

# DESIGNING CITIES FOR ALL

Date: 10<sup>th</sup> - 14<sup>th</sup> July 2023

Venue: Erasmus University, Rotterdam, The Netherlands



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A multi-disciplinary program conducted by experts from various countries, will explain how thinking simultaneously on issues of housing & urban planning, landscape and infrastructure can lead to equitable cities for all.

The course is specially crafted for mid to senior level professionals from public and/or private sector – government, developers, architects, urban designers, financiers, consultants and academicians who together constitute the symbiotic ecosystem for designing inclusive and climate resilient cities.

While the faculty of IHS will expound/expand on their academic knowledge, the professionals of the MLC Academy will help ground these ideas in the reality of cities. Onsite visits have been organised to various infrastructure, and sustainable urban projects. The course would cover these broad themes:

- ETHICS AND PROCESSES OF DESIGNING CITIES FOR ALL
- SOCIAL HOUSING
- PRINCIPLES OF EQUITABLE URBAN PLANNING
- LANDSCAPE AND ECOLOGY FOR INCLUSIVE CITIES
- DESIGNING PUBLIC SPACES FOR ALL

All participants will receive a certificate from IHS-MLC Academy on completing the course successfully.

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Please contact Mitali Choudhary on [academy@myliveablecity.com](mailto:academy@myliveablecity.com) for further information.

The course fee will cover the cost of lectures, workshops and all visits to organisations and sites during the week long programme. The number of participants will be restricted to 35 and reservations to eligible candidates will be made on first-come, first serve basis. Each participant is expected to make his/her own arrangements for their travel to Rotterdam and to arrange for his/her board and lodge.

**Erasmus University has offered a limited number of their single occupancy hostel rooms at a modest cost of around Euro € 225, for this program. This cost will have to be settled directly with the University.**

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**LOCATION :** Institute for Housing & Urban Development Studies, Erasmus University, Rotterdam, The Netherlands, 14<sup>th</sup> Floor, Mandeville (T) building)

**ORGANIZED BY :** MLC Academy in cooperation the INSTITUTE FOR HOUSING & URBAN DEVELOPMENT STUDIES (IHS), Erasmus University, Rotterdam, The Netherlands.

The course will be held at the IHS BUILDING on the campus of ERASMUS UNIVERSITY ROTTERDAM. The campus is located at the eastern part of the city and can be reached by public transport from other parts of the city.



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### PROFILE OF LECTURERS



#### **Dr Maartje van Eerd**

is a Human Geographer with a PhD in Social Sciences from Leiden University. She is a **Senior Expert in Housing & Social Development** at IHS and is the coordinator of the Master Track on Urban Housing Equity and Social Justice. She manages and coordinates accredited academic courses on **housing and urban development dealing with informal settlements, adaptive and pro-active approaches to slums including slum upgrading and resettlement and housing rights**. Besides teaching, coordinating, and delivering international training courses and advisory projects in the field of housing she also coordinated and conducts extensive research on gender and development, resettlement projects, forced evictions, and acquisition, expropriation, and compensation. She has extensive knowledge and experience in research methodologies. She is the author and editor of several project proposals, project acquisition documents, and academic publications and she is a member of the editorial board of an

international academic journal. She has extensive international experience mostly in Africa and Asia. In April 2022, Dr van Eerd conducted training on inclusive housing and settlement planning focusing on **climate change-induced migration** in Khulna, Bangladesh.



**Dr Alonso Ayala** is an architect and urban planner specialized in the fields of affordable housing and human settlement planning in the Global South. He is a senior academic staff of the Institute for Housing and Urban Development Studies (IHS) and assistant professor at the Erasmus University School of Behavioral Sciences in Rotterdam, The Netherlands.

He holds a MSc in Regional Development Planning from TU-Dortmund, Germany, and the University of the Philippines (2002), and a PhD in Spatial Planning from TU Dortmund, Germany (2008). With over thirty years of working experience, he has conducted post-graduate education, professional training, research, and consultancy

work in adequate housing in Latin America, Asia, Africa, and Eastern Europe.

The countries where Dr Alonso Ayala has working experience include Argentina, Bangladesh, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Germany, Ghana, Guatemala, India, Indonesia, Myanmar, Nigeria, Philippines, Russia, Senegal, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Thailand, Turkey, The Netherlands, Venezuela, and the Western Balkans. Dr Alonso Ayala main research's area of interest is the relationship between housing adequacy and housing justice through the application and analysis of the 5 A's Principles of Adequate Housing: Availability, Accessibility, Affordability, Acceptability and Adaptability (Ayala et al. 2019).



