

# Pelin Tan

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## Research & Teaching Areas

Critical spatial practices in architecture, urbanism and contemporary art. Alternative Design Methodologies and Pedagogy.

Teaching courses/seminars: Social Theory (Architect focus - BA), Urban Ecologies, Research Methodologies (MA/Phd), Advance Architecture Studio (MA), Things/Animism/Territory (MA/Phd), Diploma.

## Academic Appointments

- 2018 Autumn**                      **Visiting Associate Prof.**  
University of Cyprus, Architecture Dept., Nicosia
- 2016 Jan.- July**                      **Visiting Associate Prof. (by invite)**  
Hong Kong PolyU School of Design – Master Program
- 2013 Sept. – 2017 Sept.**              **Associate Prof. / Vice-Dean**  
Architecture Faculty, Mardin Artuklu University, Mardin – Turkey (nominated to MiesAward2017 for its distinctive architectural education)  
twitter.com/mimarlikartuklu, mardinartuklumimarlik.tumblr.com
- 2014, 24 January Tenured (Doçent)** - ÜAK (Turkish Government Head of Interuniversities Board / T.C.Üniversitelerarası Kurul Başkanlığı)
- 2011 – 2013**                              **Assistant Prof. / Vice-Director**  
New Media Dept., Faculty of Communication, Kadir Has University, Istanbul
- 2008 – 2009**                              **Guest Professor (invited)**  
"Architecture without Architecture", Art Academy of Nürenberg, MA in Architecture and Urban Studies, Germany ([www.a42.org](http://www.a42.org)), Director Prof.Arno Brandlhuber
- 2001 – 2011**                              **Teaching&Research Assistant**  
Art History Dept., Institute of Social Sciences, Architecture Faculty, Istanbul Technical University, Istanbul
- 2006-2007, Autumn**                      **Guest Lecturer:** "Urban and Territorial Discourses in Contemporary Art" undergraduate course, History of Art, Architecture Faculty, Berlin Technical University, Germany.
- 2006 -2007, Spring**                      **Guest Lecturer:** "Space Politics in Contemporary Art: 1970s -1980s", undergraduate course, History of Art, Architecture Faculty, Berlin Technical University, Germany.
- 2003 – 2004, Spring**                      **Guest Lecturer:** "Contemporary Art at the Age of Globalization", undergraduate course, Exchange Lecturer – Socrates Teaching Mobility (ITU), History of Art&Architecture Department, Trier

University, Germany.

## Education

### **2011 Postdoc Research**

Program in Art, Culture and Technology (ACT), School of Architecture and Planning (SA+P), Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge - US

Research: "Methodology in Artistic Research: Artistic Research as Knowledge Production"

Prof.Ute Meta Bauer - Director

### **2003 – 2010 Phd**

Art History, Inst. of Social Sciences, Istanbul Technical University, Istanbul - Turkey

Thesis: "Locality as a Discursive Concept in Recent Socially Engaged Art Practices" (in Urban Context)

### **2006 – 2007 Ph.D Research (DAAD), Art History Dept., Berlin Humboldt University, Berlin - Germany**

Thesis: "Locality as a Discursive Concept in Recent Socially Engaged Art Practices"

Co-Advisor: Prof.Susanne von Falkenhausen (Head of Art History Dept.)

### **2001 – 2003 Master**

MA in Art History, Inst.of Social Sciences, Istanbul Technical University, Istanbul - Turkey

Thesis: "Contemporary Art after 1990s and Globalization"

### **1992 – 1996 Bachelor**

Sociology, DTCF, Ankara University, Ankara - Turkey

Graduation Thesis: "Postmodern Theory: Lyotard, Giddens, Touraine, Baudrillard, Jameson, Harvey

## Fellowships/Research Residencies

BAK - Utrecht	Fellowship research grant, 2017-2018 (invited)
HK Design Trust	Research Grant, 2016 (application)
NTU CCA Singapore	Research Residency, April, 2016 (invited)
CCA Kitakyushu, Japan	Research Residency, January, 2015 (invited)
Foundation for Arts, New York	Labor in Art research support grant, 2013 (application)
The Japan Foundation Fellowship	Osaka City Univ. - Urban Research Plaza, 2012 (application)
MIT/ACT, Cambridge	Post-Doc Research in Contemporary Art, 2011 (invite)
Koç Foundation / Arter Art Inst.	Contemporary Art Research Grant (for MIT residency), 2011 (invite)
Office for Contemporary Art Norway (OCA) Int. Curatorial Support with O3-Funding, 2011 (application)	
GeoAIR, Georgia	Curatorial Research in Contemporary Art, 2011 (invite)
Sweden Art Council	IASPIS Contemporary Art Research, 2008 (invite)
DAAD, Germany	Ph.D Research Grant, 2006 – 2007 (application)
Central European Univ.	Urban Strategies, Summer School Grant, 2005 (application)

## **Award**

ADI Culture Award in Design, Barcelona (2016) (For the exhibition Adhocracy Athens - Onassis Found.)

## **Selected Research Projects**

**BAK - Utrecht Research Fellowship Program - [www.bakonline.org](http://www.bakonline.org) (2017 - 2018)**

**"Territorial Sea and Contiguous Zone: Threshold Infrastructure of Pearl River Delta Sea"**, HK Design Trust, 2016, Hong Kong.

**"Cities and Social Progress" Chapter, 2015 – 2017**, Lead Author, Int.Panel of Social Progress, Editors: Saskia Sassen&Edgar Pieterse, [www.ipsp.org](http://www.ipsp.org)

**"Understanding Critical Spatial Practices", 2015 - 2016**, Workshop/Research with Prof.David Harvey, Post-Graduate Program, Mardin Artuklu University, Architecture Faculty, Mardin - Turkey

**Forensic Architecture: Spatial Analysis of Refugee Camps at Southeast Anatolia of Turkey, 2015 - 2017**  
Mardin Artuklu University – Scientific Research Project Grant, Mardin – Turkey

**Urban Transformation and Case Study of Kağıthane, Architecture Faculty, Istanbul Technical University, Istanbul – Turkey, 2011 – 2014** Pelin Tan, MAU Architecture Fac., Istanbul Technical University – Scientific Research Project Grant, Istanbul - Turkey & Özlem Özçevik, ITU Urban Planning Dept.