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EDUARDO CASSINA & LIVA DUDAREVA | Spain & Lithuania | Metasitu

METASITU is a strategic urban consultancy and art collective founded by landscape architect Liva Dudareva (Latvia) and urban sociologist Eduardo Cassina (Spain). The duo was formed in early 2014. During this time, the group implemented projects in Palestine, Austria, Serbia, Russia, Greece, the United Arab Emirates. Before that, Liva had extensive studies in landscape architecture and almost three years of professional experience in one of the leading landscape architecture practices and Eduardo studied in England, Portugal, Netherlands and China, worked as researcher and designer of exhibitions in Guggenheim Museum in Venice and New York. Their expertise is contemporary and future urban challenges, which they address through the research-based practice. Born with the goal of expanding the discussions surrounding the inhabitation of the territory to different and wider audiences, at METASITU they look for means of storytelling that reveal urban investigation through different prisms. Their practice is highly mobile, relying on the transnational networks, virtual and physical, where they draw inspiration and fascination from, but also where they unfold our nomadic existence.



SERHIY GVOZDIOV | Ukraine | Kyiv School of Economics

Executive Professor at KSE, he is also the founder and consultant in project and operations management of Ukrainian Foundation for Management Development (Kyiv, Ukraine). Mr. Gvozdirov is a Faculty Member of Goldratt Schools and an Adjunct Professor at the Department of Organizational Development, St. Thomas University, Minneapolis, MT, USA. Introduced the Theory of Constraints (TOC) and Lean in Training and Consulting Projects in such companies as: DTEK (Donetsk Fuel-Energy Company), ZTR (Zaporozhie Transformers Plant), FFS (Fast Food Systems, trademarks "Pizza Chelentano" and "Potato House") etc.



MARIANA KUKHLEVSKA | Germany, Ukraine | GIZ

Mariana graduated from Leipzig University in 2013 with Master of Science in Urban Management. Worked since 2009 for the GIZ project «Municipal development and urban rehabilitation in Lviv». Also took part in other urban projects in Ukraine (Kyiv, Chernivtsi) and Germany (Berlin and Leipzig). 2015 did a contribution for the World Bank «Ukraine urbanization review» on shrinking and growing cities in Ukraine. Her main professional focus lies in the strategic urban development, participatory design and management of interdisciplinary networks. Currently working on the development of the deprived neighborhoods in Berlin metropolitan area.



CARLA COESTER | Switzerland | The Social Urban Development Department

Carla Coester is a Swiss civil servant and anthropologist. In 2012 she graduated from University of Bern and gained her master degree in Social Anthropology. For many years she has worked as a Personal Assistant to the Swiss Humanitarian Aid Unit Chief of Staff. Since 2014 she has been the Head of Staff of Social Urban Development Department. At the same time, Carla holds the position of staff employee at Social Center «Ausstellungsstrasse» in Zurich.



MIODRAG KUĆ | Germany | The Laboratory of Critical Urbanism (LCU)

Miodrag Kuć is an interdisciplinary artist and urban theorist trained as architect / urban planner in various cultural settings. His work explores the role of ephemeral structures in uncertain urban conditions and spatial appropriations of marginal social groups. He is founder of the studio ParaArtFormations which moves at the intersection of urban studies, performative-planning, artistic interventions and micro politics. Currently he works as project coordinator at ZKU - Zentrum für Kunst und Urbanistik (Centre for Art and Urbanistics) Berlin, exploring new ways of knowledge production through the lens of critical urban pedagogy.



MICHAEL ENGEL | Germany, Ukraine | GIZ

Michael is an architect from Dresden, Germany. He had been active in Romania since 2005, within several GIZ projects for urban and rural development. Since 2010, being director of the Heritas Foundation in Sibiu, Romania, he promoted aspects such as integrated development, careful rehabilitation and stakeholder participation. Working also as consultant in these domains, Michael's regional focus is Eastern Europe. In 2015 he has joined GIZ in Lviv, dealing predominantly with strengthening integrated urban development on local level, particularly at the Municipal Development and Rehabilitation of the Old City of Lviv.



PAUL MCCABE | Ireland | Hyper Island

He is occupied at two top design schools: Hyper Island (Stockholm, Sao Paulo, New York, London & Singapore) and The Strelka Institute Of Media Design & Architecture (Moscow), according to DOMUS Magazine rankings. He works mainly with leadership teams of Fortune 500 companies on transformation projects - helping them grow their business by better integrating digital into their practices and business models. Some recent projects he has been involved with include: Target (US Retailer), Mondelez, Unilever, P&G, General Mills (Packaged Goods), SVT, TV4, TV3 & CMORE, Dentsu, Leo Burnett & Publicis (Advertising Agencies), Google, Lego. Paul is a trained sociologist and facilitator.



STEFAN ROSCHI | Switzerland | The Social Urban Development Department

Stefan has a profound experience in social sector: among his educational achievements are Social Work Diploma, Non-Profit-Management Post Graduation, Master degree in Business Administration, etc. From 1989 he has gained positions in such diverse social work areas as Drug addicts, Shelter for Homeless, Integration of Refugees, Projects for Unemployed people for integration, counseling and job-service. Mr. Roschi even took various management positions in the Airline industry in private companies. Currently he is the head of the Social Center «Ausstellungsstrasse» in Zürich, Head of Social Urban Development Department, Member of the Board of Social Service in the City of Zürich.



