Pelin Tan

Basic Information

Research Areas

Critical spatial practices, Contemporary art, Artistic Research, Research Methodologies, Art Theory, Contemporary Architecture & Urbanism.

2014, 24 January Tenured (Habilitation - Doçent) - In Modern and Contemporary Art Division (subtopics of Urbanism, Architecture) in Art History by ÜAK (Turkish Government Head of Inter Universities Board / T.C.Üniversitelerarası Kurul Başkanlığı)

Academic Appointments

2021 March Full Professor, Fine Arts Faculty, Batman University, Turkey

2020 - Senior Researcher, Center for Arts, Design and Social Research, Boston, USA

2021 - 2026 Researcher, Architecture Faculty, University of Thessaly, Greece

2020 Spring Visiting, Bard College Human Rights and Curatorial Studies Program.

2019 Winter Prof. In Residence, Art & Film School, Lofoten Island, Norway

2018 Autumn
 2016 Jan.- July
 2013 Sept. – 2017 Sept.
 Visiting Associate Prof. Architecture Faculty, University of Cyprus, Nicosia.
 Visiting Associate Prof. Hong Kong PolyU School of Design – MA Prg
 2013 Sept. – 2017 Sept.
 Associate Prof. / Vice-Dean, Architecture Faculty, Mardin Artuklu
 University, Turkey

2011 – 2013 Assistant Prof. / Vice-Director, New Media Dept., Faculty of Communication, Kadir Has University, Istanbul.

2008 – 2009 Guest Professor, Art Academy of Nürenberg, MA in Architecture and Urban Studies, Germany.

2001 – 2011 Teaching&Research Assistant Art History Dept., Institute of Social Sciences, Istanbul Technical University, Turkey.

2006-2007, Autumn Lecturer

"Urban and Territorial Discourses in Contemporary Art" undergraduate course, History of Art, Architecture Faculty, Berlin Technical University, Germany.

2006 -2007, Spring Lecturer

"Space Politics in Contemporary Art: 1970s -1980s", undergraduate course, History of Art, Architecture Faculty, Berlin Technical University, Germany.

2003 – 2004, Spring 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

Affiliated Researcher/Fellow, Program in Art, Culture and Technology (ACT), School of Architecture and Planning (SA+P), Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge 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 Thesis: "Locality as a Discursive Concept in Recent Socially Engaged Art Practices" Co-Advisor: Prof.Susanne von Falkenhausen

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

2019 - 2022	Center for Arts, Design and Social Research, Boston, USA
2019 - 2020	6th Recipient of Keith Haring Art&Activism, Bard College, Human Rights.
2020 -2021	Senior Researcher, Center for Arts, Design and Social Research Boston
2019 - 2020	Research Fellow, Center for Arts, Design and Social Research Boston
2017 - 2018	BAK contemporary art - Utrecht, Fellowship research grant (invited)
2016	HK Design Trust, Research Grant (application)
2016, April	NTU CCA Singapore, Research Residency (invited)
2015.Jan.	CCA Kitakvushu, Japan Research Residency (invited)

2013 Foundation for Arts, New York, Labor in Art research support grant,

(application)

2012 The Japan Foundation Fellowship Osaka City Univ. - Urban Research

Plaza (application)

2011, Spring MIT/ACT, Cambridge, Post-Doc Research in Contemporary Art (invite)

2011 Koç Foundation / Arter Art Inst., Contemporary Art Research Grant (for MIT

residency) (invite)

2011 Office for Contemporary Art Norway (OCA) Int. Curatorial Support with

03-Funding, 2011 (application)

2011, Jan GeoAIR, Georgia Curatorial Research in Contemporary Art (invite)
 2008 Sweden Art Council, IASPIS Contemporary Art Research, (invite)
 2006 - 2007 DAAD, Germany- Ph.D Research Grant, 2006 – 2007 (application)

2006 - 2007 DAAD, Germany- Fri.D Research Grant, 2006 - 2007 (application)

2005 Central European Univ. Urban Strategies, Summer School Grant, Budapest.

Grant for Art&Film Production

2020 Sharjah Art Biennial, Short Film Grant

2014 Montreal Art Biennial

2013 Bergen Assembly, art biennial

2012 Vancouver art initiatives

Administrative Duties

2021 - Head of Film Department, Fine Arts Academy, Batman Üniversity, Batman

2014 - 2017 Vice - Dean; Architecture Faculty, Mardin Artuklu University, Mardin.

