CURRICULUM VITAE

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EDUCATION

2012 - 2013	**Master of Advanced Studies, Urban Design** Swiss Federal Institute of Technology (ETH), Zürich, Switzerland Design Thesis : 'Charged Voids', Urban Intervention, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
2004 -2009	**Bachelor of Architecture** D.C. Patel School of Architecture, A.P.I.E.D., Vallabh Vidyanagar, Gujarat, India Design Thesis: Retracing Le Corbusier's footsteps on Architecture, Cultural Centre at Mohali, Chandigarh.
2004	**All- India Senior Secondary School Certificate Examination,**
2002	**All- India Secondary School Certificate Examination,** Central Board of School Education, Maharaja Agrasen Vidyalya, Ahmedabad

LANGUAGES

English	Proficient (Medium of education instruction)
German	Intermediate (B1 certification from Goethe Institute)
Hindi	Mother tongue
French	Beginner (A2, DELF)

COMPUTER SKILLS

ArcGIS, ERDAS Imagine, Stata, SPSS, Adobe Captivate, Autodesk Autocad, Adobe Graphic Suite, Adobe Premier, Rhinoceros, Google Sketchup, Blender, V-Ray Render, Microsoft Office.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

MAR 2018 - AUG 2020	**Teaching Assistant, MAS ETH Housing** Swiss Federal Institute of Technology (ETH), Zürich, Switzerland (duyne@arch.ethz.ch), Assisted courses on Housing in the Global South, Cooperative Housing in Zurich, and guided several student dissertations.
JAN 2017 - AUG 2017	**'Reading the City' Seminar, Sushant School of Architecture** Gurgaon (www.ansaluniversity.edu.in/sushant-school-of-art-and-architecture, nidhidandona@ansaluniversity.edu.in), Leader of reading group on critical literature on cities, editor and mentor for student research papers.
AUG 2016 - AUG 2017	**Studio Instructor & Lecturer on Digital Skills for Participatory Planning,** **School of Planning and Architecture** New Delhi (www.spa.ac.in, spaurbandesign@gmail.com), Studio on Redevelopment of inner city areas, Advanced tools, Introduction to ArcCollector, GeoJournalism, mapping using Smartphones.
AUG 2016 - AUG 2017	**Introduction to Social Design, The Design Village** NOIDA (www.thedesignvillage.org, lolita@thedesignvillage.org), Studio Instructor, Concepts of Space making, Discovering micro-spaces, Mentoring Thesis Projects.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

AUG 2016 - SEP 2016	**India Smart Cities Challenge Evaluation, Stage II, LSE Cities** New Delhi (J.King7@lse.ac.uk), Conducting interviews with public officials, civil society people and consultants about the transformation in urban policies in India.
AUG 2015 - AUG 2016	**Urbanxchanger, Alfred Herrhausen Society** Berlin, New Delhi, Sao Paulo, Cape Town & Mexico City (http://urbanxchanger.com/, ute.weiland@db.com), Content generation, publication, exhibition and development of pedagogical tools.
OCT 2015 - MAR 2016	**Researcher, Future Cities Lab** Singapore (www.fcl.ethz.ch) Analysis of complex urban networks that exist outside the framework of cities using Remote Sensing, GIS and field work methods. Academic writing and Literature Reviews.
MAR 2015 - SEP 2015	**Researcher, Bloomberg Philanthropies India** New Delhi (pshankar@bloombergcities.org), 'India Smart Cities Challenge', Bloomberg Philanthropies - Design and content for newsletters, applications and data research.
APR 2015 - DEC 2014	**Researcher, Urban Age Award** New Delhi (https://lsecities.net/ua/award/, ute.weiland@db.com), Researched on socio-spatial issues and mapping grassroots initiatives in Delhi; designed and organised various aspects of the Award for the LSE Cities Program and the Alfred Herrhausen Society.
DEC 2008 - APR 2009	**Researcher and Editor, Research & Documentation Cell,** Arvind Bhai Patel Institute of Environmental Design, Vallabh Vidyanagar Editor for APIED Newsletter titled 'Madhyam'; Monograph, works of Suryakant Patel; Monograph on Architectural Futures elective & Design of Posters and Brief Bulletins for Academic Programmes; Paper presentation on the works of Peter Zumthor

