

**Live Webinar**

**Urban Thinkers Campus Series 25: Female approaches to build climate resilience**

**Monday 21 June 2021 | 14h00 - 16h00 CET**



**Thomas Vonier**, UIA President, has worked on the challenges of urbanisation, conflict, insecurity and changing climate patterns. He makes regular media and conference appearances on matters related to the built environment. Based in Paris and Washington DC, Thomas Vonier works with public and private clients to secure industrial operations, hotels, universities and commercial facilities. He works with municipalities to improve urban security. A board-certified urban security professional, he led ground-breaking research for United States embassies and consulates, resulting in landmark recommendations to the US Secretary of State. He has lectured widely on architecture, and was a research affiliate with the Laboratory of Architecture and Planning at MIT.



**Christine Auclair** is currently Head of Advocacy and Campaigns at UN-Habitat in the External Relations, Strategy, Knowledge and Innovations Division. She leads the World Urban Campaign, a global coalition of public, private and civil society partners united to advocate on the positive role of cities around the World and to promote sustainable urbanisation policies, strategies and practices. She practiced architecture and planning in France until 1993 and joined UN-Habitat in 1994, working in urban policy analysis, urban indicators and monitoring in the Urban Indicators Programme (1994-1997) and at the Global Urban Observatory (1998-2005). Chief of the Private Sector Unit from 2007 to 2011, she has helped to engage the private sector as a key partner of UN-Habitat. She dedicated two years to climate action as Climate Change Planning Officer from 2018



**Istelianna Atanassova** is the Chair of the UIA International Women in Architecture (IWA) Committee as well as a UIA Council Member. She has realised architecture and urban planning projects in Bulgaria, Germany, Italy and Libya among others. She is deeply committed to the international work and has participated in various international organisations and UIA working bodies. Istelianna is actively involved in international forums and competitions for young architects. She is Founder and President of the Balkan Architecture Forum (BAF), a voluntary association of professional organisations and architects from the European Balkan countries. Istelianna Atanassova is also a member of the Governing Council of the Union of Architects in Bulgaria and an Honorary member of the Georgian Union of Architects.



**Mona Rady** is Chair of Habitat Professional Forum for the 2020-2022 term. She is a member of the Steering Committee of the UIA Sustainable Development Goals Commission and serves as Commissioner of the Africa Union of Architects (AUA) UN-Habitat and Environment Commission. She is also a Council member of the Board of the Society of Egyptian Architects (SEA). Director of her own firm Art & Architecture, founded in 2001 for planning and architecture focused on custom architecture and design for residential, cultural, corporate and academic buildings. Between 2010-2016 Mona completed her doctorate of philosophy (PhD) at Alexandria University in the Faculty of Fine Art, Architecture department on global cities and urban competitiveness. She has been active representative of Egypt in the AUA and the UIA since 2015.



**Pei Ing Tan** is the former president of the Malaysian Institute of Architects (Pertubuhan Akitek Malaysia - PAM) and former president of the Architects Regional Council Asia (ARCASIA), (Malaysia). Founder of her firm PI Architect, she has designed some of Malaysia's landmark buildings, including the IOI Mall in Puchong, the Marriott Hotel and IOI City Mall in Putrajaya and Le Meridien Hotel in Kuala Lumpur. She is also the founder of Malaysia's chapter of Architects for Humanity where she has made socially responsible architecture one of her key professional priorities and established a forum for people in need of access to design and housing services.



**Dominique Gauzin-Müller**, a French architect living in Stuttgart, is Honorary Professor of the UNESCO Chair "Earthen Architecture, Constructive Cultures and Sustainable Development" and lectures in several schools of architecture around the world. Author of 19 books and curator of several exhibitions on sustainable architecture and urban planning, she collaborates with many international magazines. She was editor-in-chief of the magazine EcologiK from 2007 to 2016. She is a member of the Compagnie des negawatts, a group of experts developing an energy transition strategy. In 2015/2016, she initiated and coordinated the TERRA Award, the first world prize for contemporary earth architecture and in 2018/2019 the FIBRA Award, first world prize for contemporary biobased architecture, whose finalists are highlighted in a book and a travelling exhibition.



**Anna Heringer**, architect and honorary professor of the UNESCO Chair of Earthen Architecture, Building Cultures, and Sustainable Development, is an advocate of the use of natural building materials and has been actively involved in development cooperation in Bangladesh since 1997. Studio Anna Heringer has realised projects in Asia, Africa and Europe. Anna lectures worldwide and has taught at various universities including Harvard and ETH Zurich. She received numerous honors: the OBEL Award 2020, the Global Award for Sustainable Architecture, Curry Stone Design Prize, the Femmes Architects Award 2020, the Loeb Fellowship at Harvard's GSD and a RIBA International Fellowship. Her work was widely published and exhibited in the MoMA New York, the V&A Museum in London and at the Venice Biennale among other places.



**Wei Yang**, President of the UK Royal Town Planning Institute for 2021, is a leader in researching, promoting and implementing the 21st Century Garden City approach worldwide. She is the Founder of Wei Yang & Partners, an award-winning master planning firm in London. Actively advocate of joined-up thinking between different professionals, Wei is a Fellow of Academy of Social Sciences, an Independent Trustee of the Landscape Institute, a board member of the British Library, and a Board Trustee of Milton Keynes City Discovery Centre. Wei is the Global Planners Network (GPN)'s representative at the Habitat Professionals Forum.