2014 - 2017 Erasmus Student Exchange Director, Architecture Faculty, Mardin Artuklu University, Mardin.

2014 - 2017 Faculty Student Community official advisor; Architecture Faculty, Mardin Artuklu University, Mardin.

2015 - 2017 University Press Board Member; Architecture Faculty, Mardin Artuklu University, Mardin.

2014 - 2017 Research Projects Granting Board Member; Architecture Faculty, Mardin Artuklu University, Mardin.

2012 - 2014 Vice - Director, New Media Dept.; Media&Communication Faculty, Kadir Has University, Istanbul.

2011 - 2013 Board Member of Istanbul Studies Center, Kadir Has University, Istanbul.

2012 - 2014 Erasmus Student Exchange Director, New Media Dept.; Media&Communication Faculty, Kadir Has University, Istanbul.

2001 - 2011 Teaching - Research Assistant, Art History Postgraduate Studies, Inst. of Social Sciences, Istanbul Technical University, Istanbul.

2004 - 2009 Erasmus coordinator of Art History Postgraduate Studies, Inst. of Social Sciences, Istanbul Technical University, Isanbul.

2002 - 2010 Technical Editor, ITU Social Sciences Journal, Istanbul Technical Univ. ITUPress, Istanbul.

<u>Award</u>

- 2019 2020 6th Recipient of Keith Haring Art&Activism, Bard College, Human Rights.
- 2019 2022 Research Fellow, the Center for Arts, Design and Social Research, Boston
- **2017 2018** BAK (basis for contemporary knowledge), Fellowship by invitation, Utrecht, Netherlands.
- 2016 ADI Culture Award in Design, Barcelona, (For the Curation of the exhibition Adhocracy Athens Onassis F.)
- 2016 Keith Haring Art and Activism Nomination (Last Stage Finalist), Bard College Curatorial Studies and Human Rights Dept, New York.
- 1991 Turkey's Young Promising Poet Award, Milliyet Art Literature Magazine, Istanbul

Research Projects

- **2020 -** Cosmological Gardens, Spoleto, Center for Arts, Design and Social Research.
- **2020** "The Care of Seed an entangled kinship", with Luigi Coppola (Italy), Vivien Sansour (Palestine), Istanbul Design Biennial, 2020.
- 2018 "Urgent Pedagogies", with Magnus Ericsson, IASPIS Swedish Art Council
- **2019** "Resilient Infrastructures: Post-Anthropocene Research on the Nords", with Prof.Katya Sander, Nordland Art and Film School, Kabelvag, Norway.
- **2016 2018** "Territorial Sea and Contiguous Zone: Threshold Infrastructure of Pearl River Delta Sea", HK Design Trust, 2016, Hong Kong.
- **2015 2017** "Cities and Social Progress" Chapter, 2015 2017, Lead Author, Int.Panel of Social Progress, Editors: Saskia Sassen&Edgar Pieterse, www.ipsp.org
- **2015 2017** "Spatial Analysis of Refugee Camps at Southeast Anatolia of Turkey, 2015 2017", Mardin Artuklu University Scientific Research Project Grant (BAP), Mardin Turkey
- **2011 2014** "Urban Transformation and Case Study of Kağıthane", Architecture Faculty, Istanbul Technical University, Istanbul Technical University Scientific Research Project Grant (BAP), Istanbul Turkey. Pelin Tan (MAU) & Özlem Özçevik, (ITU)
- "Precariousness, Institutionalism and Autonomy Artist-run spaces and collectives in urban Japan", The Japan Foundation, Osaka Urban Research Plaza.
- **2007** Public Turn in Contemporary Art, (public panels/debates, artists talks, exhibition, book), invited project curator Pelin Tan, Santrallstanbul, Istanbul Bilgi University, Istanbul, 2007. EU Culture 2000.

