

Gert Urhahn

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June 4th, 1954 Germany, Dutch nationality, MSc Architecture and Urban Design

Gert Urhahn is co-founder of The Spontaneous City International (SPciti). He is an urban designer, lecturer and former Director of Urhahn Urban Design. Gert has a broad international portfolio of projects. Previously, he was Senior Urban Designer for the Municipality of Amsterdam, strongly engaged in the redevelopment of the Amsterdam waterfronts. He has published extensively on regeneration strategies, urban typologies and principles and a book on 'The Spontaneous City'. Currently he is testing the SPciti principles on the ground and is participating a design & research project on the transition of work and new economies 'MensenWerk – The Future of Urban Living, Planning for the Unknown'.

Degrees

MSc Architecture and Urban Design

Technical University Karlsruhe, Germany

Field of Study: Architecture and Urban Planning

Dates: 1964 – 1972

Past and present

2012 – ongoing Founding partner of the Spontaneous City International, in collaboration with Bernardina Borra

1991 – 11 Founder and director of Urhahn Urban Design (UUD)

2008 – 10 Member of the Amsterdamse Raad voor Stadsontwikkeling (ARS)

1975 – 15 Guest tutor at the Academie van Bouwkunst Amsterdam

1973 – 91 Senior Urban Designer at the Town Planning Department, Amsterdam

1972 – 73 Urban Designer at Plan team Inner City Karlsruhe

Affiliations Professional associations

2014 – 2017 Member of the Board of Directors Pakhuis de Zwijger

2011 – 2013 Chairman of the IFHP Working Group 'The Spontaneous City'

1991- ongoing Member of BNSP

Jurymember

2011 Archiprix NL, jurymember

2002 Taipei, member of the selection committee for the Taiwan contribution to the Venice Architectural Biennale 2002

Awards, distinctions, certifications, honorary memberships

1972 Urban Renewal Competition Weingarten, Germany, 1st price

1971 International Urban Design Competition, Innercity Karlsruhe 2nd price

Selection of Projects and Designs

2017 Mensenwerk Amsterdam Metropolitan Region – Research by Design on the Future of Urban Living and Planning for the Unknown, the Netherlands (SPciti)

2016 Marine terrein Amsterdam – development strategy for the Navy Yard, the Netherlands (SPciti)

2016 11 Stories for the Economic department of Amsterdam – contribution to policy document 'Space for the Economy of Tomorrow' the Netherlands (SPciti)

2015 Monrovia SESEZ development – roadmap for a social enterprise special economic zone, Liberia (SPciti)

2015 Frihamnen sustainable and inclusive development - strategic design, Gothenborg, Sweden (SPciti)

2014 4° Distrito Urban regeneration – Expert Meeting on an industrial area in Porto Alegre, Brasil (SPciti)

2014 My library, at home in the city – strategy for community centers in Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan (SPciti)

2014 Botanic Garden and Ecocentre – Urban park strategy Workshop in Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan (SPciti)

2013 Planning Production in Al Za'atari – Strategy for refugee camp, Jordan (SPciti)

2013 Nos somos a Avenida Tronco - organisation of Favela upgrading workshop in Porto Alegre, Brasil (SPciti)

2013 Ringön roadmap to urban integration – workshop organisation Gothenborg, Sweden (SPciti)

2012 Oostenburg, Amsterdam, Development strategy for organic growth (UUD)

2011 Heliopolis, Sao Paulo, Studio Sao Paulo workshop

2011 Oaxaca Future vision, Forum II and Future Vision Rio Atoyak, Mexico (UUD)

2010 Noorderveld, Rotterdam Biennale IABR 2009 (UUD)

2009 Masterclass Hamburg, Hamburg – Rotterdam – Amsterdam (UUD)

2009 Almere Hout Noord – Masterplan for organic development with Stadgenoot and others (UUD)

- 2007 Urban designers and Integration, Symposium organised and presented by UUD
- 2006 Industry in the City – typological and functional research for intensification and functional mix (UUD)
- 2004 Amsterdam Kolenkitbuurt – renewal plan and urban design (UUD)
- 2004 Antwerpen Eilandje – water plan and programmatic study, Belgium (UUD)
- 2002 Ruhrgebiet Impulse! – strategic Masterplan Emscher-Lippe Region, Germany (UUD)
- 2000 Amsterdam New Chinatown - spatial plan and programme, NL (UUD)

Selection of Lectures & Workshops

- 2017 Amsterdam, lecture for the students of ISIGE – Paris MinesTech
- 2016 Haarlemmermeer, Lecture on projects of the Spontaneous City International (SPcitl)
- 2016 Amsterdam, Lecture on Organic city development in Pakhuis de Zwijger (SPcitl)
- 2014 Amsterdam, Frihamnen meets Buiksloterham – workshop for Swedish delegation (SPcitl)
- 2014 Bishkek, Lecturing at Bishkek Urban Forum (SPcitl)
- 2014 Glasgow, A+DS Design Skills Symposium (SPcitl)
- 2013 Zwolle, Stedelijk Museum and ZAP, lecture on The Spontaneous City (SPcitl)
- 2013 Singapore, REACH, Hermann Miller Foundation (SPcitl)
- 2012 Moscow, Urban Forum and Red October, lectures on the Spontaneous City (SPcitl)
- 2012 Gothenborg, IFHP congress, Lecture on the Spontaneous City workshop's results
- 2012 Rotterdam, NAI, lecture on the Spontaneous City
- 2012 Antwerpen, VRP, lecture on the Spontaneous City
- 2011 Amsterdam, 1 day seminar on the Spontaneous City in collaboration with IFHP
- 2011 Chandigarh, ISPER institute, lecture on the Spontaneous City
- 2010 Porto Alegre IFHP World Congress, lecture on the Spontaneous City
- 2008 Stockholm IACP Cities & Ports: lecture 'City-Port Interface, From No-go to Go'
- 2007 Shanghai Dutch Design Exhibition lecture Tongji University
- 2007 Le Havre IACP Seminar Plan the City with the Port: lecture 'London, A Port City'
- 2006 London Rivers Association, Conference London a Port City, lecture 'A Design Expedition'
- 2003 Taipeh, member of the selection committee for the contribution to the Venice Architectural Biennale 02
- 2000 Tianjin IFHP World Congress: lecture 'The New Urban House'
- 2001 New York, VS, lecture, exhibition with 'De Lijn: The Dutch Way Of Urban Redevelopment'
- 2000 Taichung University, Taiwan: lecture 'Living in the Delta Metropolis'
- 2000 La Paz international workshop (Berlage Institute & Prins Claus Fonds): jury member and lecture

Selection of Publications & Exhibitions

- 2016 The adaptive Airport – Schiphol in the future, book by Podium voor Architectuur in the Haarlemmermeer, contribution in the form of an interview
- 2016 AIVP Rotterdam Port and City, Poster exhibition on SESEZ Monrovia, Liberia
- 2010 The Spontaneous City, contribution to the book of UUD
- 2003 Wonen à la carte, Book by UUD
- 2003 Wonen in de Deltametropool, Book by UUD
- 1996 Strategie voor Stedelijkheid, Book in collaboration with Milos Bobic
- 1994 Chaos and Orde in de stadsontwikkeling, Exhibition in collaboration with Milos Bobic
- 1994 Pattern Image, Book in collaboration with Milos Bobic