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Born: 1 June, 1964, Colombia

Profession Architect

Education Master of Architecture, Andes University, Colombia, 1989
(ongoing PhD student at Housing Development and Management, LTH,
Lund University)

Other Relevant Courses

2011-today Theoretical PhD courses at Swedish Research School in Architecture – ResArc
Universities in Sweden

2012 Landscape Theory in Architecture and Research Methodologies at Swedish University of
Agricultural Sciences

2011 Pedagogy at university level, Lund University

1989 –2006 Various courses in computing and software for architecture, amongst others Archi-Cad,
AutoCAD and graphic programs as Quark x-press, Illustrator Photoshop and Web design

1992 – 1994 Guest-student at the Royal Danish Academy of Fine Arts.Restoration Department,
Copenhagen, Denmark. (Preparation for postgraduate studies)

1986 – 1987 Exchange student, Design studio at Royal Danish Academy of Fine Arts, Copenhagen,
Denmark

Responsibilities

2004 – today **Lecturer / Universitetsadjunkt and PhD student**
Department of Architecture and Built Environment,
Housing Development & Management, LTH, Lund University, Sweden

2014 – today **Coordinator** for the master programme in Architecture at LTH

- 2013 – today **Teacher and administrative coordinator** for course *Architecture and Landscape/Architecture in the Context*, at bachelor level. Department of Architecture and Built Environment, LTH
- 2010 – today **Invited guest teacher** at Universidad Católica Santiago de Guayaquil, Ecuador, South America, under Linnaeus –Palme education exchange programme
- 2009 – today **Teacher, supervisor, and examiner** for diploma work by undergraduate students both at the faculty of architecture and at the faculty for engineer, Helsingborg Campus; LTH, Lund University

rofessional Experience

- 2004-2011 **Project assistant**
PROMESHA (Programa para el Mejoramiento Socio Habitacional), a Sida supported capacity building program in urban and housing development for Latin America. Responsible for quality management of regional and national capacity building activities. Coordinator for Bolivia and Ecuador, two of the seven focus countries of the program; lecturer at the national activities in those countries.
 Have planned, conducted and evaluate several missions of capacity building activities in Latin America with different NGOs, central and local governments as well as local universities.
 Editor for the PROMESHA´s working paper series, *Cuaderno de Análisis*
- 2005 – 2008 **Lecturer and tutor**, at post graduate level and in undergraduate training in Sweden.
Project assistant at Housing Development & Management, for the advanced international training programmes Conservation & Management of Historic Buildings, Shelter Design and Development; and Harmonious Urbanization Development, all of them capacity building programmes supported by Sida. Coordinating, implementing and in some cases tutoring activities
- Conservation & Management of Historic Buildings:
 Team work, planning and implementing of two regional continuation courses, one in Quito, Ecuador 2005, and one in Santiago and Valparaiso, Chile 2008
 - Shelter Design and Development:
 Team work, implementing and tutoring the regional continuation course in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania 2008
 - Harmonious Urbanization Development:
 Team work, implementing and tutoring at the course held in Nanjing, China, on

