

Roberto Rocco's Curriculum Vitae

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I am a scholar dedicated to exploring the intricate relationships between society, space, and the governance of the built environment. My research examines how state institutions, market actors, and civil society intersect in the planning, design, and regulation of urban space, both through formal mechanisms and informal practices. These questions are central to my academic practice at TU Delft's Department of Urbanism, where I teach and research spatial planning with a focus on public policy, governance, social sustainability and spatial justice.

At the heart of my work is a concern for how planning systems shape access to land, housing, infrastructure, and public goods, and how they either reinforce or challenge existing patterns of inequality. I argue that sound governance is indispensable for addressing urgent urban challenges, such as climate change, democratic erosion, environmental degradation, spatial inequality, and housing unaffordability. Spatial Justice, in its recognitional, procedural, and distributive dimensions, is a necessary guiding principle in this context. I therefore advocate for spatial justice as a critical framework for evaluating and designing planning policies and projects, with the goal of advancing just transitions toward more sustainable and equitable urban futures.

My current trajectory aims to consolidate the Spatial Justice research line, bridging European policy frameworks (UP2030, UfM) with doctoral education and capacity building through the Centre for the Just City. My long-term goal is to strengthen the role of spatial planning as a democratic, justice-oriented, and globally engaged framework for design and policymaking.

1. Experience

2019-PRESENT: ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF SPATIAL PLANNING & STRATEGY (1 fte).

EDUCATION_ Development, coordination, and communication of courses in governance, strategic regional and metropolitan planning, and design. Courses: ‘Research and Design Methodology for Urbanism’ offered in Q3, participation in BK6MA3 Beheer & (Her)Ontwikkeling, the AMS Institute MADE course ‘Metropolitan Innovators’, the European Master on Urbanism ‘Urban Region Networks’ EMU (now discontinued). I coordinated the Urbanism research and design graduation studio COMPLEX CITIES from 2008 to 2012.

GLOBAL OUTREACH_ Organising national and international events and courses. Key achievement: **the Centre for the Just City**, with Caroline Newton. Other achievements: **The Summer School Planning and Design for the Just City** (hosting c. 100 students per year since 2014) and **The Manifesto for the Just City** international workshop and book series.

RESEARCH QUALITY_ HORIZON PROJECT UP2030 Urban Planning and Design Ready for 2030, – Horizon Europe. Project funded under the Horizon Europe Climate-Neutral and Smart Cities Mission, which supports European cities in achieving their socio-technical transition goals toward climate neutrality by 2030. The project brings together a consortium of more than 40 partners—municipalities, research institutions, private actors, and citizen organisations—across Europe. As **Work Package Coordinator and member of the Steering Committee**, I am responsible for leading the development of the Spatial Justice Framework within UP2030, ensuring that climate-neutral transitions are implemented through inclusive, equitable, and democratic urban planning and design processes. This includes coordinating multidisciplinary teams in the creation of the **Spatial Justice Benchmarking Tool (SJBt)** and the Justice Readiness Level (JRL) framework, which allow cities to assess the social and spatial dimensions of their climate strategies.

IMPACT_ UNION FOR THE MEDITERRANEAN STRATEGIC URBAN DEVELOPMENT ACTION PLAN 2040 & HOUSING POLICY FRAMEWORK. Consultancy project developed in partnership with the Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs, drafting **the Union for the Mediterranean (UfM) Strategic Urban Development Action Plan 2040, as well as the Housing Policy Framework, adopted by UfM member states.** This initiative supports the UfM Urban Agenda, a long-term framework promoting inclusive, green, resilient, and just urban transitions across the Euro-Mediterranean region. I was the principal drafter, and my contribution focused on integrating spatial justice, governance, and public value perspectives into the policy framework, offering methodological tools to evaluate social and territorial equity within urban planning and investment programmes.

The work involved advising on policy coherence and benchmarking systems aligned with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and the New Urban Agenda, ensuring that the plan addresses the diverse socio-spatial realities of Mediterranean cities while fostering regional cooperation and mutual learning among member countries.

2008–2019: ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF SPATIAL PLANNING AND STRATEGY, TU Delft (0.8 FTE; 1.0 FTE from 2010 onward). Responsible for **curriculum development, course coordination, and research-led teaching** in the fields of strategic regional and metropolitan planning, governance, and spatial communication. In this role, I helped to shape the intellectual and pedagogical foundations of the Spatial Planning and Strategy section by integrating design thinking with governance and policy analysis, promoting a multidimensional understanding of planning as both a spatial and political practice.

My responsibilities included the design and coordination of MSc courses and a **studio focused on regional planning, strategic spatial development, and collaborative decision-making (Complex Cities), as well as mentoring MSc theses and supervising interdisciplinary projects.** During this period, I contributed to research and dissemination on spatial governance, metropolitan strategy, and planning education, establishing links between TU Delft and professional networks across Europe and Latin America.

2008-2010: POST-DOC RESEARCHER, UNIVERSITY OF HERTFORDSHIRE (0.2 fte, concurrent). Affiliated with the **Research into Practice Cluster** at the School of Creative Arts, Art and Design, under the leadership of Professor Michael Biggs and funded by the UK Research Council (AHRC). The project investigated the relationship between academic and practice-based research, exploring how design disciplines, such as architecture, urbanism, and the creative arts, generate, articulate, and validate knowledge through creative processes.

