



PERSONAL INFORMATION

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Date of birth	[25.09.1961]

WORK EXPERIENCE

- Dates (from – to)
- Name and address of employer
- Type of business or sector
- Occupation or position held
- Main activities and responsibilities

From 1999

id22: Institute for Creative Sustainability | www.id22.net

Institut für kreative Nachhaltigkeit | Marienburger Strasse 40, 10405 Berlin, Germany

Non-profit

Director

id22: is a transdisciplinary institution, creatively, practically and theoretically working with cultures of sustainable urban development, and on relationships between civil society, creativity and sustainability, involving architecture, urban and community development. Work locally, nationally and internationally on the research, networking and communication of sustainable development. Main fields include self-organized projects such as alternative housing, culture and open space initiatives.

Project development, administrative and financial management of the organization with its projects and networks. Conception and coordination of a wide range of projects including experimentcity, EXPERIMENTDAYS, WOHNPORTAL, and many others.

Representing the organisation in projects as well as conferences and various networks. Fund-raising. Membership development, communications and publicity. Coordination of initiatives, meetings and events.

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From November 1999 – July 2006

European Academy of the Urban Environment (**EA.UE**), Bismarckallee.46-48, 14193 Berlin, Germany www.eaue.de

European sustainable urban development

The Academy (EA.UE) was set up in 1992 by the Berlin Senate and the European Parliament, in order to facilitate both a transition towards sustainable development and cooperation between the capital cities of Central Europe as well as between other European cities.

Project Manager

Research and publication of European Best Practices regarding sustainable urban development. Coordination of Research and communication of results, especially with the SURBAN Database: Good Practice in Urban Development.

Consultant to the European Commission, supporting the Expert Working Group contracted to conduct research and develop proposals for the Thematic strategy on the urban environment, also regarding research and training needs, in the context of the European 6th Environment Action Programme.

- Dates (from – to)
 - Name and address of employer
 - From April 2007
 - Kunsthochschule Weißensee, School of Art, Berlin**
 - RaumStrategien / Space Strategies
 - Bühningstraße 20, 13086 Berlin, Germany, www.kh-berlin.de
 - Academic Institution, University**
 - Instructor**
 - Coordination of projects involving students in creative urban redesign and renewal, with the international Masters Study Space Strategies | RaumStrategien
 - Coordinating Public Lecture Series involving artists, art and interventions in public spaces.
 - Type of business or sector
 - Occupation or position held
 - Main activities and responsibilities
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- Dates (from – to)
 - Name and address of employer
 - From May 2008
 - Universität Lüneburg, Lüneburg, Germany,**
 - Academic Institution, University**
 - Mentor**
 - Offering practical insights and experiences regarding cultural sustainability to students.
 - Type of business or sector
 - Occupation or position held
 - Main activities and responsibilities
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- Dates (from – to)
 - Name and address of employer
 - From June 2008
 - Beuth (Technische) Fachhochschule Berlin, Technical University**
 - Summer Academy for architecture, reurbanization and sustainability
 - Luxemburger Straße 10, 13353 Berlin, Germany, www.summer-academy.architekten-tfh.de
 - Academic Institution, University**
 - Instructor**
 - Coordination of projects involving students in sustainable urban redesign and renewal, with the international summer academy for architecture, reurbanization and sustainability.
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 - Occupation or position held
 - Main activities and responsibilities
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- Dates (from – to)
 - Name and address of employer
 - From January 2006
 - Technische Universität Berlin, Technical University,**
 - International Urban Management Studies Program (HABITAT)
 - Sekr. A 53 Habitat Unit, Strasse des 17. Juni 152, 10623 Berlin, Germany
 - <http://www2.tu-berlin.de/fak6/urban-management/home.htm>
 - Academic Institution, University**
 - Instructor**
 - Teaching international students in the Masters Course regarding sustainable and cultural urban development strategies.
 - Type of business or sector
 - Occupation or position held
 - Main activities and responsibilities
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- Dates (from – to)
 - Name and address of employer
 - From April 2000 – March 2002
 - Technische Universität Berlin, Technical University,**
 - Institut für Stadt- und Regionalplanung / Institute for Urban and Regional Planning
 - Hardenbergstrasse 40A, (B-Gebäude), 10623 Berlin, Germany, <http://www2.tu-berlin.de/~isr/>
 - Academic Institution, University**
 - Instructor**
 - Teaching students regarding sustainable and cultural urban development strategies.
 - Coordination of projects involving students in community initiatives.
 - Type of business or sector
 - Occupation or position held
 - Main activities and responsibilities
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- Dates (from – to)
 - Name and address of employer
 - 2002
 - Freie Universität Berlin, Free University,** John F. Kennedy Institute for North American Studies, Lansstraße 7-9, 14195 Berlin, www.ifki.fu-berlin.de
 - Academic Institution, University**
 - Instructor**
 - Teaching students regarding sustainable and cultural urban development strategies. Comparing German and American strategies and perspectives.
 - Type of business or sector
 - Occupation or position held
 - Main activities and responsibilities