November 2008

- 2009 **Teamwork design** member for the production of the film “*Better houses – Better homes*” or “*Mejores viviendas – Mejores Ciudades*”, which documents the activities of the PROMESHA programme in Latin America
- 2008 **Designer** of the HDM exhibition boot at the World Urban Forum 4, Nanjing
- 2006 **Teamwork design** member of the HDM exhibition boot at the World Urban Forum 3, Vancouver
- 2002 – 2004 **Architect office: Landskronagruppen AB, Sweden**
Responsible at Landskronagruppen AB, for organizing the design process of an industrialized housing project in Malmö. Responsible for coordinating with the sub-consultants (*Tyréns AB*, Malmö; *WSP*, Lund; *Bengt Dahlgren AB*, Landskrona) and responsible for the quality control of drawings and documents delivered to the housing manufacturer *Open House Productions AB*
- 1997 – 2002 **Architect bureau: Philip Rasmussen Rådgivende Arkitekter, Denmark** Co-designer at Philip Rasmussen Rådgivende Arkitekter, private office Denmark for several projects: town planning, renovation in inner city areas, regional tourism development and design of roads, including bicycle road systems and road projects in coordination with the Danish road ministry
- 1994 **Architect School: The Royal Academy of Fine Arts, Denmark**
Lecturer at The Royal Academy of Fine Arts, Kunstakademiet, Human Settlements Department, Copenhagen, both for Danish students and Latin American professionals. Interchange in culture, architecture and language
- 1990 **Architect office: Grønbæk, Høgsted and Paludan, Denmark**
Private office, Denmark. Architect (Trainee).
- 1988-1989 **Architect office: Planarq Arquitectos, Colombia**
Planarq Arquitectos. Private Office, Colombia. Architect (Trainee during studies, thereafter employed architect)

Participation in Seminars (selection)

- 2014 Jury member for the Biennale, Bienal Panamericana de Arquitectura de Quito in the categories "Habitat social y Desarrollo"
- 2014 **World Urban Forum WUF 7**, *For a better Urban future*, Medellin, Colombia
- 2012 **World Urban Forum WUF 6**, *The Urban Future*, Naples, Italy
- 2009 Linnaeus-Palme/MFS seminar, conference on *Mutuality in International Cooperation*, Stockholm.

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- 2008 *Jury member and invited speaker* for the Biennale: Bienal Panamericana de Arquitectura de Quito, in the categories "Habitat social y Desarrollo" and "Medalla de Oro", the first category financed by the PROMESHA programme
- 2008** **World Urban Forum WUF 4**, Nanjing, China.
Harmonious urbanization: The challenge of balanced territorial development, Nanjing, China.
- 2007 **N-AERUS** (Network Association of European Researchers on Urbanization in the South) Conference, *Grassroots-led Urban Development—Achievements, Potentials, Limitations*, UCL, DPU, iied, London, UK.
- 2006 **The urban (F)actor**. *Changes facing sustainable urban development*. Belgian Development Cooperation Agency– BTC CTB, Brussels.
- 2006 **World Urban Forum WUF 3**, *Our Future: Sustainable Cities – Turning Ideas into Action*. Vancouver, Canada.
- 2005 **N-AERUS** (Network Association of European Researchers on Urbanization in the South) *Promoting social inclusion in urban areas -Policies and practices*. Lund University.

Publications

- 2013 **Paper:** *The power of the Informal Settlements -The Case of Dar es Salaam*, "Planum - The Journal of Urbanism" n. 26, vol.1/2013
- 2011 **Paper:** Informal but planned settlements -A case in Guayaquil , ICONDA, CIB library. Paper presented at the international conference Architecture in the Fourth Dimension, CIB. Boston
- 2011 **Seminar report** on capacity building for Bolivia, *Seminario Nacional de Políticas de Vivienda . La capacitación habitacional y su rol –Guía para la Capacitación Socio Habitacional en Bolivia*. HDM, Lund University
(Content and Layout)
- 2010 **Comprehensive report** of the 15 years activities and outputs of the capacity programme PROMESHA – *Programa de capacitación para el Mejoramiento Socio Habitacional*, HDM, Lund University
(Content and Layout for the digital and for the hardcopy version)

Professional Affiliations and others

Member of Swedish Association of Architects / Sveriges Arkitekter
N-AERUS (Network Association of European Researchers on Urbanization in the South)

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Countries of Work Experience
Colombia, Denmark and Sweden

Countries of visited on Missions
Bolivia, Ecuador, Guatemala, Peru, Tanzania.

Languages

Spanish mother language

Danish second language

English fluent

Swedish(everyday language at work)

Soft ware skills:

AutoCAD, GIS, Quark X-press, Adobe graphic design programs as: Illustrator Photoshop, In design. Several
Web design programs.