

Javier Vergara Petrescu

ACADEMIC BACKGROUND

MSc City Design and Social Science, November 2009

The London School of Economics & Political Science.

Thesis title: "Reinventing Chaitén; Bottom-up strategies for empowering a city in the south of Chile"

Advisor: Dr. Savvas Verdis

Bachelor of Architecture (Hons), November 2006

Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile (PUC); Qualification: maximum distinction

Thesis title: "The Transformation of Santiago through high density dwellings: revision of a resettlement process"

Advisor: Dr. Fernando Pérez Oyarzún.

PRESENT APPOINTMENTS

2005 - Present. Founding Member & Editor, Plataforma Urbana.cl, urban blog & community building initiative.

PAST APPOINTMENTS

- 2010** Urban Consultant for NGO Un Techo Para Chile. Head of Planning - National Division of Reconstruction
- 2009 - 10** Urban Designer, PLP Architecture. London, UK.
- 2007 - 08** Architect, Ricardo Abuauad Associated Architects
- 2007 - 08** Urban Consultant for Calle Nueva, Land Management and Urban Development
- 2007 - 08** Lecturer in Urban Studies, Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile
- 2005 - 06** Architect Assistant, Allard Design
- 2005** Architect Assistant, SEREX-UC, External Services PUC.
- 2002 - 04** 3D visualization and mapping designer

PROJECT EXPERIENCE

2010 / Urban Consultant for NGO Un Techo Para Chile; Head of Planning for "Strategic & Sustainable Plan of Reconstruction (PRES) of Pelluhue". VII Central Coast Region, Chile.

- The position required strong knowledge on sustainable urban development, governance and planning. It also required excellent communication and presentation skills to work with government authorities and local communities.
- Responsible for producing briefs, creating methodological approach and reports to explain the functioning of urban norms and planning instruments.
- Ability to negotiate with a great range of players and time management skills were all crucial for this role.

2009 - 10 / Urban Designer, PLP Architecture. London, UK

- The position required ability to manage several architectural, urban design, and urban consulting projects.
- Responsible for the delivery of major master plans and projects in Europe and Southamerica working with tight deadlines.
- The position required also ability to lead teams and to organize duties among different professionals. Knowledge and excellent planning and organizational skills were crucial for this role.
- Also responsible for best practices research and creation of engaging maps for life cycle analysis, energy modeling and sustainability reports. Mapping urban data at different scales, from the Metropolitan to the Local, was also essential for this role.

2005 - 2006 / Architect Assistant - Allard Design & Serex UC

- The position required knowledge of architecture and urban development, as well as in graphic design, 3d modelling and mapping techniques.
- Responsible for a the Strategic Urban Development Masterplan for Farellones, a mountain village in Los Andes, focused on issues of transport, sustainable development and constraints to future growth.
- Also responsible for the urban design of the Aguada Flood Park. The position required liaison with a wide range of professionals, administration of data bases, presentations and production of engaging maps at different scales.

2005 - Present / Founding member & Permanent Editor Plataforma Urbana.cl, Plataforma Arquitectura.cl

- The Founding member position required developing a strong and clear vision of the project goals through engaging presentations and meetings with a broad range of stakeholders . Extensive hours of dedicated work and a flexibility to work in all different fields such as project management and graphic design were essential for kick-start the project.
- The Editor position requires strong organizational skills, ability to work under pressure, excellent writing skills and ability to self-start networks and establish relationships with decision makers. Deep knowledge on urban studies, critical-thinking and ability to guide and motivate people is essential for this role.

HONOURS AND PRIZES

- 2008.** “Beca Presidente de la República de Chile”, CONICYT, Full Scholarship from the Government of Chile to pursue studies at the LSE Cities Programme
- 2007.** Scholarship to pursue “ European Postgraduate Master in Urbanism, strategies and design for cities and territories ” Universidad Politécnica de Cataluña (UPC),
- 2008.** Fundación Futuro “Premio Ciudad” -. Plataforma Urbana was awarded by President of Chile and Director of Fundación Futuro, Sebastian Piñera, as one of the most significant initiatives for urban debate in Chile.
- 2006.** “Academic Excellence Award”, Promotion 2006, Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile.
- 2006.** “Young Architects Emergent Generation”. XV Architecture Biennale, Chamber of Architects, Chile.
- 2006.** - “Best Blog 2006, Atina Chile Awards”. Plataforma Urbana was awarded as the World Best Blog in Spanish Language.
- 2006.** “100 Young Leaders”. Award from the Centre for Strategic Leadership, UAI and “El Sábado” magazine, El Mercurio as one of the young Chilean leaders of the year 2006.
- 2004.** Plaza Rental Caracas. International competition of urban design in Venezuela. Mention Award
- 1999.** “Human Relations Award”, Promotion 1999. Trehwela’s English School.

PUBLICATIONS

Abuauad, R., Rosas, J., Vergara, J. & Blanco, J. (2008) Santiago 2010: Un campo de tensiones. *Revista ARQ -Dwellings*, 69 (1), 74-81. ISSN 0717-6996

Froimovich, J., García, M., Lepori, G. & Vergara, J. (2006) Transformación del Centro de Santiago: Amenazas y Desafíos. *SpamARQ*, 3 (1), 56-31. ISSN: 0718-2961

COMPUTER SKILLS

| Software | Proficiency |
|-----------------------|-------------|
| AutoCAD 2D & 3D | excellent |
| Photoshop CS3 | excellent |
| Illustrator CS3 | excellent |
| InDesign CS3 | excellent |
| Microsoft Office Pack | excellent |
| 3D Studio Max 6.0 | advanced |
| MS Project | advanced |
| MapInfo Pro 8.0 | medium |

SELECTED PROJECTS

Urban Design, Planning & Consulting
Cidade do Atacado, Brazil. 2010
Hanauer Landstrasse, Germany. 2009
PRES Pelluhue, Chile. 2010
Aguada Flood Park, Chile. 2005
Farellones Masterplan, Chile. 2005
Consulting for UDP, Chile. 2008
Consulting for Calle Nueva. 2007-08
Plataforma Urbana.cl since 2005
Plataforma Arquitectura.cl since 2006

SKILLS

Professional skills
Idea and concept generation, design skills, brief writing, lead teams, knowledge in cost-benefit analysis, trained to work in demanding contexts.

LANGUAGES

| English | Spanish | Italian | Proficiency |
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| English | Spanish | Italian | fully fluent |
| | | Speaking | fluent |
| | | Reading | high |
| | | Writing | medium |

Architecture

Cannoni House, 2003
Tonini House, 2007
New Club Palestino, 2008
Landmark in Bethlehem, 2008
Echeverria House, 2006
Tracomex S.A. Headquarters, 2006
Total Clean S.A Headquarters, 2007
Sofia Jottar Restaurant, 2007