Journal Reviewer & Editorial Board Member

Reviewer, Journal of Architecture Faculty, METU (Middle Technical University), Ankara http://jfa.arch.metu.edu.tr

Journal of Islamic Architecture

Reviewer & Editorial Board Member, ARTMargins, MIT Press Journals, Cambridge, (2012-2019)

Reviewer, Footprint, Delft Architecture Theory Journal, Delft, www.footprintjournal.org Editorial Advisor, SEL Yayıncılık, KentSel (Urbanism Serie), Istanbul

Advisory Board Member

2019	aydan Association for Migration and the Mediterranean, Italy/Gre	ece.

2019 - IMECE Solidarity Association, refugee network, Cesme, Turkey.

2018 - Kuratorium der Internationalen Bauausstellung 2027 StadtRegion Stuttgart www.iba27.de

2015 - 2017	Anni and Heinrich Sussmann Artist Award, Vienna.
2015	Scientific Roard Momber of Crook National Pavilian L

Scientific Board Member of Greek National Pavilion (Artist: Maria Papadimitriou), Venice Biennial, Athens, Venice.

Invited to persing to far the #Furenege Cultural Found

2014 Invited to nominate for the "European Cultural Foundation Princess

Margriet Award", an annual prize for artists, critical thinkers, activists, (ECF)

2013 Invited to nominate Visible Award 2013 funded by Cittadellarte –

Fondazione Pistoletto and the Fondazione Zegna's Art Projects. (the

nomination won the Visible Prize, 2013)

2009 Londra Architecture Foundation, İstanbul – London Exchange Program

Advisory Board Member.

2008 Skulpturenpark, KunstrePublic, Public Art Institution Advisory Board

Member,Berlin

2006 - 2007 Kale Design Center Advisory Board Member, Santraistanbul, Bilgi

Üniversitesi.

2006 - 2007 IVSA - International Visual sociology Association member and member of

executive committee of the organization NY conference, 10-12 August

2007, Urbino.

2005 "Shrinking cities – Bauhaus goes urban: A discussion about the future of

urbanism in a three-act interactive performance", Invited Critic Board Member, Bauhaus Dessau Foundation, 7.July.2005. UIA – Architectural

World Congress, İstanbul. www.uia2005istanbul.org

2004-2005 Invited Advisory Board Member, NowHere Europe, project by

B.Pietromarchi, Fondazione Adriano Olivetti, Rome, Italy.

Advising Phd/Master Thesis and Thesis Board Member

Yasar Engin Ayan, "Twitter, transforming public space and formation of opinion", Communication Faculty, Kadir Has University, 2013

Ceren Yancatarol, "Tactical media practices in contemporary art in Turkey", Communication Faculty, Kadir Has University, 2012

Yildiz Tahtaci - Master Thesis: "Commoning Practice in Women Centers of Al-Fawar Refugee Camp (Palestine) and Benusen Neighbourhood (Diyarbakir/Turkey)", Mardin Artuklu University, Architecture Faculty, 2017

Mezra Oner - Master Thesis: "The Politics of Trash/Garbage in Urban Space", Mardin Artuklu University, Architecture Faculty, 2017

Ashraf Nassab - Master Thesis: "Architect Hasan Fathy and design for poor, participatory design", Mardin Artuklu University, Architecture Faculty, 2019.