EDUCATION AND TRAINING

- Dates (from – to) From 1995 to 1999
- Name and type of organisation providing education and training **University of Washington, Seattle, Washington, USA**
- Principal subjects/occupational skills covered Urban Design and Planning, sustainable community development, public art, environmental studies, political science, history
- Title of qualification awarded **PhD in Urban Design and Planning (Interdisciplinary)**
- Dates (from – to) From 1991 to 1993
- Name and type of organisation providing education and training **Technical University Berlin**
- Principal subjects/occupational skills covered Urban Design and Planning, sustainable community development
- Title of qualification awarded **Masters in Urban Design and Planning (UW, Seattle)**
- Dates (from – to) From 1990 to 1995
- Name and type of organisation providing education and training **University of Washington, Seattle, Washington, USA**
- Principal subjects/occupational skills covered Urban Design and Planning, sustainable community development
- Title of qualification awarded **Masters in Urban Design and Planning**
- Dates (from – to) From 1979 to 1984
- Name and type of organisation providing education and training **Washington State University**
- Principal subjects/occupational skills covered Art, Architecture (Fine Arts Scholarship, University Honors Program)
- Title of qualification awarded **Bachelor of Arts in Architecture / Bachelor of Science**
- Dates (from – to) From 1976 to June 1979
- Name and type of organisation providing education and training Oak Harbor High School, Oak Harbor, Washington, USA
- Principal subjects/occupational skills covered Literature, Art, Mathematics, Physics, Biology, Sports,
- Title of qualification awarded **High School Diploma**

PERSONAL SKILLS AND COMPETENCES

MOTHER TONGUE
OTHER LANGUAGES

- Reading skills
- Writing skills
- Verbal skills

**SOCIAL SKILLS
AND COMPETENCES**

**ORGANISATIONAL SKILLS
AND COMPETENCES**

**TECHNICAL SKILLS
AND COMPETENCES**

**OTHER
USEFUL INFORMATION**

English

German

excellent

excellent

excellent

Have been engaged since the 1980s in communicative and participatory initiatives, including cultural projects, cooperative housing and community development, academically, professionally as well as personally as a volunteer. Hardworking and idealistic, ability to speak with and understand all different kinds of people, interested in creative and communicative projects. Learn quickly and can adapt to varying and changing environments.

- People coordination skills acquired through decades of project management
- Project development abilities learned over years of organisational leadership.
- Analytical abilities from university, research experiences in the US and Germany.
- Ability to work between many different interest groups including government, business non-profit, and civil society.

