



Oana Bogdan

FOUNDING PARTNER BOGDAN & VAN BROECK

Oana Bogdan is an architect and urban designer living and working in Belgium and active in Romania.

She obtained a double diploma in Architecture from the University of Architecture and urbanism 'Ion Mincu' (Magna Cum Laude, Bucharest, Romania, 2003) and the University of Antwerp, Faculty of Design Sciences (with distinction, Antwerp, Belgium, 2002), and an Executive Master of Business Administration degree at Vlerick Business School (with distinction, Brussels, Belgium, 2015). She has been a guest tutor at various architecture programs during 8 years and is a regular jury member for awards and architecture or urban design competitions in Belgium and Romania.

Over the last years, Oana has been a member of the Royal Committee for Monuments and Landscapes of the Flemish Region, the Advisory Committee for Architecture and Design of the Flemish Government and several other juries and educational programs. She is the Winner of the Bucharest Architecture Bienale 2010 and has been twice nominated for the Mies Van der Rohe Award. Currently, she is member of the Unesco Experts Committee for the City of Bruges in Belgium

As co-founder of BOGDAN & VAN BROECK, she, together with Leo Van Broeck, has developed a diverse and extensive international body of work including consultancy and architectural services, in Europe, Africa, South America and Asia.

They position themselves as a service company, offering assistance in needs assessment, vision development and policy making thanks to several research studies constituting a knowledge platform applicable in various fields of action. The 'High Rise Study for the City of Ghent', the 'Transformation of the European neighbourhood of Brussels' vision in 2012, and the extensive report on the causes of excessive land use and urban sprawl conducted by the office allow them to tackle innovative ways of looking at how to organise the spatial presence of mankind on Earth. Their active involvement in society and the political debate contribute to raising cultural awareness beyond the world of architecture.

Within their portfolio of recent realisations that is used as the testing counterpart of their consultancy services, projects range from educational (the Bakala Academy in Leuven, 2013), residential (the VUB U-Residence for students in Brussels in 2013 and the Den Travoo collective housing in Hoeilaart in 2014), mixed-use (Kanaal Vervoordt r.e., conversion of a former maltery, 2015), and cultural (Port-Sud, the reconversion of an old mill into an interpretation center and an incubator for small and medium enterprises, 2015).

Their ongoing realisations include the extension and transformation of Campus Unesco in Koekelberg; the construction of Truss (a collective sports and educational amenity along the Brussel's canal as a part of a sustainable neighbourhood contract), The Cosmopolitan (transformation of a high-rise office building in the center of Brussels into mixed-use housing); and Colonel Bourg (the construction of a mixed-use housing complex as a landmark at the edge of Brussels, along the E40), among others.

2015- Member of the Unesco Experts Committee for the City of Bruges, Belgium
2013-2015 Executive MBA, Vlerick Business School, Brussels, Belgium
2013-2015 Member of the Royal Committee for Monuments and Landscapes of the Flemish Region, Belgium
2007-2012 Member of the Advisory Committee for Architecture and Design of the Flemish Government, Belgium
2007- Founding partner of BOGDAN & VAN BROECK, Brussels, Belgium
2005-2011 Guest tutor at Advanced Master Human Settlements, Advanced Master in Urbanism and Strategic Planning, European Master in Urbanism, Leuven - Delft - Barcelona - Venice, KU Leuven, Department of Architecture, Leuven, Belgium
2005- Member of the Order of Architects, Belgium
2004-2010 Guest tutor at Bachelor & Master Architecture, KU Leuven, Department of Architecture, Leuven, Belgium
2004-2007 Founding partner of BLU-net [Building Landscapes and Urbanism network], Barcelona, Spain
2003 Winner European 7, Pärnu, Estonia
2003 Dissertation nominatWion for the RIBA "President's Medals Student Awards" 2003, United Kingdom
2003 Diploma in Architecture with magna cum laude, University of Architecture and Urbanism "Ion Mincu", Bucharest, Romania
2002 Diploma in Architecture, with distinction, Henry van de Velde Higher Institute of Architectural Sciences, University of Antwerp, Faculty of Design Sciences, Belgium
2002-2010 Official European correspondent for 'Arhitectura', Bucharest, Romania
2001-2007 Project architect, architect and intern at VBMarchitecten, Leuven, Belgium
2000-2001 International student at KU Leuven, Department of Architecture, Leuven, Belgium
1999-2000 Erasmus Scholarship at KU Leuven, Department of Architecture, Leuven, Belgium
1999 TEMPUS Scholarship, Fachhochschule Regensburg, Germany