My work focused on the **methodological integration of research and design** within professional and academic settings, examining how reflexivity, iteration, and experimentation can form the basis of rigorous inquiry in spatial design.

This work helped **bridge theoretical and practical paradigms of knowledge production**, contributing to the early academisation of design education and supporting TU Delft's efforts to align design studios with international standards of research excellence. It also laid the conceptual foundations for later initiatives linking design, ethics, and public value in spatial planning and urban design education.

2004-2008: FUNDED PHD CANDIDATE, DEPARTMENT OF URBANISM, CHAIR TU DELFT. (1 fte). **An Urban Geography of Globalisation: New Urban Structures in the Age of Hyper-connectivity.** A study on the production of new polycentric urban forms resulting from international Advanced Producer Services location choices. Promotor: Prof. Jürgen Rosemann. Daily supervisors: Dr. Marisa Carmona, Dr. Paul Stouten.

2. Education

2004-2008: PHD, AN URBAN GEOGRAPHY OF GLOBALISATION: NEW URBAN STRUCTURES IN THE AGE OF HYPER-CONNECTIVITY.

Bouwkunde, Department of Urbanism, TU Delft. Supervisor: Prof. Jürgen Rosemann. Doctoral research exploring the spatial and socio-economic transformations of cities and regions under conditions of globalisation and digital hyper-connectivity, focusing on how new information technologies, network infrastructures, and mobility systems reshape urban form, governance, and territorial organisation. The dissertation examined the emergence of two polycentric metropolitan regions (the Randstad and São Paulo), where transnational corridors appear as key expressions of a new urban condition defined by flows of data, speculative capital, and APS. [Link](#).

2000-2002: MSC IN URBAN PLANNING, THE FARIA LIMA URBAN OPERATION: A STUDY ON A PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN STATE AND CAPITAL IN THE CITY OF SÃO PAULO DURING THE 1990S. **Faculty of Architecture and Urbanism, University of São Paulo, Brazil.** Thesis Supervisor: Prof. S. Schiffer.

1990-1996: BACHELOR IN ARCHITECTURE & URBANISM (5-YEAR BACHELOR/ NOT BOLOGNA) **Faculty of Architecture and Urbanism, University of São Paulo, Brazil.** Graduation Project Supervisor: Prof. V. Pallamin.

3. Leadership

2022-present: Co-founder and Co-director of the TU DELFT CENTRE FOR THE JUST CITY, together with Caroline Newton. (www.just-city.org) The Centre was established as an interdisciplinary platform for education, research, and public engagement around the themes of spatial justice, governance, and social sustainability. Since its inception, it has become a recognised reference point in international debates on how justice-oriented approaches can inform urban

planning, design, and policy. The Centre brings together scholars, practitioners, and communities from across the world through conferences, workshops, summer schools, and collaborative research, fostering dialogue on fairness, inclusion, and democracy in the built environment.

The Centre hosts the annual **Manifesto for the Just City workshop**, as well as **the Planning and Design for the Just City Summer School**. It supports the development of open-access educational materials, podcasts, and publications. Through partnerships with universities, civil society organisations, and international bodies such as UN-Habitat and the Union for the Mediterranean, as well as funded research projects, the Centre actively promotes the translation of spatial justice theory into actionable urban practices and policies.

2022–2023: AESOP WORKING GROUP ON DRAFTING A DECLARATION AND GUIDELINES FOR A CORE CURRICULUM IN EUROPEAN PLANNING EDUCATION. (Member of the working group.)_This includes contributing to **the formulation of shared learning objectives and competencies for accredited planning programmes across Europe**, aligning pedagogical frameworks with AESOP quality standards, and supporting the consultation process with member schools to harmonise educational outcomes while respecting national and institutional diversity.

2019–2022: LEADING DISCUSSIONS ON DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION, first within the Department of Urbanism and later at Faculty level as Diversity Officer (2020–2022)._This included organising several faculty-wide events and workshops on inclusive education and representation, establishing networks for underrepresented groups, and launching the Faculty Diversity & Inclusion Thesis Award to recognise outstanding graduation projects addressing equity, accessibility, and social justice in the built environment.

2016–present: LEADING THE DEBATE ON SPATIAL JUSTICE AS A FRAMEWORK FOR POLICY DESIGN AND ASSESSMENT, for which I am widely recognised._This includes the development of the Spatial Justice Benchmarking Tool for the Horizon Europe UP2030 project, supporting the Union for the Mediterranean’s Strategic Urban Development Plan and the Housing Policy Plan, as well as advancing theoretical and practical approaches to spatial justice through research, education, and policy advising. My work contributes to integrating justice-oriented indicators into urban planning processes and to strengthening the role of equity and inclusion in spatial governance across Europe and beyond.