- Extensive knowledge regarding cultural, social and technical urban development methods and approaches
- Skills regarding cultural and urban planning, as both academic and activist.
- Project management (management and organisational skills)
- Networking experiences
- Communications skills related to electronic and internet technologies as well as to printed publications

Selected recent presentations and lectures at conferences and events:

- Grüner Wohn- und Mietenkongress, Berlin. 13.03.2010. experimentcity: Initiative für eine Kultur der nachhaltigen Stadtentwicklung. <http://mietenkongress.gruene-berlin.de/?p=577>
- Grüne Jugend Berlin. Aktiventreffen. Wohnprojekte und Lösungsmöglichkeiten bei der Gentrifizierung in Berlin. 08.02.2010
- Save Berlin Fest09. Panel discussion. EXBERLINER. Stattbad Wedding. 14.11.2009. <http://saveberlin.blogspot.com/2009/11/program.html>
- Building Sustainable Communities. Themenabend in den Nordischen Botschaften in Berlin. Architektur als Impulsgeber gesellschaftlichen Wandels? Mit 3plusx in Kooperation mit der Königliche Dänische Botschaft in Berlin. 19. Oktober 2009.
- EXPERIMENTDAYS 09. 03./04.10.2009. Organisation. www.EXPERIMENTDAYS.de
- Marienburger Straße 40, Baugemeinschaft Berlin - ein Nest in der Großstadt, ard Ratgeber Bauen und Wohnen, mit Jörg E. Mayer, WDR 06.09.2009: WDR, Sonntag, den 06.09.2009 16:30 Uhr im Ersten. http://www.wdr.de/tv/ardbauen/sendungen/2009/september/090906_3.phtml
- Winter Camp, Amsterdam. 03. – 07. March, 2009. Institute for Network Cultures. Online Interview. <http://networkcultures.org/wpmu/wintercamp/videos/>
- Culture and Sustainable Development in European Cities. CCP Meeting, Avignon, France. 10 -12 July, 2008. Relais Culture Europe / French EU Presidency. 2008. <http://www.relais-culture-europe.org/10-12-juillet-CCP.1204.0.html>

- „Stadtteilarbeit am Gemeinschaftsküchentisch , Der Beitrag von Hausprojekten zu einer nachhaltigen Quartiersentwicklung“, with the August Bebel Institut, 2008
- Paris-Berlin, Culture and Sustainable Urban Development, with the Conseil d'Architecture, d'Urbanisme et de l'Environnement de Paris, in Paris, 2008
- Paris-Berlin, Culture and Sustainable Urban Development, with the Conseil d'Architecture, d'Urbanisme et de l'Environnement de Paris, in Berlin, 2007
- „Die Kunst das Morgen zu denken – Soziokultur und Nachhaltigkeit“, Stadt Nürnberg, Amt für Kultur und Freizeit, 2007

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LINKS FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

id22: Institut für kreative Nachhaltigkeit

www.id22.de | www.id22.net

EXPERIMENTDAYS

www.experimentdays.de

WOHNPORTAL

www.wohnportal-berlin.de

experimentcity

www.experimentcity.de | www.experimentcity.net

Culture is it!

www.culture-is-it.de


bildungswerk-lokhalle


www.bildungswerk-lokhalle.de

blickwechsel

<http://blickwechsel09.de/>


Following is a selected list of publications:

 **experimentcity: cultivating + publicizing sustainable development of Berlin's Freiräume.** Chapter in the book *Insurgent Public Space* – Jeff Hou (ed.) University of Washington, Seattle, USA. 2010


 **Culture is it! – Kreativbündnisse für eine Kultur der Zukunftsfähigkeit.** (Creative Associations for a Culture of Sustainability). Chapter in the book *Regionale Kooperationen im Kulturbereich*, Patrick S. Föhl/Iken Neisener, FH Potsdam. 2009


 **_die MARIE: Marienburgerstraße 40. Rechtsform GbR: eine Baugemeinschaft in Berlin.**

Article in the publication, *Rechtsformen für Wohnprojekte*, Stiftung trias, Hattingen, Germany. 2009

 **EXPERIMENTCITY MEETS TREASURE HILL.** in *umelec*, an international contemporary art and culture magazine. 1 – 2008, BerlinTaipei Round Trip. For a review of the cooperation between id22 and OURs in Taipei regarding the Treasure Hill project. <http://www.divus.cz/umelec/en/frame.htm> 2008


 **A planet of cities.** On the International Internet site *World Changing*. For a review of creative sustainability in Berlin. <http://www.worldchanging.com/archives/006497.html> 2007

