

Doctoral Candidate

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Curriculum Vitae

Since September 2013 Dipl.-Ing. Vesta Nele Zareh is a doctoral candidate at the Habitat unit. She is working on *The export of western planning models in the context of post war 20th century geopolitics – The case study of the Tehran Comprehensive Plan by Victor Gruen and Abdol-Aziz Farmanfarmaian.*

Vesta Nele Zareh studied architecture, art history and sociology at the TU Berlin and at the UDK in Berlin. In 2004 she completed her studies in architecture with an award-winning thesis. Since 2013 she has a scholarship by the Friedrich-Ebert-Foundation to pursue her doctoral research.

In her doctoral research Vesta Nele Zareh focuses on the export of western planning models after 1945. Based on the case study of the Tehran Comprehensive Plan by Victor Gruen and Abdol-Aziz Farmanfarmaian she examines their export in the context of geopolitical

changes, global and local strategic objectives, their underlying ideas of society, city and urbanity and the tensions between vision, heritage and adaptation in regard of local realities.

A residence as a visiting scholar at the Harvard Graduate School of Design is scheduled in 2016 as part of her research.

In 2012 she worked as a research assistant at the TU Berlin, on a project which was funded by the Climate-KIC, developing a platform for the exchange of best practice models for sustainable urban developments in Europe in cooperation with the Institute for Sustainability, the Imperial College London, and the German Research Centre for Geosciences (GFZ Potsdam). During her time as a research assistant at the TU Berlin, she was also involved in several research projects on the adaptability of urban structures and building typologies facing economic, environmental and social challenges of the early 21st century.

Education

Since 2013

Doctoral Candidate, TU Berlin

(Working Title) The export of western planning models in the context of post war 20th century geopolitics – The case study of the Tehran Comprehensive Plan by Victor Gruen and Abdol-Aziz Farmanfarmanian. (Supervisors: Prof. Dr. Philipp Misselwitz, Prof. Dr. Wouter Vanstiphout).

2004

Diploma in Architecture (Dipl.-Ing), TU Berlin

(Thesis) On the relationship between diplomacy and space. (Supervisors: Prof. Nathalie de Vries, Prof. Dr. Wouter Vanstiphout).

1997–2004

Studies in Architecture, Art History and Sociology with among others, TU Berlin and UdK, Berlin. (Supervisors: Prof. Sauerbruch and Prof. Kees Christiaanse).

Employment History

2015–2016

Lecturer

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Lecture series: Building typologies in transition

2012

Research Associate

Chair of Building Technology and Architectural Design

Project management and coordination: Eurbanlabs, funded by the Climate-KIC, development of a platform for the exchange of best practice models for sustainable urban development in Europe.

2011–2012

Lecturer

LIA – Laboratory for Integrative Methods in Architecture, TU Berlin

Lecture series: Building typologies in transition - economic and environmental challenges in the 21st century.

2006–2010

Research Associate

LIA – Laboratory for Integrative Methods in Architecture, TU Berlin

Design and theory seminars, master and diploma course architecture, supervision of research projects.

2004–2006

Research Associate

Chair for Urban Design, TU Berlin

Design and theory seminars, master and diploma course architecture, supervision of research projects.

Research Projects

Since 2013

Doctoral Dissertation

(Working Title)The export of western planning models in the context of post war 20th century geopolitics – The case study of the Tehran Comprehensive Plan by Victor Gruen and Abdol-Aziz Farmanfarman.(Supervisors: Prof. Dr. Philip Misselwitz, Prof. Dr. Wouter Vanstiphout).

2013

Habiter le Grand Paris:Models for a sustainable densification of the greater region of Paris

with LIN Architects Urbanists, Berlin/ Paris; Financed by the Atelier du Grand Paris.

2006

Building Archetypes, Analysis of currently predominant building types in Europe and NAFTA

withLIA – Laboratory for Integrative Methods in Architecture, TU Berlin andChair for Building Construction and Design, TU Berlin;Financed by Roland Berger Strategy Consultants.

