit
Space Strategies Masters Course, Kunsthochschule Berlin

2003-2010

Teaching English as a foreign language at all levels on a freelance basis, with specialisations in English for Architects and Planners, and International Business English. Clients included: Bundesamt für Bauwesen und Raumordnung, White&Case, KfW and IAV

Publications

Books

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Book contributions

Regina Goeckede: *Neues Bauen in der Fremde: Wege, Wandel und Wirken der Weimarer Architekturmoderne unter den Bedingungen des Exils* (forthcoming - 2015)
Chapters on Alfons Anker and Franz Hillinger

Refereed articles

Digital Lieux de Mémoire. Connecting history and remembrance through the Internet with Madalena Cunha Matos and Johan Lagae in ed. Johan Lagae, "Colonial Today," ABE: Architecture Beyond Europe, 4, 2014

Constructing A Shared Vision: Otto Koenigsberger and Tata & Sons in ed. GA Bremner and Diego Caltana, "Corporate Patronage," ABE: Architecture Beyond Europe, 3, 2013

Marg Magazine: A Tryst with Architectural Modernity. Modern architecture as seen from an independent India, with Kathleen James-Chakraborty, ABE: Architecture Beyond Europe, 1, 2012

Other articles and publications

An Architectural Link between Masala Dosas and War in ed. Johan Lagae, "Colonial Today," ABE: Architecture Beyond Europe, 4, 2014

Maximizing the Local / Really Modern in ed. Anne Fenk, Tile von Damm, Leona Lynen, "Crowdsourcing the City", Weltstadt, 10, 2014

Searching for Otto Koenigsberger's Shrinking Heritage in Booming Bangalore in ed. Anne Fenk, Tile von Damm, Leona Lynen, "Crowdsourcing the City", Weltstadt, 10, 2014

Having a Blast with the Past: Bygone Bangalore and Biryani in ed. Anne Fenk, Tile von Damm, Leona Lynen, "Crowdsourcing the City", Weltstadt, 10, 2014

contributions to the Transnational Architecture Group (TAG)
website e.g. **Designing Buildings in 15 Minutes: A day in the life of Otto Koenigsberger, Government Architect to the Govt. of H.H. the Maharaja of Mysore**

Theresienstadt: eine Zeitreise, Roland Wildberg and Uta Fischer, (Wildfisch, 2011) [concept, graphic design and layout]

Conferences

Conference Proceedings

From Static Master Plans to 'Elastic Planning' and Participation: Otto Koenigsberger's Planning Work in India (1939-1951) "Past as Guide to Sustainable Futures" International Planning History Society, St Augustine, Florida [forthcoming: July 2014]

Conference Papers

2014

From Static Master Plans to 'Elastic Planning' and Participation: Otto Koenigsberger's Planning Work in India (1939-1951) "Past as Guide to Sustainable Futures" International Planning History Society, St Augustine, Florida [forthcoming: July 2014]

2013

Erica Mann: Breaking Boundaries
"Global Experts Off the Radar II," University of Ghent

Searching for the Social in the Tropical
"The Influence of Fry and Drew," University of Liverpool

An Architectural Link Between Masala Dosas and War
"Dissonant Architectural Heritage in the Postcolonial Age," Fundação Calouste Gulbenkian, Lisbon

2012

Minnette De Silva: Marginalised and Peripheral?
"Global Experts Off the Radar," University College Dublin

Otto Koenigsberger and Prefabrication in Modern India
"Our Public Sphere, Our House, Our City," Urban Mela, Bangalore, organised by the German Ministry of Culture

Constructing a Shared Vision: Otto Koenigsberger and Tata & Sons

"Colonial, Imperial or Corporate Architecture. Architectural diversity or uniformity across time, agency or geography," University of Edinburgh

2011

**Building a [Mega]nation: India 1947-1951
"[Mega]structures," Politecnico di Milano**

**The Government Housing Factory, New Delhi
"Actors and Networks of Expertise," University of Liverpool**

2010

**Bridging Modernities: Otto Koenigsberger's Work in Bangalore
MOD Institute, Bangalore**

Conference panel chairs

**Architectures of Exile: Visions and re-visions of the global modern in the age of the refugee
with Dr. Regina Goeckede
Conference: Crossing Boundaries: Rethinking European Architecture Beyond Europe, Palermo, 13-17 April, 2014**

Working papers

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Invited Lectures

2014

**Otto Koenigsberger: Building Bangalore, Scientifically
German Consulate Science Circle Talk, Max Mueller Bhavan/Goethe Institut, Bangalore**

**Otto Koenigsberger: Government Architect of Mysore State (1939-1948)
Public Works Department Bangalore, Karnataka State**

2013

**Otto Koenigsberger: Practising in India
Master of Advanced Studies Program, ETH Zurich**

**Otto Koenigsberger: Memories of an Architectural Legacy in Bangalore and Mysore State
Bangalore International Centre, Bangalore**

**Otto Koenigsberger's Architecture in Bangalore
Suchitra Film Society, Bangalore**

Grants, Awards, and Fellowships

2014

GAHTC (Global Architectural History Teaching Collaborative) Grant awarded to develop a lecture series on Architecture and Climate in a Global Perspective funded by Andrew W. Mellon Foundation and administered by MIT School of Architecture and Planning and its History Theory and Criticism Program.

Application submitted with Daniel Barber (University of Pennsylvania), Jiat-Hwee Chang (National University of Singapore), Iain Jackson (University of Liverpool), Albert Narath (University of Oregon), Ola Uduku (University of Edinburgh)

2014

TU Berlin Internal Funding

awarded to prepare research proposal for external funding

2014

INTACH New Delhi Travel and Research Grant

awarded to undertake further research in Bangalore for the preparation of a book publication on Otto Koenigsberger's work

2013

COST Short Term Scientific Mission

awarded to undertake research into the institutionalisation of Tropical Architecture at the archives of the Architectural Association, London

2012

COST Short Term Scientific Mission

awarded to collaborate with Prof Kathleen James-Chakraborty at University College Dublin

2010-2012

Elsa-Neumann Research Grant

awarded for doctoral thesis "Negotiating Modernities: Otto Koenigsberger's Works and Networks in Exile (1933-1951)"

2006

INTACH New Delhi Travel and Research Grant

awarded for 3-month stay in India to conduct initial research into Otto Koenigsberger's work as an architect and planner in Bangalore, Bhubaneswar, Jamshedpur and Delhi

1998

INTACH New Delhi Travel and Research Grant

awarded for 2-month stay in India to survey Chemrey Monastery, Ladakh

Professional and Academic Affiliations

ABE: European Architecture Beyond Europe

Member of the editorial board of the peer-reviewed, open-access scientific journal

<http://dev.abejournal.eu/>

id22: Institut fuer kreative Nachhaltigkeit

<http://id22.net/>

Other Projects

Curatorial work

Crossing Boundaries

Positions of five contemporary video artists

Short film programme as part of the Crossing Boundaries: Rethinking European Architecture Beyond Europe conference, Palermo, 2014

street|media

stop-motion video installation at the Collegium Hungaricum as part of the Media Facades Festival, Berlin, 2008

<http://www.mediafacades.eu/2008/festival>

100% Pure - Real Quality

multimedia installation conceived and realised at 1 Shanthi Road Studio/Gallery, Bangalore, 2006

6m²

multimedia installation as part of the Thalia Theater and Bauhaus Stiftung's International Summer School, 2005

Terezín into Europe

planning and design of an exhibition about Terezin's history shown in Terezin, Berlin, Brussels and Auschwitz, 2005