Hatice Dogan - Master Thesis: "Container Architecture - Appropriation of Earthquake Shelter", Mardin Artuklu University, Architecture Faculty, 2019

Songul Geldi - Phd Thesis: "Space&Memory in Post-War Beirut Visual Production", Defence September 2019

Serif Toka - Phd Thesis: "Image, Fragments, Architecture in the city of Diyarbakir", Mardin Artuklu University, Architecture Faculty, 2017

Fatih Boluk - PhD Thesis: "Infrastructure and China's Belt and Road Project", Mardin Artuklu University, Architecture Faculty, 2022.

Oguz Oner - Phd Thesis: Sound walking as a method in urban design, Istanbul Technical University, Architecture Faculty, Urban Planning Dept., Thesis Board Member, June 2020

Elif Cigdem Artan - PhD Thesis: Urban Archives&Video, Metropolitan Studies, Berlin Technical University, Thesis Board Member, February 2019.

Hans Schildermans - PhD Thesis: Making University, KU Leuven - Faculty of Psychology and Educational Sciences, Thesis Board Member, March 2019.

Academic & Professional References

Assoc. Prof. Gediminas Urbanos, Director of ACT, School of Architecture and Planning (SA+P), Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge urbanas@mit.edu Prof. Saskia Sassen, Columbia University, Sociology Dept., New York, sjs2@columbia.edu Prof. Ute Meta Bauer, School of Art, Design and Media College of Humanities, Arts, & Social Sciences, Singapore, UBauer@ntu.edu.sg
Hou Hanru, Artistic Director, Maxxi Museum Rome, hou.hanru@gmail.com
Mark Wigley, Columbia University, Architecture Faculty, maw152@columbia.edu
David Harvey, CUNY, dharvey@gc.cuny.edu

Curatorial Proj	iect / Curatorship	

2022	Guest Curator: Didier Foustino solo exhibition, MAAT, Lisbon
2020 -	Cosmological Gardens, CAD+SR, Spoleto, Italy
2019 - 2020	Curator of Gardentopia Project, Matera/Italy, Matera European Cultural
	Capital 2019
2019	Pelin Tan & Liam Gillick, I-Dea Project, Matera European Cultural Capital,
	Matera, Italy.
2016	Co-Curator of Adhocracy – Athens , Barcelona ADI Culture Award in
	Design, adhocracy.athens.sgt.gr
2015 - 2017	Curator (Turkey), Actopolis – A Translational Lab, Goethe Institute (Led by
	Athens Goethe) & Urbane Künste Ruhr, Actopolis.net
2012	Associate Curator, Adhocracy - I.Istanbul Design Biennale, Curator Joseph
	Grima, Istanbul Art and Culture Foundation (IKSV)
2011	Curator, Knut Asdam - Solo Exhibition, DEPO Art and Cultural Center, Istanbul.
2003 -2004	Curator, Luggage from Another Climate, on the City of Rotterdam, Tracer
	exhibition, WdW/TENT, Rotterdam

Exhibitions (invited as participant)

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2020	Istanbul Design Biennial, Istanbul.
2018	"The Fall of Artists' Republic", film by Pelin Tan & Anton Vidokle, Extra State, Belgium.
2017	Pearl River Delta Fishing Village Heritage - Shenzhen
	Urbanism&Architecture Biennial 2017, Shenzhen, en.szhkbiennale.org
2016	"The Fall of Artists' Republic", film by Pelin Tan & Anton Vidokle, Istanbul
	Biennial, Curator: Carolyn Bakeriev, Istanbul.
2016	Autonomous Infrastructure, Pelin Tan & Martha Rosler, Oslo Architecture
	Triennial, Norway.
2016	Institute of Threshold, Pelin Tan & Joseph Grima, Cyprus Pavilion, Venice
	Architecture Biennial.
2014	"Ruins – Oscar Niemeyer's Fairground, Tripoli", A Museum Of Immortality,
	Ashkal Alwan, Beirut, Lebanon.
2013	"2084/ episode I", film, directors: Pelin Tan & Anton Vidokle, One Step
	Forward, Two Steps Back — Us and Institution, Us as Institution, Curated
	by Biljana Ciric, June 29–August 11, Guangdong Times Museum,
	Guangzhou, China.
2013	Lisbon Architecture Triennale, Lisbon, (participant&author)
2007	Innocent Act, StudyoKAHEM, architectural research project in the public
	house of Kadıköy, 10 th Int. Istanbul Art Biennial.
2011	Archive Fever", exhibition: "Brief Histories" curated by Fawz Kabra/Isak
	Berbic, Sharjah, United Arab Emirates, March 17 – April.