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

JUN 2015 - OCT 2015	**Urban Planner, Better Streets Program, Centre for Green Mobility** Ahmedabad, India (www.centreforgreenmobility.org, india@cgm.org.in) 'Better Streets', Centre for Green Mobility - Design and advocacy for Public Bike Sharing program and Bicycle lanes in Delhi.
NOV 2013 - MAY 2014	**Urban Designer & Planner at SPA Design Ltd.,** New Delhi, India (www.spadesign.co.in, spa.architects@gmail.com) Master Planning and Conceptualisation of Supertech University; ITC Mixed Use Development; Research Headquarters for Michelin Tyres
OCT 2009 - AUG 2012	**Senior Architect at J&A Architects,** Ebene, Mauritius (projects@jna-arch.com) Design Development and Project Management for Office building for Airports Mauritius Ltd.; Multipurpose Facility, Antananarivo, Madagascar; Hennessey Tower, Port Louis, Mauritius; Extension of SICOM Ltd., Port Louis, Mauritius and Auditorium and Multi-activity Centre for Pennial Christian society.
MAY 2006 - DEC 2006	**Architect Trainee, Arun Rewal Associates,** Nizamuddin West, New Delhi. (arewal@hotmail.com) Design Development for Caparo convention centre, Noida; Computer Centre, IIT, Mumbai.

RESEARCH

My research to date has been in three overlapping areas. These are sociological research on grassroots community initiatives and interventions, research on urban processes in extended urban areas and global knowledge transfer. As a part of the MAS Urban Design program at ETH Zurich, my research on the *Minha Cassa, Nossa Cidade* mass housing program in Rio de Janeiro and the study of popular architecture from Brazil, the *Arquitetura Popular Brasileira* was published through the book My Home, My City (*Minha Cassa, Nossa Cidade!*) and exhibited at the Studio X in Rio de Janeiro and at the Sao Paolo Architecture Biennale. The research mobilised a much needed debate around the nature of mass housing in Brazil. Through managing the Urban Age Award in 2014 and producing a mapping and archive of grassroots urban initiatives in Delhi, I created a unique database on bottom-up resilience in the city. This was published as a report, Deutsche Bank Urban Age Award 2014 Delhi and later developed into the 'Urbanxchanger' project through which a global knowledge transfer was experimented between the south-south and the north-south contexts. Through the project, teams of urban practitioners from Delhi, Sao Paolo, Mexico City, Cape Town and Berlin worked on community initiatives in these cities. The knowledge from the project was shared through public discussions in Berlin and Delhi and published as a book 'Urbanxchanger: Co-designing the City', it was also exhibited at the LSE Cities special pavilion at the Venice Biennale 2016. I have parallelly been working with the NGO, CURE in the peri-urban communities of Delhi, doing applied research through skill based livelihood development. In 2015, I conducted research on extended urbanisation in Asian cities through my work at the Future Cities Lab and teaching at the School of Planning and Architecture in Delhi. Through my work, I have been experimenting with participatory GIS platforms and how these can be used to study Circular Urbanisation in Delhi's extended urban region.

PAPERS & PUBLICATIONS

Bathla, Nitin, and Klearjos Eduardo Papanicolaou. 2021. "Reframing the Contested City through Ethnographic Film: Beyond the Expository on Housing and the Urban." International Journal of Housing Policy 0(0):1–16. doi: 10.1080/19491247.2021.1886028.

Bathla, Nitin, and Klearjos Eduardo Papanicolaou. 2020. Not Just Roads. ETH Zurich.

Bathla, Nitin, and Sumedha Garg. 2020. "Drawing as Counter- Cartography: Reflections from a Socially-Engaged Art Project." OASE - Journal for Architecture 107(The drawing in landscape architecture and urbanism):50–55.