 **Experimental Homes.** In the *EXBERLINER*. The English-language paper for Berlin. For a review of projects related to experimentcity in Berlin. May, 2007


 **"Berliner Wohnkulturen: besetzen, besitzen, bestimmen"** with Robert Knobloch. *Bildungswerk-Berlin der Heinrich-Böll-Stiftung mit Mathias Heyden*. 2007

 **berlin: selbstorganisiert ! Kulturen der nachhaltigen Stadtentwicklung:** Wohnprojekte + Kreativzentren, Wirtschaft + Freiraum. With the Senate Department for Urban Development. Berlin. 2007

 **Thematic Strategy on the Urban Environment**, with the European Academy of the Urban Environment, the Working Group on URBAN ENVIRONMENT RESEARCH AND TRAINING NEEDS and the European Commission-DG Environment. 2004


 **„From Rio to Johannesburg and beyond: a long and winding road.“** with Dr. Edgar Göll. in *Local Environment- Special Issue: World Summit on Sustainable Development, Johannesburg*. August, 2002. Vol. 7, N. 3. pp. 317 - 324. 2002


 **„Hafen Tempelhof – Europäisches Modellprojekt“** Agenda 21 in den Bezirken: Bezirk Tempelhof-Schöneberg. in *Berliner Briefe*. Juni 2001. Heft 38. 2001


 **Hafen Tempelhof: Nutzungskonzept** von Studenten des Instituts für- Stadt und Regionalplanung. *ufafabrik Berlin*, TU Berlin. 2001

 **"Sustainable Communities: the potential for eco-neighborhoods"** Book Review. in *Local Environment*. 2000. Vol. 6, N. 1. pp. 98 - 99. 2000

 **ID WERKSTATT: Hafen Tempelhof und ufafabrik.** *ufafabrik Berlin*, LA 21 Bezirksamt Tempelhof, TU, Berlin. 2000

 **From Century 21 to Local Agenda 21: Sustainable Development and Local Urban Communities in East and West Berlin (Germany), and Seattle (United States).** Dissertation, University of Washington, Seattle. 1999

 **"Integrated Reconstruction of Communities: a culturally based approach to local development in Taiwan."** with Min-Jay Kang. in *Local Environment*. Vol. 3, N. 1. pp. 85 - 89. February 1998

 **"Sustainable Seattle: Nachhaltige Entwicklungen, Stadtplanung & Nachbarschaftsinitiativen."** in *Berliner Briefe*. Mai 1998. Nummer 7. p. 7. 1998

📖 **Local Agenda 21 and Ecological Urban Restructuring: a European Model Project in Leipzig.** Berlin: with Prof. Dr. Ekhart Hahn. Wissenschaftszentrum Berlin für Sozialforschung. 1997

📖 **Sustaining Fremont; Gutachten über Nachbarschafts-Zukunftsfähigkeit.** Seattle: University of Washington. 1996

📖 **Community and Sustainability: Rebuilding & Restructuring in Berlin, Germany. Planning for Sustainability in the Neighborhoods of Seattle.** Masters Thesis, UW. 1995

📖 **Cascade Neighborhood Sustainable Community Profile,** Gutachten über Nachbarschafts-Zukunftsfähigkeit. Seattle: University of Washington and Seattle Department of Neighborhoods. 1995

📖 **"UFA Fabrik," "Cooperative Transport: Berlin's STATAUTO (Instead of Auto)," and "Block 6: an integrated water concept in Berlin."** three separate articles in RAIN, US. Summer 1994. Vol. XIV, No. 4. 1994

📖 **"Green Reprisal."** in The Daily of the University of Washington, Seattle, US. Weekly Environmental Column. 1994

📖 **"From the Wall to the Neighborhood: Berlin, rushing in where a wall has been."** in RAIN, US. Spring 1993. Vol. XIV, No. 3. pp. 30 - 35. 1993

📖 **Ökologie Gutachten Potsdamer Platz,** mit Öko-Stadt & Prof. Dr. Ekhart Hahn in Berlin. 1993