2012–present: INTERNATIONALISATION AND GLOBAL OUTREACH, through the organisation of both in-person and online educational programmes that attract hundreds of participants from across the globe, fostering cross-cultural exchange and knowledge transfer in planning and urbanism. Leading engagement with international organisations such as UN-Habitat, the Union for the Mediterranean, AESOP, ANPUR, GPEAN, and others, contributing to global dialogues on spatial justice, public goods, and sustainable urban development. This work includes developing joint workshops, policy dialogues, and educational partnerships that connect TU Delft with academic and professional networks worldwide. It also involves close collaboration with the Delft Global Initiative, promoting equitable knowledge co-production and capacity building with partners in the Global South.

2008–present: VALUES IN DESIGN AND PLANNING EDUCATION & PRACTICE. Ongoing engagement with the ethical dimensions of spatial planning and design through teaching, research, and public debate. This work has resulted in the **co-edited book *Teaching Design for Values*** (TU Delft OPEN, with Amy Thomas and Maria Novas), numerous lectures and workshops on ethics for the built environment, and active contributions to faculty-wide discussions on responsible design, ethics, and engineering practice. It also includes curriculum development and the coordination of summer schools and courses that address justice, sustainability, and moral reasoning in spatial decision-making. Through the **Centre for the Just City** and in close collaboration with the **Delft Design for Values Institute**, this work promotes value-based education and critical reflection on the societal responsibilities of planners, designers, and engineers.

2008–present: ACADEMISATION OF PLANNING AND DESIGN EDUCATION. Actively contributed to strengthening the academic foundations of planning and design teaching at TU Delft through the development, coordination, and delivery of research and design methodology courses in the MSc Urbanism and MADE programmes. This work aimed to bridge scientific inquiry and design practice, helping students understand research as a creative, systematic, and ethical component of the design process. It also involved public lectures, workshops, and mentoring that promoted analytical rigour, critical reflection, and methodological transparency in design-based research. Through these initiatives, I helped shape a culture of evidence-informed and reflective design education at the Department of Urbanism, aligning studio-based learning with international academic standards and contemporary debates in spatial planning and urban theory.

4. Funded research projects (as main investigator/project leader)

2025–2028: RAAK-PRO PROJECT ENGAGED — THE EQUITY NEXUS OF GOVERNANCE, ADAPTATION PLANNING & DESIGN FOR URBAN CLIMATE RESILIENCE. Work Package 4 leader (Stakeholder Engagement) and member of the consortium. Co-funded by Regieorgaan SIA, part of the Netherlands Organisation for Scientific Research (NWO). Three case study cities: Amsterdam, Utrecht, Capelle aan den IJssel. <https://just-city.org/engaged/> With Stephanie Erwin (AUAS, project lead), and partners at Utrecht University, Rotterdam UAS, Deltares, and Climate Adaptation Services.

2025: CaSS TU DELFT FLAGSHIP Project (Climate Safety & Security Centre). PhD Grant for research on the governance of decentralised water systems in peri-urban African cities, with Associate Professor Edo Abraham (TUD Faculty of Civil Engineering). <https://www.tudelft.nl/climate-safety-security-centre>

2023–present: HORIZON PROJECT UP2030 URBAN PLANNING AND DESIGN READY FOR 2030. Work Package leader and member of the steering committee. Part of the Climate-Neutral & Smart Cities EU Mission. <https://up2030-he.eu> (€306.000 TUD Grant). With Juliana Gonçalves and Marcin Dąbrowski.

2023–present: ERASMUS + AMBITION AMBASSADOR FOR SUSTAINABLE TRANSITION. Work package leader and main investigator at TU Delft. Joint Honours Programme for PhD candidates towards sustainable transitions in Europe and Africa. Organisation of a summer school at TUD for 35 PhD candidates from Europe and Africa. Led by POLIMI, with Erasmus + funding. <https://www.phdambition.org> (€75.000 TUD Grant). With Claire Hallewas (Delft Global Platform).

2019–2023: UNION FOR THE MEDITERRANEAN (UFM). Drafting of The UfM Strategic Urban Development Action Plan 2040, The Axis of Intervention 1 Housing (policy) and the UfM Framework for description and evaluation of Urban project proposals. <https://ufmsecretariat.org/urban-agenda/> In collaboration with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Netherlands (€90.000 TUD Grant/ €30.000 realised). With Remon Rooij and Carola Hein.

2019–2020: COMENIUS GRANT, **Bridge DOCS research project Integrating online education with on-campus classrooms.** <https://www.nwo.nl/projecten/40519865025-0> **Co-applicant** with Igor Moreno, in charge of content design. (€50.000 TUD Grant).

5. Funded projects (as contributing researcher)

2016-2018: HORIZON 2020 COHESIFY. Understanding the Impact of Cohesion Policy on EU Identification. As a researcher contributing to one WP. <https://cordis.europa.eu/project/id/693427>

2013-2016: FP7 PLEEC Planning for Energy Efficient Cities. As a researcher contributing to one WP. <https://cordis.europa.eu/project/id/314704>

6. Qualifications

2020: IUS PROMOVENDI (Legal qualification to lead doctoral supervision in the Netherlands).

2015: University Teaching Qualification (UTQ).

2010: “Supervising the Supervisor”. NETHUR.

2009: “Research Project Management”. Technology Policy & Management, TU Delft.

