

Viktorija Prilenska

Résumé

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Research interests: sustainable mobility planning for the city and energy planning for the neighbourhood; civic engagement in urban design, planning and policy-making (with focus on gamified participation methods); city branding; coastal erosion and rainwater management.

Research methodology: qualitative methodology; case studies, grounded theory, action research; interviews, questionnaires, observations; thematic analysis, content analysis.

Professional competences: all level spatial planning (from neighbourhood to city), incl. planning of mobility and recreational spaces; development of building codes; building refurbishment; water structures.

Education

Aug 2014 - present **PhD Student**, graduation planned for spring 2020

Department of Civil Engineering and Architecture, School of Engineering, Tallinn University of Technology, Estonia

Research topic: games for better civic engagement in urban design and planning.

2012 **Master of Science in Urbanism**

Faculty of Architecture, Urbanism and Building Sciences, Delft University of Technology, Netherlands

Graduation project: thematic plan for recreational spaces for the city of Riga with the focus on the area between the Old Town, railway station and food market.

2010 **Diploma of Architecture** (*cum laude*)

Faculty of Architecture and Urban Planning, Riga Technical University, Latvia

Graduation project: semi-natural semi-artificial island for protection against coastal erosion in the village of Bernati, Latvia.

Employment history

Nov 2017 - present **Co-founder, board member and project manager**

NGO Urban Narratives, Riga, Latvia

Independent research and educational projects in architecture and planning.

Nov 2018 - Jan 2020 **Architect, Planner**

Architecture office Knokk Knokk Ltd., Meness street 4, Riga, Latvia

Building refurbishment, water structures, detailed plans (incl. planning of mobility and recreational spaces).

Sep-Dec 2019 **Lecturer**

Faculty of Engineering Economics and Management, Riga Technical University, Latvia

Lecture series "Urban Challenge" about opportunities and threats of contemporary cities, such as sustainability in energy, water and food production, pollution, mobility, public spaces.

Aug 2016, 2017, 2018 **Mentor**

Baltic International Summer School, Hamburg Hafen City University, Germany
Supervision and guidance of student project teams, post-processing documentation.

Feb - Jun 2016 **Intern**

Riga City Development Department, Amatu street 4, Riga, Latvia
Community engagement activities, thematic plans for the city of Riga.

Oct 2015 - Mar 2016 **Planner**

Planning Office Metrum Ltd., Gertrudes street 47, Riga, Latvia
Spatial concept for Kleisti urban area (~1km²).

Nov 2015 - Jan 2016 **Architect**

Architecture Office SZK un Partneri, Kaleju street 8, Riga, Latvia
Technical documentation for residential and office high-rise project Z-Towers.

Aug 2011, 2012 **Mentor**

International Office, Delft University of Technology, Netherlands
Supervision and guidance of student project teams, lectures on communication, presentation and information skills, organisation of excursions and events.

Aug 2009 - Jul 2010 **Architect**

Architecture Office Kubs Ltd., Stabu street 46/48, Riga, Latvia
Technical documentation for residential and office building projects, competition projects.

Languages

Russian - mother tongue; English, Latvian - proficient user; German - independent user.

Software

AutoCAD; SketchUp; Revit (studying); Adobe CS (InDesign, Illustrator, Photoshop); MS Office and corresponding macOS programs; audio and video editing software (Filmora); reference management software (Zotero, Mendeley); thematic analysis software (NVivo).

Research projects (2018-2020)

“Participation Game”, March 2018 - February 2019

NGO Urban Narratives in collaboration with Riga Technical University, Tallinn University of Technology and UNESCO Latvian National Commission

“Energy Game”, January 2018 - January 2019

NGO Urban Narratives in collaboration with Albert college

“Emerging methods for civic engagement in urban design and planning”, September 2017 - June 2018

Co-funded by State Culture Capital Fund of Latvia (No. 2017-3-DIA009)

Publications (2018-2020)

Prilenska, V. (forthcoming) Current research vectors in games for public participation in planning. *Scientific Journal of Riga Technical University: Architecture and Urban Planning*, section10, vol. xx, pp. xx.