#### **Shyam Khandekar**

is Co-founder, Director and Editorial Director of the knowledge platform, MyLiveableCity. He is an urban designer, city planner and architect with four decades of design experience in Europe and India.

He was the founder and director of the award winning Dutch design practice, Khandekar Urban Design and Landscape, that continued under the name of BDP Khandekar. He has lectured and published extensively on different aspects of Liveable Cities at universities and conferences across the world.

My Liveable City has published three books under his guidance: **Affordable Housing, Inclusive Cities, Designing For Sustainability Through Upcycling** and the latest release **Streets For All : 50 Ideas for Shaping Resilient Cities**, published in 2022, has been edited by him.



#### **Carolina Lunetta**

Carolina has more than seven years of working experience in urban management and architecture projects in the public and private sectors. Her main areas of interest focus on urban planning, urban development, informal land markets and gender. She participates in advisory, research projects and supports the educational activities within the Master's course. Carolina

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has coordinated a research project on urban expansion in Mozambique and is currently a researcher in the DFID funded project on complex land markets in Uganda and Somaliland. She also worked for the German Cooperation Agency (GIZ) as an international consultant in Cambodia. she worked for the German Cooperation Agency (GIZ) as an international consultant in Cambodia. She has research and working experience in Nepal, Kosovo, and The Netherlands.



### **Vinayak Bharne**

is Director and Executive Editor at My Liveable City. He is a practicing urban designer, city planner and architect. Vinayak has designed numerous award- winning projects in the United States, Asia and Central America. He is Adjunct Professor - Urbanism, at School of Architecture, University of Southern California (USC) and is also Affiliated Faculty, USC East Asian Studies Center.

He is also the editor/ author of several books on architecture and urban design. Three of his most recent books have been published under the My Liveable City banner,

these are: **Conservation and The Indian City: Bridging the Gap, Urbanism Beyond 2020: Reflections During the COVID-19 Pandemic and Streets for All, #50 ideas for Shaping Resilient Cities.**



### **Dr Bahar Sakizlioglu**

is an urban sociologist passionate about the everyday (re)making of the cities. She attained her Master's degree in Sociology at the Middle East Technical University, Ankara/Turkey. Bahar completed her PhD research entitled 'A Comparative Look at Residents' Displacement Experiences: The Cases of Amsterdam and Istanbul' at the Urban and Regional Research Center, Utrecht University, the Netherlands, in 2014. She was granted the H2020 Marie Curie Individual Research Fellowship. She worked as a post-doctoral researcher at the Department of Geography, Leicester University, UK, on her comparative research project entitled Gendered Geographies of Gentrification.

Her main research interests are gentrification, displacement, housing, feminist urban studies, social reproduction and the city and comparative urbanism.

She has published papers on the politics of gentrification and displacement experiences of disadvantaged groups in gentrifying neighbourhoods and on the gender-gentrification nexus.



**Gijs Wolfs** has been educated as architect and urbanist and operates within a multi-disciplinary design approach at all scales. His affinity with public space design originates from his work for the municipality in a pre-Olympic Barcelona. Since 2006 he is founding partner of wUrck architectuur stedenbouw landschap. The office is renown for the expertise they developed on 'the architecture of mobility'. They design and build infrastructure, being driven by the intention to make every quotidian trip a memorable experience which adds to the quality of daily life.



**Ellen Geurts** Capacity development and urban development are my main

interest and have been the drivers of my professional work life throughout. At current I work as a lecturer at the department Management in the Built Environment of the Faculty of Architecture where I teach both Bachelor and Master students with a focus on courses related to Building Economics as well as supervising MSc theses. My main research interest and expertise is on affordable housing in particular in the Global South, where I have mainly focused on the nexus between finance, policy and management.

Prior to joining TU Delft, I worked as a housing expert at the Institute for Housing and Urban Development Studies (IHS) of Erasmus University of Rotterdam. After IHS, I worked as a lecturer in Architecture and Spatial Development at The Hague University of Applied Sciences for 2 years, combining this with consultancies, for among others, the World Bank.