7. Institutional service (TU Delft and AMS)

2025-present: MEMBER OF THE CAREER COMMITTEE (LBC) at the Faculty of Architecture and the Built Environment, representing the Department of Urbanism.

2023-present: CHAIRMAN of the Thesis Assessment Committee (TAC) at the Amsterdam Metropolitan Solutions Institute, MSc MADE (Metropolitan Analysis, Design and Engineering).

2020-2022: DIVERSITY OFFICER at the Faculty of Architecture and the Built Environment. In charge of DE&I policy, advice and outreach faculty wide.

8. External Academic Service, Research Evaluation, and Peer Review Activities

2026 – EXTERNAL ACADEMIC REVIEWER, Urban Planning Undergraduate Programme, Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile (UC Chile). Evaluated the curriculum design of a new Bachelor’s programme in Urban Planning, including benchmarking against AESOP planning education standards and providing recommendations for programme development.

2026 – EXTERNAL REVIEWER, National Research Foundation (NRF), South Africa. Invited international evaluator for the NRF Rating System. Assessed the quality, impact, and international standing of the research portfolio of a young scholar, providing an expert review to support NRF researcher rating and funding decisions.

9. Membership of boards and international associations

2025-present: Member, ACADEMIC ADVISORY COUNCIL for the National Institute of Science and Technology (INCT): Housing Production and the City (Brazil). A collaborative research platform dedicated to the study of housing production, urban development, and spatial justice in Latin America. The Council brings together scholars from Argentina, Chile, Uruguay, the Netherlands, the United Kingdom, and Colombia to foster academic dialogue, exchange research insights, and advise on the network's strategic directions. <https://www.labhab.fau.usp.br/inct/>

2023-2025: COUNTRY REPRESENTATIVE (COREP) to AESOP (Association of the European Schools of Planning) <https://aesop-planning.eu/aesop/council-of-representatives>

2016-2018: PRESIDENT OF THE NETHERLANDS ASSOCIATION FOR LATIN AMERICAN AND CARIBBEAN STUDIES. (NALACS), a multi-university platform based at UvA (The University of Amsterdam). [Link](#).

2016-2017: PRESIDENT OF THE SALZBURG CONGRESS ON URBAN PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT (SCUPAD). Salzburg, Austria. SCUPAD was one of the oldest organisation in Europe exclusively dedicated to Urban Planning and development.

10. Education & course development (as course coordinator)

TO DATE, I HAVE SUPERVISED 100+ MSc. GRADUATION THESES at COMPLEX CITIES URBANISM GRADUATION STUDIO (TUD), AMS MADE (Metropolitan Analysis, Design & Engineering: TUD + Wageningen University & Research), EMU (TUD), AND EXPLORE LAB (TUD). A complete list is available at: <https://robertorocco.com/graduation/>

I most frequently supervise projects on spatial justice, participatory and commons-based governance, informal settlement upgrading, regional/metropolitan strategy and mobility, and water-climate adaptation, with a consistent Global South lens and a recent emphasis on just transitions.

Trend over time

- **Early period (2008–2013):** Urban geography-oriented. Regional strategy, mobility/TOD, knowledge regions, post-socialist regeneration.
- **Mid period (2014–2019):** Reorientation towards the Global South. Informality/upgrading, Global South city-regions, water/climate adaptation, participation.
- **Recent decade (2016–present):** Strong pivot to spatial justice. Commons governance, and just transitions governance (energy, water, blue-green), feminism and critical studies.

2018-2023: DIVERSITY AND INTERCULTURAL COMMUNICATION. Introductory lecture and workshop to all new Master students at the Faculty of Architecture and the Built Environment (400+), Introduction Week Bouwkunde.

2017-present: METROPOLITAN INNOVATORS (6 ECTS). MSc Metropolitan Analysis, Design and Engineering (MADE). Amsterdam Metropolitan Solutions Institute. With Clemens Driessen. Explores socio-technical, ecosystems, and spatial justice perspectives, integrating design, planning, engineering, and urban studies. <https://www.ams-institute.org/education/msc-metropolitan-analysis-design-and-engineering/>

2018-present: RESEARCH & DESIGN METHODOLOGY FOR URBANISM ARUo88 (5 ECTS). MSc Urbanism, TU Delft. With Marcin Dąbrowski and Juliana Gonçalves.

2018-present: Yearly contributions to the URBAN RESILIENCE INTENSIVE TRAINING URIT at the University of Southern Denmark, the International Urban Resilience Academy (IURA), Copenhagen. Main organiser: UNESCO Chair Professor Nicola Tolin. <https://www.sdu.dk/en/forskning/sducivilengineering/iura/international-urban-resilience-academy>, 25+ participants per edition.

2014-present: SUMMER SCHOOL PLANNING & DESIGN FOR THE JUST CITY (100 hours of study). Extra-curricular. With Caroline Newton since 2019.

2007-2018: RESEARCH & DESIGN METHODS AR3U011 then THESIS PLAN AR3U012 (4 ECTS), MSc Urbanism, TU Delft. With Machiel van Dorst.