Prilenska, V. (2020) Participation game: Reflections on the iterative design process. *PlaNext*, 9, 97-122.

Prilenska V. (2020) Serious game for building neighbourhood energy supply scenarios. *IOP Conference Series: Earth and Environmental Science*, 410, 012091.

Prilenska V., Paadam K., Liias R. (2019) Civic engagement in the (post-socialist) transitional society: two case studies. In Čamprag, N., Suri, A. (Eds.) *Three Decades of Post-socialist Transition. Conference Proceedings*, pp. 287-294. Darmstadt: TU Prints.

Prilenska V., Paadam, K., Liias R. (2018). City as a product, planning as a service. In Krstić-Furundžić A., Vukmirović M., Vaništa Lazarević E., Đukić A. (eds.) *Conference Proceedings: Places and Technologies 2018, 5th International Academic Conference on Places and Technologies*, pp. 262–268. University of Belgrade.

Prilenska V., Feofilovs M. (2018) Game design as an interdisciplinary teaching tool in the built environment studies. In Bögle A., Kasting F., Popova E., Mujica von Seggern M.J. (eds.) *think the link City Elements - Infrastructure and Networks Shaping Harbor Areas*, pp. 31-43. Hafen City University Hamburg.

Lectures and conference presentations (2017-2020)

SBE 2019 Sustainability in the Built Environment for Climate Change Mitigation, 23-25 October 2019, Thessaloniki, Greece

Participant, presentation of Energy Game

International Conference on Cities and Change "Three Decades of Post-socialist Transition", 17-18 May 2019, Darmstadt, Germany

Participant, presentation about civic engagement in urban design and planning in the Baltics

Participation Game sessions for high-school pupils, 25 January 2019, Riga planning Department, Riga, Latvia (comissioned by Latvian National Commission of UNESCO)

Co-organiser, game designer and master

Reinhold Šmērļing conference, 1 November 2018, Riga, Latvia (comissioned by Riga City Architect's office)

Co-organiser

KTU (Kaunas University of Technology) Internationa Conference Advanced Construction 2018, 20 September 2018, Kaunas, Lithuania

Participant, presentation of Energy Game

EURA (European Urban Research Association) 2018 Conference, 21-23 June 2018, Tilburg, Netherlands

Participant, (1) presentation about emerging methods for civic engagement in urban design and planning, (2) presentation about planing models

Lecture series about cities, 23 May 2018, Goethe Institute, Riga, Latvia (comissioned by Latvian Civic Alliance)

Lecturer, lecture about co-creation of cities

Inno-BSR Symposium “Interfaces in the Built Environment. Bridging Culture and Technology in the Baltic Sea Region”, 16 April 2018, Hamburg, Germany

Participant, presentation about self-learning algorithms for better urban design and planning

12th AESOP (Association of European Schools of Planning) Young Academics Conference, 26-29 March 2018, Groningen, Netherlands

Participant, presentation of Energy Game

RTU (Riga Technical University) 58th International Scientific Conference, 13-14 October 2017, Riga, Latvia

Participant, presentation about emerging methods for civic engagement in urban design and planning

BISS (Baltic International Summer School) 2017 PhD Symposium “Innovations in Interdisciplinary Research in Built Environment within the Baltic Sea Region”, 18 August 2017, Hamburg, Germany

Participant, presentation of Energy Game

AESOP (Association of European Schools of Planning) 2017 Congress, 11-14 July 2017, Lisbon, Portugal

Participant, (1) presentation about emerging methods for civic engagement in urban design and planning, (2) presentation about civic engagement in urban design and planning in the Baltics

AESOP (Association of European Schools of Planning) 2017 PhD workshop, 5-8 July 2017, Aveiro, Portugal

Participant

Riga, 7 March 2020