**Helena Sandman**, architect and partner at Hollmén Reuter Sandman Architects, creates harmonious and sustainable spaces that serve their users. She began her practice in Africa two decades ago and their work has been recognised worldwide and was presented in the main exhibition of the 2016 Venice Architecture Biennale, Reporting from the Front. The group has founded non-governmental organisation Ukumbi, to provide architectural services for communities in need. She is currently a visiting professor at Base Habitat, University of Art and Design, Linz, Austria and a founding partner of Leapfrog Projects – a global strategy and design consultancy focusing on ambitious sustainability initiatives. She defends her doctoral thesis in design, Empathy Matters: Architecture for the world's majority, at Aalto University, Finland 17 June 2021.



**Milena Ivkovic**, architect specialised in public space design and public participation, is the International Society of City and Regional Planners (ISOCARP) representative at the UN-Habitat Professional Forum. She has also served as ISOCARP's Director of Urban Planning Advisory Teams. Since 2011, she has worked as an independent urban design researcher for several European and international organisations. She is founder of BLOK 74 Urban Simulations / Urban Communications based in Rotterdam. The office develops digital tools for inclusive public space design and design communication.



**Loreto Lyon** is National Director of the School of Architects of Chile and Co-founder of BEALS LYON ARQUITECTOS, a practice distinguished by careful attention to local context, materials and details. She has taught at Cornell University AAP, the IUAV in Venice, Scola da Cidade in Sao Paulo, Universidad Católica de Peru, Universidad San Sebastian and currently teaches at Universidad Católica de Chile. Her firm received Plataforma Arquitectura's 2020 Building of the Year and the Oscar Niemeyer for Latin American Architecture (2020).



**Aliye P. Celik** has worked at the United Nations as the Chief of Economic and Social Council and Interorganisational Cooperation Branch, Office of ECOSOC Support and Coordination in the Department of Economic and Social Affairs, and earlier at UN-Habitat as the Director of the New York office and as human settlements officer in Nairobi. She is a Fulbright scholar and received a Special Citations (1997) and (2009) as well as an Award for Excellence (1970) from the American Institute of Architects, among others. She is the Past President of Soroptimist International New York City and the Consortium for Sustainable Urbanisation which she founded with three architects. She was United Cities and Local Governments' representative to the United Nations. Today she is Chair of the Board of the Consortium for Sustainable Urbanisation. She has written extensively on sustainable urbanisation, affordable housing, energy conservation and women and human settlements.



**Louise Cox** practiced architecture at McConnel Smith and Johnson (MSJ) starting in 1968, becoming a director in 1980 and leading the advancement of heritage and health care design through the delivery of many significant projects in Australia and Malaysia. She dedicated sixty years of service to profession through many organisations and government boards. After joining as a student member in 1963, from 1986 to 1996, she was highly involved in the Royal Australian Institute of Architects (RAIA), serving on numerous local and national committees. In 1996, she was a UIA Council member and was elected UIA President from 2008 to 2011. Her work on behalf of the UIA has encompassed key roles in the development of the Architectural Education and Validation documents with UNESCO, the UIA Education Policy Paper, the updating of the UIA XXth Century Heritage System with the French Ministry of Culture and Communications, with UNESCO on the Historic Urban Landscape Policy and with UN-HABITAT on the World Urban Campaign-WUC whilst chairing the Habitat Professionals Forum-HPF.



**Mugure Njendu** is the former President of the Architectural Association of Kenya and Business Development Manager at GAPL Kenya. She holds a Master's degree in Architecture from the Town and Suburb Planning University of Miami (USA) and has worked as a project manager, architect and urban planner with over 13 years of experience in the East African Real Estate industry. Mugure has been at the helm of several large-scale projects in Kenya, most notably, the planning of the Kenya Ports Authority Housing Scheme in Mombasa and the design of the Kenyatta University proposed postmodern library, among others. She has also served as the Chair of the Board of Practice and Ethics of the East African Institute of Architects. She is a mother of 2 firecrackers, a mentor and an avid STEM advocate and founding director of Little Einsteins East Africa.



**Iman Gawad** is Associate Professor of Architecture at the Department of Architecture, Faculty of Fine Arts, Helwan University, Cairo, Egypt. Currently Secretary General of the Union of Mediterranean Architects (UMAR) and a board member at the Society of Egyptian Architects (SEA). She has taught Architectural Design, History of Architecture, and Environmental Design courses in Egypt and abroad and is actively engaged in research and postgraduate supervision in Energy Efficiency and Sustainable Development. She has published in national and international journals and conferences, in addition to being a member of the Editorial Reviewing Committee for several Springer books, international awards, competitions and workshops.



**Danei Cesario** is an internationally licensed architect, project manager, and public speaker. Project Manager at Skidmore, Owings & Merrill (SOM), she oversees dynamic mixed-use development and healthcare projects. Her passion for architecture and advocacy has led Danei to champion design professionals, with a focus on healthcare, equity and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). An ambassador to organisations vested in equity, diversity and inclusion, including Beverly Willis Architecture Foundation, Stephen Lawrence Charitable Trust and nycobaNOMA Executive Board, she is dedicated to fostering mentorship, sponsorship and leadership within the design community. She founded WALLEN + daub to expand on these principles.

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