### **Elena Marie**

**Enseñado** currently works as an expert in **Nature-based Climate Change Adaptation Planning** at IHS. Her expertise includes **climate change and environmental**

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**planning**, learning for socio-technical transitions and social-ecological resilience, ecosystem services and nature-based solutions, vulnerability assessments using participatory methods, and participatory decision making using multiple criteria analysis. At IHS, Elena engages in advisory, research, education, and capacity building activities. She has more than 12 years of experience in project development, management, monitoring and evaluation. Key project involvements include Smart Control of the Climate Resilience in European Coastal Cities (European Commission - Horizon 2020 Programme, 2021-2025); PROSPECT: Peer Powered Cities and Regions (European Commission - Horizon 2020 Programme, 2017-2020); SUSTAIN Opens external: Strengthening higher education in Urban Sustainability and Transitions towards internationalization of Academic Institutions and Networks (European Commission, 2013-2016); Covenant CapaCITY: Capacity building of local governments to advance Local Climate and Energy Action (European Commission, 2010-2013). Aside from working with cities and regions in the European Union on sustainable energy and climate change actions, she also has working experience in Asia, Africa, and South America. She has worked on various projects funded by the European

Commission, the Netherlands Enterprise Agency, the Netherlands Organization for International Cooperation in Higher Education, UN-Habitat, and other clients. She also contributed to the publication: UN Habitat (2017). Sustainable urbanization in the Paris Agreement: comparative review of nationally determined contributions for urban content. Moreover, she has worked on various development projects for local and international clients, such as climate change, biodiversity conservation, and natural resource management, in the Philippines.



**Charmae Pyl Wissink-Nercua** is a Land and Housing Development Strategies expert with more than 15 years of professional experience in the field. Her expertise is in urban land and housing development, focusing on governance, sustainability, and resilience. At IHS, Charmae participates in education, research, advisory and capacity-building activities. She coordinates the **Sustainable Urban Development (SUD)** course and is actively engaged in IHS' project acquisitions, and is leading

various projects such as international tailor-made trainings and refresher courses in Africa, Asia, Latin America and Europe. She is currently working on the themes of nature-based solutions, sustainable urban development, land and housing rights, climate adaptation planning, climate resilience, urban living labs, stakeholders' engagement and co-design and co-creation processes.

Charmae Pyl Nercua worked for local government organizations, non-government organizations and national governments in the Philippines and East Timor, focusing on housing & land issues, participatory governance, participatory community development and urban poverty reduction programs. She has extensive experience in project development and management, strategic planning and network-building.



**Jagan Shah** is an advisor to My Liveable City. An architect and urbanist, currently incubating the Artha Centre for Emerging Cities. His leadership roles include as Director of India's National Institute of Urban Affairs and the Sushant

School of Art & Architecture. After completing his education in New Delhi, Cincinnati and New York, he taught and practiced for eight years. Over the past two decades, he has been deeply involved in shaping urban policy in India and creating the enabling conditions for sustainable, resilient and inclusive cities for the developing world.



**Eugene Sauren** is a Dutch urbanist with over two decades of professional experience in the The Netherlands, UK and the Middle East. He received his Master degree in Urbanism from Delft University of Technology. Eugene started his career as a researcher and lecturer at TU Delft Faculty of Architecture. After working at an academic level Eugene joined various design offices, both in The Netherlands as abroad. The past 10 years he worked for local governments.

As senior advisor Urbanism at the Municipality of The Hague, he has been lead urban designer in various projects for the city centre and is contributing in the new development strategy for the inner city. Eugene is also a member of The Hagues advisory committee for public space (ACOR).

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**Ashim Manna -  
PhD researcher at  
KU Leuven, Belgium**

is a researcher at the International Center of Urbanism, KU Leuven. Ashim has a decade of collaborative experience in smart cities, public-realm infrastructure, spatial analysis and master planning projects within international firms, including AECOM, Building Design Partnership and several collaborations across India. Ashim holds a Master in Urbanism and Spatial Planning from KU Leuven on VLIR-OUS Scholarship, Urban Design from CEPT University and a Bachelor of Architecture from Jamia Millia Islamia. Ashim has previously taught as a visiting faculty at the faculty of Architecture, Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi. He is also the Manager for Research & Outreach activities with MY Liveable City.



**David Schelkshorn's**

background is spatial planning and urban

geography, combining technical and social-scientific expertise. He holds a MSc in Human Geography from the University of Amsterdam and a MSc in Urban and Regional Planning from the Vienna University of Technology. David conducted research on the housing situation of young adults in the city of Amsterdam for the Amsterdam Federation of Housing Associations (AFWC). For his second master thesis (TU-Vienna), he researched on (informal) rental housing markets in Chennai in India. He has worked for more than 3 years at IHS, where he co-coordinated and implemented academic and professional (online) courses in the field of sustainable urban development and was involved in advisory, research as well as capacity building projects. After IHS, David worked as a Researcher at the Department Management in the Built Environment (MBE) at the Faculty of Architecture & the Built Environment of Delft University of Technology. At TU-Delft he was involved in the development of a Horizon Europe proposal related to circular economy, urban sustainability transitions, and climate neutrality solutions. David is passionate about how effective and equitable urban policies can be successfully implemented

to drive positive change, sustainability, and livability in cities.