Film/Documentary

- **2020** "She Who Saw the Deep" under production, (Directors: Pelin Tan & Anton Vidokle)
- 2012 2084 Episode I about the future of art and art history (Directors: Pelin Tan & Anton Vidokle), Commissioned by Vancouver Artist Run Congress, Canada.
- **2013** 2084 Episode II about the future of art and art history (Directors: Pelin Tan & Anton Vidokle) Commissioned by Bergen Assembly, Bergen, Norway.
- 2014 2084 Episode III about the future of art and art history (Directors: Pelin Tan & Anton Vidokle) Commissioned by Montreal Biennial, Montreal, Canada.
- **2016 17** Threshold Infrastructure, research documentary, Hong Kong Design Trust, Hong Kong
- **2019** Matera I DEA Exhibition interview videos.

Keynotes & Talks & Seminars (invited)

- 2021 Whole Life Academy, Haus Der Kultur Der Welt, Berlin, October
- 2021 Bauhaus of the Seas Conference Venice, bauhaus-seas.eu 20 September
- 2021 Care Pedagogies and Solidarity Infrastructures, lecture, Harvard University, GSD, 8 April.
- 2021 Tigris Phenomenologies, Ashkal Alwan, Beirut, May
- 2021 Radical Pedagogies, panel, Architecture Faculty, University of Cyprus, 31 March.
- 2020 Architecture and Human Rights, with Thomas Keenan, by Princeton Univ. Architecture Faculty, Fall 2020
- 2020 Field as Patch/Violence as Scale, seminar in Goldsmiths Research Architecture, London, 9 June
- 2020 How To Work, Research Festival by Hamburg Experimental Design Faculty, www.howtowork.live
- 2020 De/Archive Workshop, Interflugs, UdK Berlin
- 2020 Commons symposium, Cambridge University, 11-12 June.
- 2019 Whitechapel Gallery, The Rural Assembly program, 21 June, London.
- 2019 "Zones of Conflict: Artists Responding to Socio-Political Realities", Panel Speaker, Art Basel's Conversations, 14 May, 2019, Basel.
- 2019 "No Lands", Panel Speaker, Qattan Foundation, Ramallah, Palestine, 11 April
- 2019 "Spaces of Solidarity", Panel organisers/speaker, 2019 Critical Geography Conference, Architecture Faculty, NTUA
- 2019 "Mediating the Spatiality of Conflicts", TU Delft Architecture in Netherlands, November 6-9.
- 2018 Tai Kwun Art Center, Decolonization, November, Hong Kong
- 2018 FEI Arts, Guangzhou, China
- 2018 Walking Gordon Matta Clark with Mark Wigley, SpaceCaviar, Genova, Sept.