2005

BMBF Project: Megacities of Tomorrow – New Towns in Iran

Study on the historical development of the New Town program in Iran; Chair for Urban Design, TU Berlin.

Teaching Activities

WS 2015/2016

**Lecture series: Building typologies in transition
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WS 2011/2012

Lecture series: Building typologies in transition - economic and environmental challenges in the 21st century. LIA, TU Berlin

SS 2011

Design Seminar: Carbon sink Campus TU Berlin. Chair for Architectural and Sustainable Urban Development, TU Berlin

SS 2010

Design Seminar: Soft Territories. LIA, TU Berlin

WS 2009/2010

Seminar: Future Cities II. LIA, TU Berlin

SS 2009

Design Seminar: Future. LIA, TU Berlin

SS 2009

Seminar: Future Cities I. LIA, TU Berlin

WS 2008/2009

Design Seminar: Paris Métropole Douce. LIA, TU Berlin and MIT, Boston

SS 2008

Design Seminar: AND – Architecture, Nature, Density. LIA, TU Berlin

SS 2008

Seminar: Soft Spaces. LIA, TU Berlin

SS 2008

Seminar: Large-Scale II. LIA, TU Berlin

WS 2007/2008

Design Seminar: DenCity. LIA, TU Berlin

WS 2007/2008

Seminar: Large-Scale I. LIA, TU Berlin

SS 2007

Design Seminar: Grand Plan II.LIA, TU Berlin

SS 2007

Seminar: Idea&Plan.LIA, TU Berlin

WS 2007/2008

Design Seminar: Grand Plan I.LIA, TU Berlin

SS 2006

Design Seminar: Diversité, Disparité, Fatalité.Chair for Urban Design, TU Berlin

WS 2005/2006

Design Seminar: Reclaim the Streets.Chair for Urban Design, TU Berlin

SS 2005

Design Seminar: Capital Cities.Chair for Urban Design, TU Berlin

WS 2004/2005

Design Seminar: New Towns.Chair for Urban Design, TU Berlin

Publications

Book contributions

(2015) Case Studies for Ekbatan, Tehran, Iran; Ordos City, Mongolia, China; Rotonda West, Florida, USA; MCMV housing, Eunápolis, Bahia, Brazil; Waldsiedlung-Zehlendorf, Berlin, Germany; eds.*Housing after the Neoliberal Turn, International Cases*, Spector Books, Leipzig.

(2013) *An (almost) all American City – The Vision and Legacy of the Tehran Comprehensive Plan*.In: Vinakak, B., ed.

(2013) *The Emerging Asian City: It's Traditions, Tensions & Transformations*. Routledge Publishers London.

(2013) *Le principe de l'IBA, In Micro-centralités – Systèmes immanents de la ville légèr*. Atelier du Grand Paris, ed. Editions Archibooks & AIGP.

(2011) *La vie urbaine de Téhéran au 21ème siècle: influence des infrastructures de la mobilité individuelle et de l'Internet*. Sous la direction de Dominique Rouillard, ed. *L'Infraville / Futurs des infrastructures*. Editions Archibooks.

with Hubertus Siegert (2008) *Berlin Babylon Revisited – or waitig for the Critical Reconstruction of the 1989`s Berlin*. In: Baía, P., ed. *Berlin: Reconstrucao Critica*. Circo de Ideias.

Refereed articles

(2012) The City within the City – 20th Century Large-Scale Housing Projects Revisited for the 21st Century Metropolis Post-Kyoto. *Dense Cities. Architecture for Living Closer Together*. GAM, (8).

Other articles and publications

(2012) Nachnutzung einer Ikone – Das ehemalige Flughafengebäude Tempelhof, in *Stadtbauwelt*, (191).

(2011) Träumen von einer nachhaltigen Stadt, *Taz*.

(2010) Rekonstruktion einer Debatte. *Archplus*, (200).