Bathla, Nitin. 2020a. "AMO / Rem Koolhaas(Ed.) 2020: Countryside: A Report. Cologne: Taschen." International Journal of Urban and Regional Research 44(5):945–46. doi: 10.1111/1468-2427.12960.

Bathla, Nitin. 2020b. "Complexities and Contradictions in Forensic Architecture." TRANS 36(Spannung):103–8.

Bathla, Nitin. 2020c. "Decentring the Open City: Examining Openness at the Agrarian-Urban Frontiers in India." TRIALOG- A Journal for Planning and Building in a Global Context (135):15–19.

Bathla, Nitin. 2020d. "Housing the Migrant Worker." The Indian Express, May 16.

Bathla, Nitin, and Mukta Naik. 2020. "By Sealing Delhi NCR Borders, Covid Has Ended Fluidity between Where Labourers Live and Work." The Print, May 25.

Bathla, Nitin. 2019a. "Book Review: Suburban Planet: Making the World Urban from the Outside In." Urban Studies 0042098019836051. doi: 10.1177/0042098019836051.

Bathla, Nitin. 2019b. "The Metabolism of Tenement Towns on a Planet of Fast Fashion." OASE - Journal for Architecture 104(The Urban Household of Metabolism):50–55.

Bathla, Nitin. 2018. "Zomias of Reality." Pp. 103–9 in trans 33. Reality. Zürich: gta Verlag.

Nitin Bathla, Metaxia Markaki, Martin Dumont, and Alexander Daxbock. 2016. "The Architecture of the Grid." Pp. 96–100 in Planetary Urbanism - The Transformative Power of Cities, edited by Anna Aichinger, Sabine Kraft, and Zhen Zhang. Aachen: ARCH+.

Nitin Bathla. 2016. "Sutradhar : The Emergent Social Designer." Pp. 102–5 in Co-Designing the City : Architecture + Informal Intelligence, edited by Edwin Heathcoat, Marcos Rosa, and Ute Weiland. Berlin.

AWARDS & SCHOLARSHIPS

2020	SNSF Doctoral Mobility Fellowship
2019	KHOJ Socially Engaged Art Grant 2019-2020
2017	Swiss Excellence Scholarship
2017	UNLEASH fellow for 2017, Denmark
2012	Winner, design competition for Airports of Mauritius ltd. Office & VIP receptorium in Mauritius.
2008	Pidilite Award for best design on optimum space utilisation (Architectural studies).
2009	Gaurav Chinha Award for outstanding achievements and contribution by the Sardar Patel University .
2009	Panellist and presenter at the Prof. Kurla Varkey forum at CEPT University, Ahemdabad.
2007	Special mention, Reubens trophy at the Annual Nasa Convention, Manipal.

CONFERENCES & EXHIBITIONS

2019	RC 21 ,Delhi
2019	American Association of Geographers, Washington D.C.
2019	BRICS conference on Land Transformations - Oxford University
2019	Historical Perspectives on Urban Infrastructures, UCL London
2018	Open City Forum, Berlin
2017	IIHS Urban Arc, Bangalore
2015	20 under 35, Annual exhibition by Design X Design, Alliance Francaise, New Delhi
2013	Bineal de Sao Paulo, MCNC project
2013	Minha Casa, Nossa Cidade at Studio X, Rio de Janeiro.

VOLUNTEERING

2016	Community Architect at Going to School, Bihar
2015	Consulting Architect at Deepalya reading room, Sheikh Sarai.
2014-2015	Volunteer at DesignXDesign Forum, Delhi.
2014	Wall Artist for Delhi Street Art festival.
2013	Volunteer at Zurich Film Festival.
2013	Volunteer at Zurich Open Air Music festival.
2013	Volunteer for Urban Think Tank, Around the World in 80 Days documentary.
2006	Teacher at Each one Teach one, Education Initiative.

PROFESSIONAL TRAINING

Public Policy School, CPPR Kochi, Jan. 2017
GIS for Urban Professionals, IIHS Bangalore, Aug. 2015