

INDULEKHA NAIR / ARCHITECT AND URBAN DESIGNER

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PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY
Trained as an architect with a keen interest in various scales of design, my academic and professional trajectories lie in the intersection of spatial design and participatory planning, driven by research and the urge to shape day-to-day life. I am particularly interested in understanding cities through the lens of social equity and climate resilience. Having worked on a broad spectrum of urban projects over the last three years, ranging from piloting sustainable mobility at a neighborhood scale in India to strategic planning for combating social vulnerability against Californian wildfires, I am eager to dive into the public realm of design thinking.

EDUCATION
**MS in Architecture and Urban Design (MSAUD),
Urban Strategy Studio**
University of California Los Angeles (2021 - 2022)
Los Angeles, California, United States

Bachelors in Architecture (B.ARCH)
R.V. College of Architecture (2013 - 2018)
Bangalore, Karnataka, India

EXPERIENCE **LATEST**
UCLA | February '22 - Current
Research Assistant

- Member of a team collaborating with the Berggruen Institute on curating a series of workshops with residents of communities in LA County prone to wildfires.
- Coordinate with state level agencies and fire experts to build a plan for community resiliency against wildfires.

PREVIOUS
PRAXIS INC., Bangalore | January '18 - July '20
Intern and Junior Architect

- Gained experience in a variety of project typologies from large scale hospitality to residential architecture and interiors.
- Aided in design conceptualization, client presentations, vendor coordination and production of construction drawings.

SENSING LOCAL, Bangalore | July '20 - May '21
Volunteer and Junior Researcher

- Worked on community driven neighborhood scale projects such as sustainable mobility, ward-mapping through collective fieldwork.
- Strengthened my communication skills, both verbal and visual by being the point of contact between technical experts and the community.

3FOLD DESIGN, Bangalore | Aug - December '17
Intern
GoodEarth, Bangalore | May - July '15
Intern

SKILLS
Autocad
Rhino
Cinema 4D
Autodesk Maya
Grasshopper
Revit

MS Office
Adobe Creative Suite
Sketch Up
QGIS
Enscape
Unity

COMPETITIONS AND WORKSHOPS
Z-AXIS 2020 - You and Your Neighborhood
Charles Correa Foundation (CCF)
The development of hyper-specific solutions and configurations for different street interfaces at a neighborhood scale.

ENTE KOCHI 2020 (Shortlisted Entry)
Kochi Municipal Corporation
Proposal to rejuvenate a network of canals in Kochi through urban scale interventions as a part of Kochi's Smart City Proposal. The streetscape was re-imagined using the concept of reuse-direct-delay-detension-retension.

'FUTURE CITIES 360' 2020
Conference on Parametric Phenomenology of Architecture in the age of Millennials.

VOLUME ZERO - ReSchool 2018
Design proposal for a school typology in a remote village in Nepal.

ARCHITECTURAL STUDY TOUR 2015
Documented both contemporary and traditional architecture and local culture in the cities of Tokyo, Osaka and Kyoto, Japan.

PUBLICATIONS (ON-GOING) Documentation of research on wildfires preparedness and mitigation, of the Santa Monica mountain region as well as LA city. Findings from the workshops with residents of these areas will be published along with a set of recommendations for wildfire resilience.

LANGUAGES English
Hindi

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