2006-2021: EMU URBAN REGIONAL NETWORKS Studio leader (30 ECTS). European Masters of Urbanism (EMU), TU Delft, IUAV, Politecnico Barcelona, KU Leuven. Studio Regional Design and Planning. With Remon Rooij, Daan Zandbelt, Alexander Wandl, Luiz Carvalho and Victor Sanz. (from 2006-2008, concurrent with the PhD).

2008-2012: COMPLEX CITIES GRADUATION STUDIO Coordination (45 ECTS). <https://complexcitiesstudio.org>

2008-present: DEVELOPMENT OF SERIOUS GAMES FOR EDUCATION: “Great Planning Game,” the “Shark House Dilemma,” and “Mind-Mapping Games”. **Impact: All games have been published as OPEN SOURCE and are part of the Bachelor’s or Master’s education programme.**

11. Global Outreach (as initiator, manager or organiser)

2024: Work package leader in the EU-FUNDED ERASMUS PROJECT AMBITION (Ambassadors for Sustainable Transition), a joint-honours programme for PhD students, towards the sustainable transition in Europe and Africa, with IDEA League Partners (TUD, ETH, RWTH Aachen University, POLIMI, and Chalmers University) + Green Growth Africa, Strathmore University (Kenya) and the Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology (Ghana). This entailed several activities and the organisation of a 1-week summer school at TUD entitled **Summer School Governing the Just Transition for 35 PhD candidates**. 26 May to 1 June 2024. <https://www.phdambition.org/>

2023: COURSE TOOLS FOR POST-CONFLICT RECONSTRUCTION IN UKRAINE. **Initiator with C. Newton & manager.** Partners: UNUN, the Ukraine, the Netherlands Urban Network <https://unun.nu>, RMIT, Zuyd University. **Impact: 575 students registered.** <https://postconflictrecovery.org>

2023: DESIGNING CITIES FOR ALL FELLOW at PAKHUIS DE ZWIJGER, sponsored by the Dutch Creative Industries Fund, a nationally recognised platform for cultural dissemination. Amsterdam. <https://dezwijger.nl/dossiers/designing-cities-for-all/> / Several contributions to Pakhuis de Zwijger’s programme. 100+ participants on site. 1000+ views on YouTube.

2022- present: PODCAST DUTY OF CARE, produced by Roberto Rocco and Hugo Lopez. This podcast is sponsored by the Delft Design for Values Platform, a TU Delft platform that discusses values in engineering and design. 16 hour-long episodes featuring lectures by and discussions with leading scholars of the built environment, such as Vanesa Castán Broto, Faranak Miraftab, Mona Fawaz, and more. <https://open.spotify.com/show/62rVuWhMLoLyFgxaJqJz6?si=ee43099801824a68>

2022: WORLD URBAN FORUM 10 KATOWICE. Training Event: Resilience for All: Scientific Tools for Resilient and Equitable Futures. Co-organised with TPM. **Initiator.**

2020: WORLD URBAN FORUM 9 ABU DHABI. Training Event: The Spatial Justice of Slum Upgrading Strategies. Initiator. **Impact: 60+ attendants. Initiator.**

2019-present: MANIFESTO FOR THE JUST CITY. **Initiator with C. Newton & manager.** (6 editions) Four-part online work + writing exercise with publication of the Manifestos. **Impact: 350+ participants in each edition. 315 students from 106 universities submitted manifestos in 2023. Four books have been published in Open Access, generating the first book series by TU Delft OPEN.** <https://books.open.tudelft.nl/home/catalog/series/manifesto-just-city> The four books have been downloaded a total of 13290 times (NOV 2025)

2018: WORLD URBAN FORUM 8 KUALA LUMPUR. Training event: Education for the City We Need: Teaching the New Urban Agenda. **Impact: 60+ attendants. Initiator.**

2017-present: MOOC RETHINK THE CITY: MODULE SPATIAL JUSTICE. **Module coordinator. Impact: AESOP Excellence in Teaching Prize 2017. 29,047 learners from 184 countries in six editions.**

2014-present: SUMMER SCHOOL PLANNING & DESIGN FOR THE JUST CITY. **Initiator & manager with C. Newton.** Two-week intensive introduction to Dutch spatial planning, water management and spatial justice, with around 100 international students every July. In partnership with Delft Global, TBM, ARCADIS, Municipality of The Hague, Ministry of Infrastructure & the Environment. **Impact: 700+ students from all over the world have taken part in this activity so far. 20+ Sub-Saharan African participants have been awarded full scholarships to attend this school.** <https://summerschooltudelft.org>

2014: UN-HABITAT GLOBAL LECTURE: The Spatial Justice of the Commons. <https://unhabitat.org/the-spatial-justice-of-the-commons-roberto-rocco> **Impact: 4,400 views on YouTube.**

Various years: CONTRIBUTIONS TO COURSES at Institute for Housing and Urban Development Studies (IHS), International Institute of Social Studies (ISS), CEDLA (UvA), Technology Policy and Management (TUD), Politecnico di Milano, Universidade de São Paulo, Federal University of São Paulo, University of Mackenzie of São Paulo, Universidade Federal do Ceará (UFC), TU Wien, South Denmark University, and more.

