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Arturo Corpuz



Arturo G. Corpuz is Senior Vice President and member of the Management Committee of Ayala Land, Inc., a property developer based in the Philippines. He received his baccalaureate degree in Architecture from the University of the Philippines and his masteral and doctoral degrees in urban and regional planning from Cornell University, where he was a recipient of the American Planning Association-American Institute of Certified Planners Most Outstanding Student Award, a Cornell Sage Graduate Fellowship, and a John D and Catherine T MacArthur Foundation Fellowship. Dr. Corpuz also served as Lecturer at the Department of City and Regional Planning of Cornell. He has also received an award from the Philippine Professional Regulations Commission as the Most Outstanding Environmental Planner, and from the University of the Philippines School of Urban and Regional Planning as Most Outstanding Teacher.

He is a former President of the Philippine Economic Society, and a Fellow of the Foundation for Economic Freedom and the Philippine Institute of Environmental Planning. Among others, Dr. Corpuz has served as Consultant and Adviser of the National Economic Development Authority of the Republic of the Philippines, the World Bank and the Asian Development Bank.

Ruurd Gietema



Ruurd Gietema is an urban planner. He has been a partner of KCAP since 2002. Ruurd studied Architecture and Urban Planning at the Technical University in Delft (TUD). KCAP is an international design studio for architecture and urban planning founded in 1989 by Kees Christiaanse. With KCAP Ruurd pioneered a multi-disciplinary approach to complex design issues. This is expressed in KCAP projects such as Rotterdam Wijnhaven Island, Hamburg Hafencity and Perm Strategic Masterplan. As urban planner and partner Ruurd has extensive experience in large-scale urban master planning and design of waterfront projects, and new urban districts. He also works on concepts and visions for large-scale planning issues that address urbanization, global warming, the needs of the emerging knowledge economy and infrastructure. Recent assignments include Bordeaux Brazza Nord (France), Rotterdam Stadionpark Rotterdam, San Sebastian Bay of Passaia (Spain), FredericiaC (Denmark) and Neo Brussels (Belgium). Ruurd is also responsible for a variety of KCAP projects in China.

Ruurd studied at TU Delft where he graduated in 2002 as urban planner. During his studies he worked for UN Studio, West 8 and MVRDV. Under supervision of Rem Koolhaas he worked on the 2002

development plan for the IJ banks in Amsterdam. During this time he was also involved collaboration known as Bindels/Gietema/Hartzema/Klok and was awarded the prestigious Maaskant Prize for Young Architects in 2000. In KCAP, together with partners and directors Kees Christiaanse, Han van den Born, Irma van Oort and Ute Schneider, Ruurd holds responsibility for KCAP design direction. Ruurd joined KCAP in 1996, forms part of the management team since 1999 and became partner in 2002.

Ruurd has teaching experience in many institutes and universities. He lectures widely, is often involved in design competition jury's and has co-authored a number of books and articles.

Han van den Born



Han van den Born, born 1958 in Huizen (Netherlands), studied architecture at the TU Delft and graduated in 1987 with honorable mention. During his studies he worked at the Chlimintzas office in Delft. After graduation he joined the Office for Metropolitan Architecture (OMA) in Rotterdam. In 1989 he received a start scholarship from The Netherlands Foundation for Visual Arts, Design and Architecture. Han van den Born has been working at KCAP since 1989 and became a partner in 1998. Han works on a broad range of architectural and urban projects in the Netherlands and throughout Europe.

Han van den Born is frequently invited for lectures and presentations and is involved in various Dutch educational institutes. He is member of the Architectenplatform in Rotterdam and the advisory board of AIR foundation, Rotterdam's architects centre, the BNA Klankbordgroep Verstedelijking (Advisory Group City Development) and he was member of the EDBR Creative (Economical Development Board Rotterdam) and the Welstandscommissie (Aesthetic Value Commission) Rotterdam.

Bart Goldhoorn



Bart Goldhoorn graduated in 1989 from the faculty of Architecture of the TU Delft. After a few years of working as a practicing architect he went to Russia with a grant of the Dutch Ministry of Culture. In 1995 he founded the journal PROJECT RUSSIA - a bilingual magazine on Russian architecture, urbanism and design, followed by PROJECT International - a Russian language journal on foreign developments in the field and PROJECT BALTIA - a regional architectural journal published in St Petersburg.

In 2008 he founded the Moscow Architecture Biennale and he has been the Biennale curator since then. In 2009 he was invited to be one of the curators for the International Architecture Biennale Rotterdam. In the framework of the IABR he developed the Block City principle that has consequently been the subject of an international competition and a number of exhibitions in Copenhagen, Prague, Tallinn, Riga, Prague and Moscow. Goldhoorn has published and lectured extensively on developments in Russia and on the Block City concept. Currently, Goldhoorn is working as an advisor to the Moscow Masterplan Institute in the framework of the planning of the Moscow agglomeration.