KUBA SNOPEK | Poland | Online-school «Vector», Architectura Siodmego Dnia

Polish urbanist and researcher. He graduated from Wroclaw University of Technology and Strelka Institute for Media, Architecture and Design in Moscow. He specialises in Soviet mass housing, preservation of the intangible heritage and post-communist cities. He took part in a variety of architectural and urban projects and exhibitions, including Venice Biennale of Architecture. Over the last four years, Kuba has been tutoring educational programs at Strelka Institute and has been curating an online educational program "Vector". Kuba is an author of plenty of articles about urban planning and architecture.



THOMAS STELLMACH | Germany | TSPA

Leading German urbanist, who specializes in learning and exploring sustainable urban planning in an international context. Mr. Thomas is a founder of TSPA (Berlin), which works with strategic planning, urban development and design. Also he conducted design studios and lectured at Academie voor Bouwkunst in Rotterdam, Technische Universität Berlin, Tsinghua University in Beijing, UPC in Barcelona and Strelka Institute in Moscow.



VOLODYMYR VAKHITOV | Ukraine | Kyiv School of Economics

Mr. Vakhitov holds PhD from the University of Kentucky, he is an Assistant Professor at Kyiv School of Economics and Senior Researcher at Higher School of Economics (Moscow / St. Petersburg). Researcher of urban and regional economics, productivity of Ukrainian firms, regional development, spatial analysis. Volodymyr has also participated in numerous projects on regional development by USAID, Global Development Network, other international agencies, has been invited to teach agglomeration and spatial measurement methods at several summer schools, has used to work as a co-author of a background paper for the World Development Report by the World Bank. Active participant in international conferences and seminars.



HAN VAN DE WETERING | Netherlands | MSc Urbanism / architect SIA

He is an urbanist and architect, founder of the urban design studio "Van de Wetering Atelier für Städtebau" in Zurich. With his office he has won many prizes and competitions, especially for projects at highly complex, difficult sites with lots of conflicts and lack of space. He is a leading expert in developing integrated regional transport and urban development strategies, especially for small and mid-size cities. He lectures and publishes regularly. As an expert, he supports complex urban development projects for several European urban regions



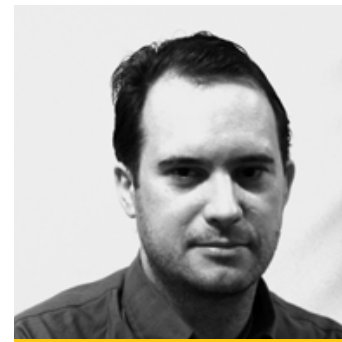
GÜNTHER ARBER | Switzerland | Stadt Zürich

Günther started his professional life with an apprenticeship and as a mechanic in the machine building industry. During his subsequent university studies in geography, social and economic history and cultural anthropology he focussed on urban topics. After a postgraduate degree in spatial planning at the Swiss Polytechnic University ETH in Zürich he worked for several years as a planner on the regional level. Today he is a head of the sociospatial unit and member of the board of the office for urban development in the mayor's department in Zürich. 2011 he added a postgraduate degree in Business Administration to his formation.



MARIEKE BERKERS | Rotterdam | Marieke Berkers

Marieke Berkers is an Architectural Historian (MA) based in the Netherlands. She's an academic researcher, writer and lecturer. Berkers is a member of the Editorial Board of Blauwe Kamer, magazine Landscape Architecture and Urban Design, and of the Dutch Yearbook Landscape Architecture and Urban Design. As a researcher she cooperated in teams of Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam: researching the infrastructural developments of airport region Schiphol, Amsterdam. As a result, the book Megastructure Schiphol was published. In commission of the University of Amsterdam and embedded at Mediamatic she conducted a research project about urban development by means of organic growth. Currently, she's working on a collection of essays on infrastructure and oil.



MICHAEL GENTILE | Finland, Sweden | University of Helsinki

Michael Gentile, Ph.D. Urban Geography (Swedish) teaches urban geography and research methods at the University of Helsinki. His main research interests include "post-communist" cities, migration, urban poverty and, most recently, geopolitical identities. Most of his recent publications are related to developments in Ukraine and particularly in the Donbas region.



MIRJAM NIEMEYER | Germany, Switzerland | heksinkizurich

Co-founder, Partner, CEO at helsinkizurich (Helsinki Zürich Office Ltd). Mirjam Niemeyer is a Designer, Researcher & Consultant working in the fields of Architecture, Urban Design and Planning. Research on the drivers and their urban development patterns in the zürcher Oberland. Mirjam is experienced at working in an international context, in the organization and management of teamwork, processes and events.



ANNA FELICIA VALDÉS | Sweden | Ustwo

With a background in Social Science, an education at Hyper Island and work experience of being a program manager at Hyper Island and now team coach at Ustwo - Anna Felicia's conviction is that collaboration between people is the way to ultimately create paradigm shift humanity needs to thrive on. Her latest experience at Ustwo has signified the uncompromisable importance of user-centred mindset and process when designing anything for anyone. This perspective is what Anna Felicia strongly believes is the key and she offers to share it with every creative mind.

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