

Doctoral Candidate

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### Curriculum Vitae

Mari Paz Agundez joined Habitat Unit in July 2019 as a PhD candidate. Her research investigates the impact of borders on the urbanism of the city and on the development of urban life. Her case study is based in Ceuta, a Spanish city located in Africa, where the European border takes its most defensive and exclusive form. Under a multiscalar approach, she analyzes the different agents controlling the region and the power negotiations between them. She pursues her dissertation within the Habitat Unit Chair, at the TU Berlin and in collaboration with the urbanism department of the Polytechnic University of Madrid. She is currently a lecturer at the Berlin International University. She graduated from the Polytechnic University of Madrid in 2015. She also completed her first master's year at TU Berlin. She has worked in several international studios such as Sauerbruch Hutton, Nieto Sobejano, and Herzog de Meuron. In 2019 she started her dissertation which she has been conducting along with her practical work as an architect for the studio GMP.

## Education

### 2013 - 2015

Master of arts in architecture and urban design. Investigation on the Spanish migrant reception system and projection and development of a welcome center for migrants, supervised by Prof A. Barbarín (Universidad Politécnica Madrid)

### 2012 - 2013

M.A. Architecture, 1st and 2nd Semester. Exchange program funded by the Erasmus Exchange Programme Scholarship (TU Berlin)

### 2009 - 2012

Bachelor of technology in architecture and urban design (Universidad Politécnica Madrid).

## Complementary education

### 2010 - 2012

ACETSAM, Cooperation and development area of the university (Universidad Politécnica de Madrid)

### 2010

Architectural Association School of Architecture, London  
Tender is the night, participation in an architecture workshop, design study, fieldwork and final construction of an installation

## Employment History

### Since 2018

Senior Architect  
Gerkan Marg & Partner, Berlin

### 2017 - 2018

Architect  
Herzog & de Meuron; Berlin

### 2016 - 2017

Junior Architect  
Gerkan, Marg und Partner GmbH

### 2014

Internship  
Nieto Sobejano, Berlin

### 2014

Internship  
Alfonso Azqueta Studio, Madrid

**2013**

**Internship**

**Sauerbruch Hutton, Berlin**

## **Research Projects**

**Since 2019**

**PhD research project, supervised by Prof P. Misselwitz (TU Berlin) and Prof. Dr Javier Ruiz (UP Madrid)**

**An investigation into the infrastructure of Fortress Europe and how its presence in the border city of Ceuta, segregates the society, impacts on the economy and consequently shapes the urban development of the city.**

**2014 - 2015**

**Master's degree research project, supervised by Prof A. Barbarín (UP Madrid)**

**An advanced and thorough investigation on the Spanish migrant reception system and projection and development of a welcome center for migrants, providing first aid facilities and implementing their social and economic inclusion.**

## **Teaching Activities**

**SS22**

**Building construction, with Jeanne Francois Fischer, Berlin International University, BA Architecture.**

**WS 21/22**

**Building Material Sciences, with Jeanne Francois Fischer, Berlin International University, BA Architecture.**

**SS 21**

**Interior Construction, with Javier Martin, Berlin International University, BA Architecture and BA Interior Architecture**

**WS 20/21**

**Building Material Sciences, with Javier Martin, Berlin International University, BA Interior Architecture**

## **Conferences and Papers**

**2019**

**2nd Global Conference Urbanism at borders. Borders within border. Ceuta, the border city of the European Fortress in Africa, Malaga, Spain.**

**2020**

**18th IMISCOE's Annual Conference, Crossing borders, connecting cultures**

**The urban development of border districts in the Spanish enclave of Ceuta: a dichotomy in productive infrastructure and systemic social segregation.**

## **Grants, Awards and Fellowships**

### **2013**

**DAAD Travel and Research grant.**

**TU-Berlin, Habitat Unit. Upgrading Favelas, Vitoria, Brazil**

### **2012 - 2013**

**Erasmus Scholarship, Student and Internship**

**for 2 Semesters exchange as a student enrolled at the TU- Berlin and an additional semester exchange in Berlin as an intern.**

### **2009**

**Grant of Excellence of the state of Madrid**