- 2018 SWAMP Pavillion, Curated by Gediminas&Nomeda Urbanos, Venice Architecture Biennial.
- 2018 Vardiya, Pavilion of Turkey, Curated by Kerem Piker, Venice Architecture Biennial.
- 2018 ArkMat Norway, Anthropocene and Food Infrastructure in Design, September
- 2018 Urgent Pedagogies, one day conference organisers with IASPIS Stockholm&IKSV Design Biennial, 2018 Design Biennial, September.
- 2018 Jan van Ecyk Academy, critique and speaker
- 2018 With Keller Easterling, E-flux Architecture, February, New York
- 2018 Refugee Infrastructures, Spaces of Solidarity, GSD Harvard University, Cambridge.
- 2018 Decolonizing Architecture, Canadian Center for Architecture, July, Montreal.
- 2018 Masters Program in Curatorial Practice School of Visual Arts, New York
- 2017 China Art Academy, December, Hangzhou. China
- 2017 "Position on Emancipation Architecture between Aesthetics and Politics", 31.03.- 1.03 2017, Shengen, Luxembourg, Master in Architecture European Urbanisation Globalisation
- 2016 Architecture and Alternative Pedagogy, Symposium, BAK, Utrecht, February, www.bakonline.org
- 2016 Ideas City Athens New Museum New York & Neon, Athens,
- 2016 Pelin Tan, Rikrit Tiravinjia, Didier Faustino, Joan Jonas, Day presentation, Modern Museum of Cenova, organised by CCA Kitakyush
- u 2015 Residency presentation&Talk, Centre for Contemporary Art Kitakyushu, Japan,
- 2015 istanbul bienial saltwater
- 2014 2000+ Urgencies in Architectural Theory Columbia University GSAPP, New York,
- 2014 Talk, Sociology Dept. BirZeit University, Ramallah/Palestine
- 2014 "Agency + Vulnerability. Making. Art. Making History. Making Change", Public Art Lower Austria, Vienna
- 2013 "Transversal Language", Pelin Tan&Knut Asdam, public talk, 0047 art&architecture research space, Oslo
- 2013 "Common Knowledge" panel at the Eurozine Conference 2013, Oslo www.eurozine.com/comp/oslo2013.html
- 2013 "Al-Masha or the Space of Common," Decolonizing Architecture (DAAR), HKDW,Berlin
- www.hkw.de/en/programm/2013/edward_said_konferenz/veranstaltungen_83195/veranstaltungsdetail_96180.php
- 2013 "Culture Class by Martha Rosler– book launch", E-flux, Miss Read, art books fair, 21.10.2013, Berlin

- 2013 A Generation: Cross-Cultural Connections | Zoe Marden & Julia Marchand (initiators/ curators). Discussion: Pauline J. Yao (M+), Nabim Abbas (artist), Yeung Yang (Soundpocket), Hans Ulrich Obrist (Serpentine Gallery), Simon Castest (NYC/89+), Chantal Wong (AAA), Pelin Tan. 23 26 May 2013, 12-1.30pm, Open Platform by ArtAsiaArchive, Hong Kong edition of Art Basel, Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre.
- 2013 "Civic Publics as a Constellation", 12 September 2013, Public Lecture, 3.Lisbon Architecture Triennale, Beatrice Galilee (chief curator), Liam Young, Mariana Pestana, Jose Esparza Chong Choy, Lisbon
- 2013 "Socially Engaged Art Practices and Urban Commons", 7 March 2013. Public Lecture, Rice University, Houston. arts.rice.edu
- 2013 "Assembling Urban Ecologies: Research Methodologies For Radicalized Urban Pedagogy", The New School Parsons Urban Ecologies Dept. 1 March 2013. Co-organizer&Speaker. New York. Miguel Robles Duran & Pelin Tan. urban.parsons.edu/pelin-tan
- 2013 "Biennials as Sites of Knowledge Production", 16.February.2013. Professional VIP meeting organized by Prof.Ute Meta Bauer (Director of RCA London), ARCO Madrid. www.ifema.es/ferias/arco/default_i.html
- 2013 Speaker, Seminars on Critical, Curatorial and Conceptual Practices in Architecture, Columbia University, GSAPP, New York, events.gsapp.org/event/interpretations-promiscuous- encounters, 23.03.2012
- 2013 In The Urban Crisis: The New School of Parsons Urban Ecologies MA, New York, 03.05.2012
- blogs.newschool.edu/news/2012/02/parsons-launches-in-the-urban-crisis-series
- 2013 Social Housing Housing the Social (Actors, Agents and Attendants). Amsterdam, SKOR www.skor.nl/eng/site/item/actors-agents-and-attendants-ii-programme