**Valeria Leyva** is a Mexican architect with an MSc in Urban Management and Development from the Institute For Housing And Urban Development Studies (IHS). Her passion for cities, urban mobility, and sustainable development drives her to continue making a positive impact on the world around her. Currently, she works as the Communication and Promotion Coordinator at Bicycle User Experience (BUX), where she promotes the courses and trainings that help urban mobility specialists create practical cycling infrastructure. Valeria's expertise in amplifying BUX services and toolkits enables her to engage audiences and foster meaningful conversations about user experience. With previous experience at BYCS as part of the Communication and Networks team, she was the voice of cycling movements, advocates, and organisations showcasing how cycling can positively impact the way we perceive the city. Her experience has given

her an open mind that challenges the status quo, and she brings this unique perspective to all her work.



**Sheeba Amir -  
PhD researcher at  
KU Leuven, Belgium**

is an architect and urbanist, based in Belgium. She is presently a research scholar at the International Center of Urbanism, KU Leuven. She was awarded the Erasmus Mundus scholarship to pursue a master's degree in Urbanism & Strategic Planning at KU Leuven. At the academic and professional level, she has been involved in various initiatives in the field of the built environment, including projects in India, Nepal, Indonesia and Belgium. Along with her design and research consultancy 'Ekatra', she is also a regular contributor and part of the international editorial team at 'My Liveable City' magazine.

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# Cities for all

**DAY 1** MONDAY, 10<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2023

### LECTURE 1

9.00 - 9.30 hrs.

**Introduction to the Program :**  
Maartje van Eerd (IHS) and Shyam Khandekar (MLC).

### LECTURE 2

9.30 - 10.45 hrs.

**Participatory Processes and Planning :**  
Carolina Lunetta

### COFFEE BREAK

10.45 - 11.00 hrs.

### LECTURE 3

11.00 - 12.30 hrs.

**Access to Housing for different minority groups  
including migrants/refugees :** Bahar Sakizlioglu

### LUNCH BREAK

12.30 - 13.30 hrs.

### EXCURSION

13.30 - 17.00 hrs :

**Visit to the city of The Hague. Lecture at the  
Town Hall by Urban Designer Eugene Sauren  
on the development of the city and guided  
walking tour of the central area followed  
by a visit to the sea and dunes abutting  
The Hague.**



Citizen Participation  
Minorities

Migrants  
Housing Rights

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# Social Housing

DAY 2 TUESDAY, 11<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2023

Netherlands

### LECTURE 1

9.00 - 9.30 hrs :

**Reflections on the content and proceedings of the previous day and prospects for the day :**

Jagan Shah

### LECTURE 2

9.30 - 10.45 hrs :

**Social Housing in the Netherlands and in South Africa : content, processes and finance :**

Ellen Geurts

### COFFEE BREAK

10.45 - 11.00 hrs.

### LECTURE 3

11.00 - 12.30 hrs.

**Social Housing in Austria : case study Vienna :**

David Schelkshorn

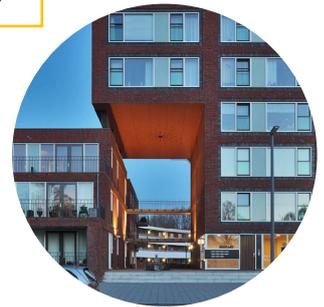
### LUNCH BREAK

12.30 - 13.30 hrs.

### EXCURSION

13.30 - 17.00 hrs. :

**Visit to a Social Housing Corporation near Rotterdam. Meeting with the officials, their explanatory lectures followed by visit to one or two social housing projects.**



Austrian Case Study  
South Africa

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# Urban Design : Quality of Cities and Neighbourhoods

**DAY 3** WEDNESDAY, 12<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2023

#### LECTURE 1

9.00 - 9.30 hrs :

Reflections on the content and proceedings  
of the previous day and prospects for the day :  
Jagan Shah

#### LECTURE 2

9.30 - 10.45 hrs :

Designing complex urban projects :  
Shyam Khandekar

#### COFFEE BREAK

10.45 - 11.00 hrs.