Yan Huang



Yan Huang, the Director General of Beijing Urban Planning Commission, graduated from the Architecture Department, Southeast University, China in 1986. She spent two years in Graduate Center of Human Settlement at the Katholiec Universiteit Leuven in Belgium from 1992 to 1994, and got her master degree. During the period from 1998 to 2000, as a senior visiting scholar, Yan Huang had her short term researches at Economic Management Department / University of Illinois, and the Urban Planning Department / University of Cincinnati, USA. From 2003 to 2004, as a Loeb Fellow, she spent a year in GSD, Harvard University, and co-scholar in Lincoln Institute of Land Policy.

Yan Huang has worked as a city planner for the city of Beijing for over 25 years. As deputy director of the Beijing Municipal Urban Planning Commission from 2000 to 2007, she was also responsible for Olympic venue planning and design for the Games and post Game use as the Deputy Director of the Olympic Venue Development Coordination Commission. Since 2007, Yan Huang has been serving as the Director General of the Beijing Urban Planning Commission, taking the full responsibility for urban planning affairs of the city of Beijing. Over the next 10 to 20 years, Beijing will be still experiencing a peak in urban development, but this should be in a new sustainable development model. Yan Huang, with her team of the planning authority, will continually search meaningful solutions to the various problems under the development and transformation of the city of Beijing.

Johann Jessen



Johann Jessen is Professor for Local and Regional Planning at the Department of Architecture and Urban Planning of the University of Stuttgart (Germany) since 1992. He is head of the subdivision “Local and regional Planning” at the Institute of Urban Planning and Design. He got his diploma degree in Architecture and Urban Planning from the University of Darmstadt (1975) and his PhD at the University of Oldenburg (1981), where he also started his career as an urban researcher. His research activities focus on comparative studies in an European scale. He is author and co-author of several books on urban planning and urban policy. Main fields of research interests are changes in urban and regional governance, urban regeneration and housing. Prof. Jessen is member of the German Academy for Urban and Regional Spatial Planning (DASL) and of the Academy for Spatial Research and Planning (ARL). He was Visiting Professor at Virginia Tech in Summer 2008. Latest book publication: J. Jessen (with U. Meyer and J. Schneider): stadtmachen.eu. Urbanity and Planning culture in Europe. Stuttgart/ Zurich 2008.

Nadezhda B. Kosareva



Nadezhda B. Kosareva has been the President of the Institute for Urban Economics since its foundation in 1995. The institute is an independent think tank with a mission to provide analysis and assistance to cities and regions in social and economic development. Earlier she worked as a researcher at the Institute for National Economic Forecasting of the Russian Academy of Sciences. Nadezhda B. Kosareva is a professional expert in housing policy, housing finance, real estate market development, local governance, and urban socio-economic development.

Nadezhda B. Kosareva participated in drafting a considerable number of legislative and other regulatory documents on housing policy, real estate market development and local governance, including the Housing Code, Town Planning Code and Land Code of the Russian Federation.

Nadezhda B. Kosareva is a member of the Expert Council under the RF Government Commission for Enhancing Sustainability of Russian Economy, a member of the Interagency Working Group for Implementation of the Priority National Project “Affordable and Comfortable Housing to Russian Citizens” established under the RF President Council on Priority National Projects Implementation and Demographic Policy, a member of the Collegiate Board under the Ministry for Regional Development of the Russian Federation, and a member of the Public Council under the Ministry for Regional Development of the Russian Federation, a member of the Public Council under the Federal Service of State Registration, Cadastre and Cartography (“Rosreestr”).

Nadezhda B. Kosareva is an author of numerous publications on various aspects of the housing sector reform in Russia.

Kavas Kapadia



Kavas Kapadia was educated in the School of Planning and Architecture (SPA) Delhi, one of the leading educational institution of India. Graduated as an Architect in 1969 and completed Post Graduation in Town & Country Planning in 1971. Professional experience as an Architect in Nigeria, Iran and a brief stint in Singapore besides working in India. Joined the Department of Urban Planning at SPA in 1981. He has been since involved in Planning and Architecture educate in India while developing his interest in Urban Planning. He has taught related courses in several universities, been on selection committees and juries and served as Head of the Department and the Dean of Studies of the SPA.

Prof Kapadia has written and presented papers in India and abroad, on the theme of sustainability, urbanization, water and its cultural implications in poverty reduction in urban areas. He has worked on several groups on behalf of SPA both in actual consultancy of architecture and planning in India and collaborated with agencies abroad such as the Park Services of the US, the University of Cologne, Germany (on mega city project) the University of Kyoto (on Mumbai Disaster Mitigation) and study of the slums of Dharavi.

He has been involved extensively in the process of advising the government and the professional institutions on the issue of planning education and establish an interface between education and profession. He has been advisor to the institutions such as the All India council for technical education, Council of Architecture, Indian Institute of town planners, National Capital Region board and many private organizations dealing with planning.