12. PhD Supervision (as promotor with lus Promovendi)

Actively promotes co-production and responsible supervision in line with TU Delft Doctoral Education Framework.

2025-: Angela Ferrero (Argentina). "Water Access, Spatial Planning, and Infrastructure Justice in Peri-Urban Sub-Saharan Africa." Co-promotor: Prof. Edo Abraham. Daily supervisor: Dr Job van der Werf.

2024-: Xinyu Lin (China). "From Wastescape to Circularscape: The Potential of Circular Development to Regenerating Peri-Urban Areas of China". Co-promoters: Dr Marcin Dąbrowski, Dr Qu Lei.

2024- : Aditi Natarajan (India). "Collective Action For Just Transitions In Cities." Co-promoters: Dr Juliana Goncalves & Dr Caroline Newton.

2023- : Ricardo Avella (Venezuela). “**Modernising the Venezuelan Amazon: Rural Housing as an Instrument of Cold War Era Colonisation.**” Co-promotor: Vanessa Grossman, University of Pennsylvania. Daily supervisor: Dr Taneha Bacchin.

2023- : Adam Susaneck (US). “**Segregation by Design: How has infrastructure been used in the United States to promote racial segregation?**” Daily supervisor: Dr Caroline Newton.

2022- : Fouad Alasiri (Saudi Arabia). “**Cultural and Social Norms Impact on Urban Policies. Public Participation in Saudi cities**”. Daily supervisors: Drs Marcin Dąbrowski & Claudiu Forgaci.

13. Completed PhDs (as co-supervisor)

2014: Suwanna Rongwiriaphanich (Thailand). “**Understanding culture in territorial management and its implications for spatial planning: The case of floodplain management in urbanised delta regions in the Netherlands and Thailand**”, Supervisor: Professor Vincent Nadin. Co-supervisor: Roberto Rocco.

2019: Ana Rosa Chagas Cavalcanti (Brazil). “**Urban Informality Shaped by Labour: Addressing the spatial logics of favelas.**” Supervisor: Professor Dick van Gameren. Co-supervisor: Roberto Rocco. <https://doi.org/10.7480/abe.2019.8>

2020-2023: Ana Jayone Yarza Perez (Spain). “**Adaptive Reuse of Urban Heritage in Contested Urban Contexts**”. (with Bezalel Academy of Arts and Design). Supervisor: Dr Frank van der Hoeven. Co-supervisor: Roberto Rocco. <https://doi.org/10.7480/abe.2024.04>

2021-2025 : Diwen Tan (China). “**Forms of Hybridity: Tradition and Modernity in Shenzhen’s Urban Fringe**”. Daily supervisor: Dr Gregory Bracken. (Defence in February 2026). <https://resolver.tudelft.nl/uuid:301fc71d-1c09-432e-be11-fedf81c05beb>

2022-2025: Yizhao Du (China). “**Navigating mega-regionalisation: Engaging Chinese Secondary Cities towards the Coordination of Spatial Relations?**” Daily supervisor: Dr Rodrigo Viseu Cardoso. (Defence in March 2026). <https://resolver.tudelft.nl/uuid:423d0606-6b06-4ba9-8be8-7ce7022ff6c7>

14. Member of PhD committees

2025: Afua Wilcox (South Africa). “**Analysing Low-Income Incremental Housing through Spatial Design and Governance: The Case of K206, Johannesburg**”, 26 Jun 2025. TU Delft. Supervisor: Professor Marja Elsinga (MBE). Co-supervisors: Dr Marietta Haffner & Dr Nelson Motta.

2025: Valentina Cortés Urra (Chile). “**Collaborative Housing in Chile: Opportunities, barriers, and long-term implementation strategies**”, 21 May 2025. TU Delft. Supervisor: Prof. Vincent Gruis (MBE), co-supervisors: Dr Darinka Czischke & Dr Aksel Ersoy.

2024: Marcela Soto Caro (Chile). “**Daily Mobility in Metropolitan Areas: The case of higher education students and urban spatial development in the Valparaíso Metropolitan Area**”, 4 Jun 2024. TU Delft. Supervisors: Professor Paul Chan (MBE), Prof. Maarten van Ham, Co-supervisor: Dr Diego Sepulveda.

2024: Sergio Alvarado Vazquez (Mexico). “**Social participation and the role of ICT in the planning, design, and maintenance of public spaces**”, 20 Mar 2024. University of Twente. Supervisor: Prof. Karin Pfeffer, co-supervisors: Dr Ana Mafalda Madureira, Dr Frank Ostermann.

2023: Anica Dragutinovic (Serbia). “**Mass Housing Neighbourhoods and Urban Commons: Values-Based Governance and Intervention Framework for New Belgrade Blocks**”, 05 Oct 2023. TU Delft. Supervisor: Prof. U. Pottgiesser (MBE). Co-supervisor: Dr Wido Quist.

2023: José Carlos Cañizares Gaztelu (Spain): “**Normativity and Justice in Resilience Strategies**”, 28 Sept 2023. TU Delft. Supervisor: Prof. Nelke Doorn (TPM). Co-supervisor: Dr Samantha Copeland.