#### LECTURE 3

11.00 - 12.30 hrs :

Principles of Urban Planning :  
Alonso Ayala

#### LUNCH BREAK

12.30 - 13.30 hrs.

#### EXCURSION

13.30 - 17.00 hrs. :

Urban Walk led by Alonso Ayala in Rotterdam.  
An interactive session in which the principles  
of urban planning - and making the city  
useable for all - is explored by participants  
in group-sessions.

Urban Walk

Complex  
Urban projects



Neighbourhood  
Design



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# Landscape & Ecology : Nature-Inclusive Design

**DAY 4** THURSDAY, 13<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2023



#### LECTURE 1

9.00 - 9.30 hrs. :

Reflections on the content and proceedings of the previous day and prospects for the day : Jagan Shah

#### LECTURE 2

9.30 - 10.45 hrs :

Nature-based solutions :  
Elena Marie Ensenado + Charmae Pyl Nercua

#### COFFEE BREAK

10.45 - 11.00 hrs.

#### LECTURE 3

11.00 - 12.30 hrs :

Designing for More than Human & for Climate Change : Gijs Wolfs

#### LUNCH BREAK

12.30 - 13.30 hrs.

#### EXCURSION

13.00 - 17.00 hrs :

Visit to the renowned project Kerkenbosch in Zeist where a large housing redevelopment is taking place in a nature-inclusive way. Lecture and guided tour by Evert-Jan Roelofsen, Director of the Redevelopment Organisation, on how citizen participation has led to a nature-inclusive development.



Nature-Based  
Solutions  
Urban  
Forest

More Than  
Human  
Climate Change

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# Public Spaces & Urban Mobility

DAY 5 FRIDAY, 14<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2023

### LECTURE 1

9.00 - 9.30 hrs. :

Reflections on the content and proceedings of the previous day and prospects for the day : Jagan Shah

### LECTURE 2

9.30 - 10.45 hrs :

Streets for All : the role streets can play as public spaces for building socially, economically and environmentally resilient cities for all : Vinayak Bharne

### COFFEE BREAK

10.45 - 11.00 hrs

### INTERACTIVE SESSION

11.00 - 12.30 hrs. :

Practical Tools to incorporate human experience into urban mobility : Rocio Valeria Leyva

### LUNCH BREAK

12.30 - 13.30 hrs.

### INTERACTIVE SESSION

13.30 - 16.00 hrs :

DESIGNING CITIES FOR ALL : group-exercise to apply conclusions from the lectures and excursions on the earlier days : Vinayak Bharne assisted by Ashim Manna and Sheeba Amir

### CONCLUDING CEREMONY

16.00 - 17.30 hrs.

Distribution of certificates followed by informal networking with drinks and snacks.



Human Experience



Pedestrian  
Movement  
Public  
Transport

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### TERMS & CONDITIONS

#### NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS:

The course will take place with a minimum number of 15 participants. The maximum number of participants is 35.

#### REGISTRATION:

Participants from India will have to pay their course fees to MyLiveableCity, while participants outside India will have to pay their fees to our affiliate M/s Icons/NL, based in The Netherlands.

Registration of eligible candidates will take place on a first-come, first-serve basis.

Registration is deemed to be confirmed on full payment of the registration fees.

#### CANCELLATION:

Please note that in case of cancellation request received from the participant, only 50% of the amount will be refunded, however, if the course is cancelled by MyLiveableCity, the participant will be fully refunded.

#### TRAVEL AND VISA:

Participants are expected to arrange their travel on their own. MLC/ IHS will be able to issue a letter of acceptance for the course on registration, so that this can be used for applying for a visa for Netherlands. This visa (Schengen Visa) will also give access to other countries in Europe. All international flights from India arrive at Amsterdam Airport. There is a direct and regular train connection from Amsterdam Airport to Rotterdam. The train ride takes a little over an hour.

#### BOARDING AND LODGING:

Participants are expected to make their own arrangements in booking their accommodation. . Erasmus University has offered a limited number of their single occupancy hostel rooms at a modest cost of Euros 225, for this program. Each room has a refrigerator and a little kitchenette. Multiple toilet areas are shared

with 10 other rooms in the specific wing. This cost will have to be settled directly with the University.

#### WEATHER:

Weather in July in Netherlands is pleasant (max. 25-30 degree C - min. 12-15 degree C). However, the weather remains unpredictable and changes very quickly. Rains can be expected intermittently. Participants are advised to bring some warm clothes and rain gear.