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Amos Brandeis

Architect Amos Brandeis is the owner and manager of an international urban and regional planning firm based in Israel. He is Ambassador of the International Riverfoundation (Australia) and former Chairman of Israel Planners Association (2006 - 2012).

His firm is involved in planning of many urban and regional plans on the international, national, regional and local level. Among them cities, city centers, urban renewal, neighborhoods, villages, sea-shores, ports, tourism complexes, rivers, schools, agricultural projects, etc. Amos Brandeis has been awarded over fifteen prizes in the course of his professional career and academic studies. Amos served as a planner, consultant, speaker and/or workshop leader in many countries over five continents.



Abdelwehab Alwahab

Abdelwehab A. Alwahab is a Faculty Member at the Urban and Regional Planning Center for Postgraduate Studies at the University of Baghdad since 1994. He has taught courses in subjects related to urban, environmental, infrastructure planning and engineering. Abdelwehab served as the Head of the Department of Environmental Planning at the Center, and Scientific Adviser of the Environmental group of Graduate students. He has provided consultation services to the Municipality of Baghdad, the Ministry of Municipalities, and acted as a consultant, and team member of master plan formulation to a number of Iraqi cities. He is a Founding Member of the Cyrus Institute of Knowledge (Cambridge).



Alexander Antonov

Alexander Antonov is an urban and regional planner in the Moscow Regional Urban Planning Scientific Research Institute. He worked out masterplans and zoning rules for more than 20 municipalities in Moscow region as a chief architect of the project. He currently works as part of the team responsible for the Spatial Development Scheme of the whole Moscow region.

Alexander was a co-founder of the Russian GIS Association in 1994, and a publisher and editor-in-chief of the first Russian GIS magazine "GIS-review". In 2010 he was one of the co-founders of the Russian Urban Planners Association (RUPA). Alexander's professional interests are participatory planning, GIS and Remote sensing data in urban planning, regional and urban spatial development strategies.



Nageeb Elhoweris

Mohamed Nageeb Suleiman Elhoweris is working as Associate Professor of Architecture and Planning in the Faculty of Architecture of the University of Khartoum (Sudan). Arch. M. Nageeb is an experienced Architect/Urban Planner, and an urban designer with more than 29 years of professional and senior management experience. From September 2009 he has been the Head of the Department of Planning and Urban Design.

Nageeb is a partner and principal of Badya & Al Estidama, a Khartoum-Sudan based private firm that specializes in urban planning, urban design, health, office and residential buildings. The office is known for a holistic design approach and has acquired many awards in architectural competitions.



Zeynep Gunay

Zeynep Gunay is an urban planner and associate professor at the Department of Urban and Regional Planning of Istanbul Technical University. She was a visiting lecturer in Bauhaus-Universität Weimar Institut für Europäische Urbanistik (2013). Her major areas of interest are urban conservation and urban regeneration/renewal theories and policies. Through her scholarly works, she questions the vicious relationship between culture vs development and conservation vs regeneration with reference to neoliberal planning agenda; and she explores sustainable heritage management methodologies. She was awarded with the Emerald Literati Outstanding Reviewer in 2012.



Lorraine Gonzalez

Lorraine Gonzales has worked in the land use planning profession for twenty years. Lorraine has experience in both urban and rural land use planning and has been a project manager and essential technical and advisory team member on significant projects, including a number of comprehensive and master plans for new urban areas, a ski resort community, and light rail transit oriented developments. Her experience in the governmental field involves constant coordination among government agencies on the local, regional, state, and federal levels. Lorraine is currently employed as Senior Planner for Clackamas County which is one of three urban counties in the greater Portland, Oregon metropolitan area.

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Martina Juvara

Martina is a leading master planner and urban designer with major international infrastructure and planning experience, particularly in Europe and the Mediterranean. Before leading URBAN Silence, a new consultancy focussed on masterplanning for prosperity, Martina led teams at SKM Colin Buchanan, Arup and Llewelyn Davies. She has recently completed the regeneration and development strategy for the centre of Nicosia and for the industrial area of SOPAZ (Cyprus) and has provided essential contribution to the master plan for the city of Damascus (Syria). Martina is committed to use infrastructure investment to increase people's well-being. She won the London Planning Award in 2003 for her strategy for Ilford town centre in east London.



Gabriel Pascariu

Since 1997 Gabriel has been teaching territorial and strategic planning, urban regeneration and other related issues at the Faculty of Urban Planning of "Ion Mincu" University. Since 2003 he has been coordinating the master programme for Territorial Planning and Regional Development. Gabriel is a member of the editorial board of the magazine "Urbanismul - new series", he published over 100 articles and is author or co-author of more than 15 published books and scientific reports. Since 2011 he is member of the Higher Board of the Romanian Register of Urban Planners and in 2013 was elected President of the Romanian Association of Urban Planners.



Marcela Villa Luna

Marcela Villa, architect and urbanist, is Coordinator of Urban Planning Academic Area at Ricardo Palma University's Faculty of Architecture and Urbanism, Lima, Peru. With over 30 years of experience Marcela works as urban planning and research consultant: urban disaster's prevention and mitigation, town reconstruction and environmental issues. Marcela is the co-founder of a planning and urban studies firm. Marcela's expertise in urban and regional planning has embraced coastal, tropical forest and highland regions.



Hongyang Wang

Hongyang Wang is a professor of urban planning and design at Nanjing University. He researches and teaches planning philosophy and methodology, comprehensive planning, urbanization and urban-rural integration. He has been chair for preparing more than 40 plans, including regional, strategic and master plans for over ten major cities and regions/provinces in eastern, middle



Olusola Olufemi

Olusola is an Associate Professor of Urban and Regional Planning. Olusola has taught in the Departments of Geography, Urban and Regional Planning and Women Studies at various Universities in Nigeria, South Africa and Canada. She was a member of the Gender Inclusive and Housing Policy Working Group, at St John's University, Canada, and was a visiting professor in 2013 at the University of Ibadan, Nigeria. Olusola was the first coordinator of Women in Planning Network of the Commonwealth Association of Planners. She has been published in peer-reviewed journals, encyclopedia, and books. Her areas of interests include: Urban and Regional Planning, Housing, Homelessness, Gender and Food Security.



Guy Perry

Guy Perry founded IN-VI in 2000 to develop best practices in transition markets. He works from the scale of a room to a region and focuses on the well-being of humans and their interface with the environment. He has planned and led the development of Europe's largest new district of the 21st century, Central Europe's largest urban regeneration and conceived new development patterns for urban extensions in Brazil and North Africa. His work has received the highest accolades from ISOCARP, ULI, FIABCI, the Bloomberg International Property Awards and the Architectural Review. Over the past few years, Guy has fostered design and development studios at the University of Hong Kong, MIT and Harvard University.



Brigitte Schmelzer

Brigitte Schmelzer has a well-regarded reputation in the field of landscape architecture and urban design. She is working as a free consultant in interdisciplinary teams, and is teaching as a Professor at the Agrarian University of Stuttgart-Hohenheim and the Academy of Arts in Stuttgart. From 1982 -2007 she managed her own firm the Planungsgruppe LandschaftsArchitektur + Ökologie in Stuttgart. Her team reached a new professional standard in ecological survey, environmental assessment, mitigation projects, landscape- and city planning on all levels, design of open spaces, parks, interdisciplinary projects, and competitions.

and western China. Many of these plans were awarded planning prizes. As the Co-director of the Sino-French Centre for Urban, Regional and Planning Studies by Nanjing University and University Paris 12, he is active in international cooperation between Chinese and International planning communities of both academics and practitioners.