2022: Boram Kimhur (South Korea). “**Housing Justice as Expansion of People’s Capabilities for Housing. Proposal for principles of housing policies and evaluations from a capability perspective**,” 22 Dec 2022. TU Delft. Supervisor: Prof. Marja Elsinga (MBE). Co-supervisor: Dr Marietta Haffner.

2022: Danial Mohabat Doost (Iran): “**Social Equity and Urban Resilience: Investigating the capability of urban resilience theory and planning to address social equity**”, 20 Jul 2022. Politecnico di Torino. Supervisor: Prof. Angioletta Voghera, Co-supervisor: Prof. Grazia Brunetta.

2022: Rachel Keeton (United States): “**African New Towns: An adaptive, principle-based planning approach**”, 30 Oct 2022. TU Delft. Supervisor: Prof. Han Meyer (Urbanism), Co-supervisor: Prof. Steffen Nijhuis.

2020: Maurizio Pioletti (Italy). “**Spatial governance in the Latin American and Caribbean region: A survey on metropolitan areas in Brazil, Bolivia and Cuba**”, 1 April 2020. Politecnico di Torino. Supervisor: Prof. Umberto Janin Rivolin, Co-supervisor: Professor Luciana Royer (USP).

2019: Sara Özogul (Turkey). “**Transformative Spatial Governance: New Avenues for Comprehensive Planning in Fragmented Urban Development**”, 11 Oct 2019. Universiteit van Amsterdam. Supervisor: Prof. Tuna Tasan-Kok, Co-supervisor: Prof. Luca Bertolini.

2019: Nasr Chamma (Syria). “**Integrated Sustainable Settlements as Future Refugee Camps: Case Studies of Syrian Refugee Settlements in Jordan, Turkey and Lebanon**”, May 2019. UIC Barcelona & TU Darmstadt. Supervisor: Prof. Carme Mendoza Arroyo. Co-supervisor: Prof. Anette Rudolph-Cleff.

2017: Irene Luque Martin (Spain): “**Decodificando la Planificación Urbana Contemporánea: Hacia una alternativa metodológica para una planificación colaborativa abierta a la incorporación tecnológica**”. Universidad de Sevilla. Supervisor: Prof. Victoriano Sainz Gutierrez, Co-supervisor: Dr Antonio Piñero Valverde.

15. Organisation of Conferences and Tracks (as leading convener)

2025: TRACK “INCLUSIVE FUTURES & SPATIAL PRACTICES” at the European Urban Research Association (EURA) Conference, Bristol, UK, 10 to 13 June 2025, with Dr Elahe Karimnia (UWE). 36 papers presented over eight sessions <https://virtual.oxfordabstracts.com/event/73683/tracks>

2023: SYMPOSIUM SPATIAL JUSTICE IN PRACTICE. Benchmarking spatial justice. **Impact: 32 sessions, 233 abstracts submitted, 127 abstracts accepted.** <https://just-city.org/conferences/practice/>

2019: BK AFRICA INITIATIVE (2 AFRICAN PERSPECTIVES conferences: Prep-Con at EiABC Addis Ababa + main conference in Delft). Part of the former dean's strategic vision for the faculty. **Impact: 50 participants in Addis-Ababa, 60+ participants at TU Delft.**

2017: UTC URBAN THINKERS CAMPUS "Education for the City We Need". In partnership with UN-Habitat, IHS, ARCADIS and Fonds 1818. **Impact: 92 participants representing 79 organisations.** <https://utctudelft.org/>

2016: "JANE JACOBS 100: A celebration of the life and legacy of Jane Jacobs and a look forward". **Impact: 22 papers in 6 tracks, 80+ participants, book "Jane Jacobs is Still Here".** <https://janejacobs100.co>

2016: "CITIES AND CITIZENSHIP IN LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN", in partnership with NALACS (Netherlands Association of Latin American and Caribbean Studies). **Impact: 80+ participants, book "Cities and Citizenship in LA and the Caribbean"** <https://books.bk.tudelft.nl/press/catalog/book/646>

2015: THIRD INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE NEW URBAN LANGUAGES, "Tales and Images of Spatial Justice", in partnership with Politecnico di Milano. **Impact: 60+ participants.** <https://nulconference.wordpress.com>

16. Keynote Contributions at Conferences

15 Keynote speeches at international conferences.

43 Talks or presentations in seminars & symposiums

23 Presentations in international workshops.

Notable keynote interventions in the last years:

2025: DUTCH DESIGN WEEK: Design Innovation Sessions on the Living Environment, organised by Click NL, Eindhoven – October 20, 2025, "Spatial Justice Benchmarking for Policy Evaluation" at the Dutch Design Week international event. 100+ participants, including civil servants and members of the public. <https://www.clicknl.nl/living-environment-2025/spreker-roberto-rocco/>

2025: INTERNATIONAL SEMINAR "Impact Design–Evaluation Experiences and Tools: Between Territorial Structural Inequalities and Justice-Oriented Decision-Making Processes", University of Naples Federico II (organised by Prof. Maria Cerreta) – October 23–24, 2025, 100+ participants, including PhD candidates and academics. <https://www.diaarc.unina.it/event/impact-design-evaluation-experiences-and-tools/>

