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Personal

Expertise:

Earthen Architecture History, European Architecture History of the 20th century; Global History, Postcolonial Theory

Experience in relevant field: 5 years

Degree:

M.A Historische Urbanistik, TU Berlin

B.Sc Architektur, RWTH Aachen

Current organisation

Promotionszentrum für Architektur- und Design Forschung

Doctoral Center for Architecture and Design Research

Focus on topic: Geschichte des Lehmbaus in Deutschland 19-21 Jhd. in globaler Verflechtung

History of Earthen Architecture in Germany from 19-21 cent. in global relations

No. of staff	PhD students	MSc/year

Research projects (name, duration, institution)

- **Dissertation:** *"Sociotechnical Imaginaries of Earthen Architecture – Building Prototypes for Urban Development in German Learning Spaces From the 20th Century Until Today.",* 2025-2028, Anhalt University of Applied Sciences

Short CV

Since 12/2025 Project manager – New European Bauhaus, Federal Bauakademie Foundation

09/2023-03/2025 Research Assistant , University of Applied Science, Prof. Elke Beyer

09/2023-03/2025 Junior Curator, Gallery Under The Mango Tree, Berlin

04/2022/ 09/2022 Student Tutor, Habitat Unit, TU Berlin

06/2020 – 02/2022 Student Research Assistant, Climate Smart Cities Project, TU Berlin

11/2019 – 09/2020 Editorial Intern/freelance author, BauNetz Media GmbH

12/2018 – 07/ 2019 Architectural Assistant, Anupama Kundoo Architects

Publications

Publications:

Engel, Elisa, Samuel Hilari, Abhinav Thakar, und Ulrike Schwantner. „An Embrace of Imperfection – Bauprojekte im Globalen Süden and Beyond". In Stahlstadtschule: da – die architektur linz, herausgegeben von Siegfried Atteneder und c/o now. JOVIS Verlag, 2025.

Conferences:

Sep. 2026 - Phoenix, Arizona, USA, Annual German Studies Association Conference - "Bodenständig Bauen: Rebuilding Urban Margins in Late-Stage National Socialism"

Juli 2026 - University of Cambridge, Situated Imaginaries Conference - "Prototyping the Periphery: Learning Spaces, Development Aid, and Earthen Architecture in the GDR"

Juni 2026: TU Berlin, Habitat Unit, Gastvortrag mit Prof. Elke Beyer im Seminar „Travelling Soils", „Lehmbaugeschichten in Deutschland als Projekte soziotechnischer Imagination"

Dez 2025 - Akademie der bildenden Künste, Wien, Forum Netzwerk Architekturwissenschaften - "Re:Learning Earthen Architecture. Earthen architecture pedagogy and research between imaginaries of poverty, othering, sufficiency and sustainability"

Nov 2025 - HSA, Dessau - Materialwissen: Lehmbau - Vorlesung/Gastvortrag, BA Architektur, in Vorlesungsreihe: Aktuelle Perspektiven der Architektur und Stadtforschung, Prof. Dr. Elke Beyer

September 2024 - Weimar, Lehm2024 - Lehmbau(lehr)siedlungen, Lehm-Versuchsbauten und ihr Beitrag zu Verbreitung des Wissens über Lehmbau in der BRD und DDR