(2010) Der Berliner Architekturstreit. *Baumeister*, (8).

(2009) Masdar City – Rückschritt durch Technik. *Der Freitag – Das Meinungsmedium*.

(2009) Right up your Face – Architecture in the Age of Digital production. *LODOWN Magazine, DTP Issue*, (1).

(2009) Freiheit zwischen Betonpfeilern. *Der Freitag – Das Meinungsmedium*.

(2008) Bausparmaßnahme. *Der Freitag – Das Meinungsmedium*.

(2008) A City under the Influence. *Exotic Urbanism. monu – magazine on urbanism*, (9).

(2008) I (would) love Tehran. *Memory, Amnesia, Urbanism. mu.dot magazine for urban documentary opinion theory*.

(2008) Westberlin – My Cold War Heroine. *Border Urbanism. monu magazine on urbanism*, (8).

(2004) U.S. Embassies. Play and Locations. *Pages Magazine for Architecture and urbanism*, (2).

Conferences

Conference Papers

(2014) *Grands paysages, paysages proches, paysages urbains: Les espaces ouverts comme support du développement dans le temps* IBA Basel, Basel.

(2013) Le principe de l'IBA, *Systèmes Métropolitains*, AIGP, Paris.

(2012) *Atlas Activ, Cities and Change – Industrial heritage sites between monument protection, urban development, creative industries and contemporary architecture*. Georg-Simmel Center for Metropolitan Studies at the Humbolt University Berlin, Berlin.

(2012) *Adapting City, E11 European Cities and Juries Forum*, Oslo.

(2010) *A Streetcar named Desire, L'Infraville – Colloque international*, LIAT, Laboratoire Infrastructure Architecture Territoire de l'Ecole Nationale Supérieure d' Architecture Paris-Malaquais, Paris.

Invited Lectures

(2015) *Typologies Fluviales*, LIA, Technische Universität, Berlin

(2009) *The Power of the Plan vs. The Power of the Picture*, *Studio Weil Arets*, UDK Berlin.

(2008) *Cold War Planning in Berlin*, *École des ponts et chaussées*, Paris.

(2007) *Tehran – the Making of a Metropolis*, *Urban Planning Week*, Technical University Delft.

Grants, Awards, and Fellowships

2013–2016

PHD scholarship Friedrich-Ebert-Foundation
for a doctoral dissertation project in architecture on *The export of western planning models in the context of post war 20th century geopolitics – The case study of the Tehran Comprehensive Plan by Victor Gruen and Abdol-Aziz Farmanfarmaian*

2011

Award, writing contest: *Was ist Raumproduktion der Berliner Republik* by akademie c/o, for the text *No Nation, No Vision, No Money* mit Ali Saad

2010

Scholarship by Zeit-Foundation Ebelin- und Gerd Bucerius in cooperation with the German Center for Art History, with the support of the Gerda Henkel Foundation

Scholarship for the summer school: *History Takes Place – Urban Change in Europe*, Paris

2008

Scholarship by Zeit-Foundation Ebelin - und Gerd Bucerius in cooperation with the HafenCity University Hamburg, the Georg-Simmel Center for Metropolitan Studies HU Berlin and the CMS TU Berlin

Scholarship for the conference *Stadt und Urbanität im 21. Jahrhundert*,
Hamburg

2007

Future of the Cities Award, 51st IFHP World Congress
for excellence in teaching for the design seminar *Diversité, Disparité,*
Fatalité, at the Chair for Urban Design, TU Berlin

2004

Daimler Chrysler Award
for the best diploma thesis 2004/2005 in architecture, TU Berlin

2004

DAAD Scholarship
for research within the framework of a final thesis, Tehran, Iran.

2003

Leonardo scholarship
for an internship in Paris, France

Professional and Academic Affiliations

[Deutscher Fachjournalisten Verband](#)

Other Projects

Architecture and city
Journalist

taz panther foundation
Associate