2025: MENTOR AND MASTERCLASS TUTOR, AESOP PRE-CONGRESS PhD WORKSHOP, Istanbul, 2-5 July 2025. Organised by AESOP, the Young Academics Network, and Yildiz Technical University. Workshop theme: "Planning for Equitable and Just Futures: Exploring Transformative Approaches." Delivered a masterclass and provided individual and group mentoring to doctoral candidates from across Europe and beyond. c. 40 participants. <https://aesop-planning.eu/activities/events/phd-workshop/phd-workshop-istanbul-2025>

2025: ROUND TABLE at 10TH OPEN EYES ECONOMY SUMMIT. 18-19 NOV 2025, Krakow, Poland. Round Table on the Right to Housing. <https://kongres.oees.pl/eng/>

2025: OPEN CLASS on Spatial Justice within the series 'Open Class: Public Lectures on the Bergama Ferry', organised by the Good Design Izmir Collective and Izmir Metropolitan Municipality. 11 OCT 2025. 30+ participants.
<https://www.iyitasarimizmir.org/tr/2025/Program/68>

2025: LECTURE at the Barcelona Resilience Festival Intensive Training, "Climate Urbanism Implementation Strategies", 9-11 APRIL 2025. Organised by the Urban Resilience Lab, City of Barcelona and UIC Barcelona. 50+ participants.
<https://urbanresiliencelab.barcelona/events/primavera-r/>

2024: BOOK LAUNCHING & ROUND TABLE at the RC21 Conference, Santiago de Chile, 24-26 JUL 2024. Launching of the book 'Insurgent Planning Practice' (Agenda, 2024), co-edited with Gabriel Silvestre (University of Newcastle).
<https://rc21conference2024.coes.cl> 30+ participants.

2024: WORLD URBAN FORUM 12 CAIRO. Training Event: *Empowering Cities for the Just Transition: Spatial Justice as a Framework for Policy Design and Evaluation*. Initiator and Moderator. In partnership with the Global Resilient Cities Network, Fraunhofer IAO, and ICLEI. 4-8 Nov. 50+ participants.

2023: RADBOUD CONFERENCE ON EARTH SYSTEM GOVERNANCE 2023. Contributing to just transformative change with effective and legitimate transdisciplinary environmental science-policy interfaces? Session organised by PBL. <https://www.earthsystemgovernance.org/2023radboud/> 24 Oct. 40+ participants.

2023: NATIONAL SYMPOSIUM THE LATIN AMERICAN METROPOLITAN QUESTION: Phenomenon, Governance and Institutionalisation. Faculty of Architecture and the Built Environment of the University of São Paulo, LAB-HAB. 17 Oct. 85+ participants.

2023: DEN HAAG JUST PEACE OPEN DAY 2023, HumanityX, Leiden Centre for Innovation, The Hague Humanity Hub, Delft Design for Values Institute, TU Delft Global Initiative. <https://justpeacethehague.com/en/event/just-peace-open-day-2023> 24 Sep. 30+ participants.

2022: DUTCH DESIGN WEEK 2022: Designing Cities for All. Creating a future for all.
<https://ddw.nl/en/programme/7562/designing-cities-for-all-at-dutch-design-week> 28 Oct. 80+ participants.

2022: WORLD URBAN FORUM 11: Researcher/Educator Network to Promote Sustainable City Development, Universities Network. UN-Habitat University Network Initiative. 20 Jun. 150+ participants

2022: ROYAL COLLEGE OF ART - Mobility Metamorphosis
The Intelligent Mobility Design Centre (IMDC). <https://www.rca.ac.uk/news-and-events/events/mobility-metamorphosis-symposium/> 6 May. 30+ participants.

2022: UGOVERN, UvA. Law and Policy Webinar Series: How to interpret the role of neoliberal ideology on the emerging trajectories of urban regeneration? Urban Governance Research Network: Land and Policy Issues in Urban Regeneration Projects. <https://research.tudelft.nl/en/activities/law-and-policy-webinar-series-ugovern-uva> 10 Mar.

2022: PBL/ ERASMUS/ PROVINCIE ZUID HOLLAND. Webinar "Brede welvaart": Wat is dat eigenlijk: brede welvaart?
<https://www.duurzaam-ondernemen.nl/events/webinar-brede-welvaart/> 28 Jan.

2020: Inaugural Class for the Post-Graduate programme of Architecture, Urbanism and Urban Design of the University of Ceará, Brazil. Spatial Justice in the Global Context. 8 Dec. 80+ participants.

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20. Membership of Editorial Boards

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2022-present: Editorial Board of the Peer Reviewed Journal **Planning Practice & Research**, IF= 1.6 (2022), <https://www.tandfonline.com/action/journalInformation?show=editorialBoard&journalCode=cpr20>

Reviewer for journals such as Urban Studies, Cities, Planning Theory & Practice, and European Planning Studies.

21. Other initiatives in publishing

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So far, 7 Policy Briefs written by staff and students at the Department of Urbanism have been published.

2022-present: URBANISM METHODS SHEETS. A collection of methods used in Urbanism for use in education. With Remon Rooij & Qu Lei.