Kavas Kapadia has also been associated with PARZOR foundation to document the heritage of Parsee-Zoroastrian culture a project initiated by UNESCO and in this connection presented papers in the world water forum at Kyoto and Salisbury UK, alliance of Religious Conservation, again in the field of water and culture. He is currently the Head of the Department of Urban Planning and Regional Planning and working also as an advisor to DDA on the 'Master Plan Delhi 2021' on how to get people to participate in urban planning. Also a special cell to study planning for disaster mitigation in Urban Areas is being set up under his guidance in the SPA.

He became a member of ISOCARP in 2002 and has since presented papers in the Istanbul and Porto Congresses.

Dominique Lancrenon



Dominique Lancrenon is the President of the European Council of Spatial Planners (ECTP) and Honorary President of Société Française des Urbanistes.

She was elected member of the ECTP-CEU EXCO in 2008. She chaired the workshop on recognition qualification of European Spatial Planners. She was elected Vice-President 2010-2011; together with President Joao Teixeira she initiated the DECADE of PLANNING 2010-2020.

For 25 years she has been managing a team of experts in territorial cohesion, housing and facilities, urban planning and design and works with cities, regions, and estate companies.

She develops GéoStratège TM, a GIS tool, which allows the evaluation and decision help crossing further data bases at different scales from wide territories to narrow areas.

Naison Mutizwa-Mangiza



Naison Mutizwa-Mangiza is Head of the Policy and Strategic Planning Unit in the Office of the Executive Director of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat), located in Nairobi, Kenya. He is also currently UN-Habitat's Acting Chief of Staff. He was previously Chief of the Policy Analysis Branch and Editor of UN-Habitat's Global Report on Human Settlements. A Zimbabwean national, Naison holds an MA in Geography and a PhD in Land Economy from the University of Cambridge, UK.

Before joining UN-Habitat in 1991, he was a Professor in the Department of Rural and Urban Planning at the University of Zimbabwe and was the founding Chairman of the Department. He was also Chairman of Zimbabwe's Urban Development Corporation (UDCORP) from 1989 to 1991. In 2009, he

was awarded honorary membership of the Royal Town Planning Institute (UK) in recognition of his contribution to urban research.

Tomasz Ossowicz



Urban Planner; Professor at the Department of Architecture, Wrocław University of Technology (Division of Spatial Planning). Master's Degree in Architecture in 1976; Doctorate in Urban Planning in 1986, Postdoctoral Degree in Urban Planning in 2004. 1999-present, Director of Wrocław Development Office and Chief Urban Designer of City of Wrocław (population 640 000+). Professional specializations: urban planning, computer simulation of spatial development and transportation, strategic planning, urban management. Head Designer of many urban plans in Poland and research studies. Involved in a series of urban projects in Wrocław. One of the founders and creators of Spatial Planning, a unique and original academic specialization now taught at many universities in Poland. Member of many planning councils in Poland.

Alain Thierstein



Prof. Dr. oec. Alain Thierstein, is a full professor for spatial and territorial development at the Munich University of Technology, department of architecture. He at the same time is senior consultant and partner with Ernst Basler Partners Ltd., Zurich, a private engineering and planning consultancy. He holds a Ph.D. in Economics and a master degree in Economics and Business Administration from the University of St.Gallen.

Current research interests include impact of the knowledge economy on urban and mega-city regions development, sustainable regional development, innovation and regional policy as well as policy evaluation.

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Olga Vendina



Olga Vendina is a senior research scientist at the Institute of Geography of the Russian Academy of Sciences, Moscow.

Nicholas You



Nicholas You serves as the chairman of the Assurance Group for Urban Infrastructure of the World Business Council for Sustainable Development and of the UN World Urban Campaign Steering Committee. He is also the Executive Director of the Global Ecological Security Council and a board member of the African Medical and Research Foundation. He regularly advises governments, cities, civil society organisations and leading technology companies on urban development policies and strategies worldwide.

Prior to his current positions, he served as the Senior Policy Advisor to the United Nations Human Settlements Programme where he helped establish over a span of 20 years municipal leadership development and knowledge management programs focusing on service delivery, financial management, local economic development and environmental planning and management.

In 1994 he joined the Secretariat for the Habitat II Conference which resulted in 1996 in the Habitat Agenda - the global plan of action for sustainable human settlement development. As a follow-up to the Conference, he established the Best Practices and Local Leadership Programme, a global knowledge network dedicated to the transfer of lessons learned from best practices in improving the living environment.

He is the author/editor of numerous books and articles on housing, urban management and sustainable development. Since 2000 he has been a visiting professor at the University Federico II in Naples. In 2004 he was commissioned by the Universal Forum on Cultures (Barcelona) to serve as the curator and chief designer of a major exhibition entitled the “Best Practices City and Water Exhibit” - a flagship exhibit of the 141-day Forum. He also initiated, in 2004, the “Messengers of Truth Project” that uses the power of urban art forms and music to bring together performing artists, community leaders, and music and entertainment industries to empower disenfranchised urban youth to improve their livelihoods.