

CURRICULUM VITAE

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EDUCATION

September 2009:

MSc Urban Management and Development

Institute for Housing and Urban Development Studies (IHS), Erasmus University, Rotterdam, Netherlands

Specialization courses: "Urban and Regional Development Strategies" and "Land Development Strategies and Future of Cities"

Achievements: Thesis published in the IHS Thesis Series 4, the selection of the best theses of the Urban Management and Development Master's Programme.

Research areas: Urban development, strategic urban and regional planning, land, housing, informal construction, regulatory and planning law.

July 2007:

Master of Architecture (MArch), Dipl.Eng.Arch.

Faculty of Architecture, University of Belgrade, Serbia

Achievements: Thesis selected among the best three theses at the Faculty of Architecture University of Belgrade for 2007.

Research areas: Architecture and urban planning, with special focus on socially responsible architecture, social housing, informal construction, slums and urban poor.

EMPLOYMENT BACKGROUND

Since January 2012:

Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors (RICS), Disaster Management Commission

Assisting Commission Manager on projects related to disaster risk management, with a focus on urban planning, land use and construction regulations related to building the resilience of cities exposed to natural disasters.

Since May 2011:

Geoffrey Payne and Associates

Housing and Urban Development Consultants, London, UK

Associate on consultancy report writing and housing and urban development research in developing countries.

February 2011 – May 2011:

London School of Economics, Department of Management, London, UK

Research Assistant/Analyst on the SELUSI research on social entrepreneurship in Europe.

March 2010 – December 2010:

Urban Development Program

Housing and Urban Development Consultants, Belgrade, Serbia

Consultant on housing and urban development projects in Serbia and the Balkan region.

January 2010 – July 2010:

Faculty of Architecture, University of Belgrade, Serbia

Teaching Assistant at the Master course on improvement of public spaces through participatory urban planning and design, done in cooperation with Local Council of the Belgrade's district of Zvezdara and local residents groups.

March 2007 – October 2008:

UN HABITAT (United Nations Human Settlements Program)

Junior National Consultant at UN HABITAT SIRP, Settlement and Integration of Refugees Programme, aimed at re-establishment of social housing system in Serbia through local council's capacity building, formation of Local Housing Agencies and construction of 670 social housing units in seven cities – regional centers.

January 2008 – July 2008:

Faculty of Architecture, University of Belgrade, Serbia

Teaching Assistant on the final year Master's course on Roma (Gipsy) slums upgrading in Serbia and Italy. Course was organized in cooperation with TU Delft, Roma TRE University and KTH Stockholm School of Architecture.

September 2003 – March 2007:

PING PONG Architecture and Design Studio, Belgrade, Serbia

Architectural Assistant. Key duties included 2D and 3D drafting, design and construction site supervision.

OTHER:

December 2011:

Architectural Association, London

'Politics of Fabrication' Intermediate Unit – End of Term Jury member.

'Net Works' roundtable event: presented the 'School of Missing Studies' project and participated in panel discussion.

PUBLICATIONS:

Žerjav, B. 2011. Informal Construction, *Urban Report (2)*, [online] Available at: <http://www.urbanreport.ro/issues2.php?id_iss=2>

Mojović, Dj. & Žerjav, B. 2011. *Stanovanje pod zakup (Rental Housing)*, Beograd: Program za Urbani Razvoj.

Žerjav, B. 2010. Incorporating Informal Construction: Urban Planning in Belgrade and Proposals for Changes. In: IHS. *Thesis series 4, Master Urban Management and Development 2008-2009 UMD5*. Rotterdam: IHS.

TRAININGS:

February 2011:

SELUSI Interviewing and Data Collection Training,

SELUSI project, London School of Economics, UK.

May 2007:

UN HABITAT training cycle: 'Communication, Conflict Management and Negotiation',

UN HABITAT SIRP Programme, Belgrade, Serbia.

COMPUTER SKILLS:

Word processing: MS Office, OpenOffice; Spreadsheet: MS Office Excel, OpenOffice, SPSS
Presentation: MS Power Point, Apple Keynote; Publishing: Adobe InDesign, Adobe Photoshop, Adobe Illustrator;

LANGUAGES:

Serbian (native), English (fluent), French (basic)