

## David Kostenwein, PhD in Urban Studies

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### Career Summary

I am an urban researcher who has always tried to connect research and practice. After my Masters (International Cooperation and Urban Development; International Cooperation and Sustainable Emergency Architecture; Regional Planning and Development), I held various professional positions at INGOs, development banks and in the private sector in the Middle East, Latin America, North America and Europe. I then decided to return to the academic sector, where I recently finished my doctoral studies at the Institute of Science, Technology and Policy and the Center for Security Studies at ETH. There, I was investigating the relationship of societal factors, such as insecurity and their manifestation in space and housing. I currently coordinate the Humanitarian Planning Hub at the Spatial Development and Urban Policy Research Group at ETH Zurich. I have been working and leading interdisciplinary teams for many years and have teaching experience, especially in the fields of sociospatial research and participation.

### Academic

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| <b>2021-</b>     | <b>ETH Zurich, Spatial Development and Urban Policy Research Group, Institute for Spatial and Landscape Development, D-BAUG</b><br>Postdoctoral researcher and coordinator of the Humanitarian Planning Hub, dealing with sustainable urban development and housing in humanitarian settlements     |
| <b>2017-2021</b> | <b>ETH Zurich, Institute of Science, Technology and Policy/Center for Security Studies D-GESS</b><br>PhD Student at the Urban Research Incubator on the topic of sociospatial segregation and security in Bogota, Colombia. Defense April 2021. Supervision: Prof. Andreas Wenger                   |
| <b>2012/2013</b> | <b>Universitat Internacional de Catalunya, Spain</b><br>Double degree Master program Mundus Urbano - International Cooperation and Sustainable Emergency Architecture, Graduation 8/2013, Thesis: <i>Cash for Rent – A Strategy beyond emergency?</i> *<br><i>*Erasmus Mundus Scholarship</i>       |
| <b>2011/2012</b> | <b>Darmstadt University of Technology, Germany</b><br>Double degree Master program Mundus Urbano - International Cooperation and Urban Development, Graduation 8/2013*<br><i>*Erasmus Mundus Scholarship</i>  |
| <b>2010-2014</b> | <b>Vienna University of Technology, Austria</b><br>Master degree program of Regional Planning and Development, Thesis: The Refugee Camp without Refugees. Ein el-Sultan and its Socia-Spatial Fragmentation, Graduation 10/2014*<br><i>*Member of TUtheTOP- High Potential Programme of the VUT</i> |
| <b>2010</b>      | <b>Queensland University of Technology, Australia</b><br>Visiting student of the Urban Planning Programme*<br><i>*Joint Studies Foreign Exchange Scholarship</i>  |

2006 – 2010

**Vienna University of Technology, Austria**

Bachelor Programme in Urban and Regional Planning, Graduation 7/2010, Thesis: *Strategies for Activation of empty urban spaces in Neunkirchen, Austria\**

*\*Performance Scholarship of the VUT*

### Selected Publications

- Kostenwein D. (2021): Between walls and fences: How different types of gated communities shape the streets around them. *Urban Studies*. doi:10.1177/0042098020984320
- Hagemann, J. and Kostenwein, D. (2021): Urban Design as Technology of (Counter-) Democratic Security Politics. *Swiss Polit Sci Rev.* 27: 193-204. doi.org/10.1111/spsr.12434
- Co-Founder and editor of the magazine CITIES+. It presents urban and development issues through an innovative approach from surprising perspectives. <https://issuu.com/citiespluscities>
- Kostenwein (2016): Conjuntos Cerrados: 4 efectos negativos de vivir tras las rejas; [Blogpost] <http://blogs.iadb.org/ciudadessostenibles/2016/05/31/conjuntos-cerrados/>
- Kostenwein, Castro, Sanjines (2016): Returns to the Rural. *Migrant Journal* 01/16, London (<http://migrantjournal.com/>)
- Kostenwein, David (2014): The refugee camp without refugees? Ein el-Sultan and its socio-spatial fragmentation. Master Thesis TU Wien, Wien

### Selected Research

- Quantitative study on the association of gated communities and public space crime in Bogotá, Colombia, using large datasets and multilevel spatial regression models. This research contributes to place-based violence prevention literature and urban studies, showing that streets dominated by gated communities feature increased crime levels. Hence, I am raising the question of how to deal with the individual decision to live behind fences, which threatens our society's collective interest to live in inclusive and secure cities.
- Typological study on gated communities in Bogotá, using an empirically grounded typology formation process. I present five distinctive types of gated communities in Bogotá, varying widely in how they are shaping the surrounding public spaces.
- Mixed method analysis of public spaces outside gated communities, using qualitative and quantitative observations and qualitative interviews. I show that public spaces around gated communities in Bogotá are excluding certain users and uses through various physical, symbolic and regulatory mechanisms and that the democratic nature of our cities is under threat by the growing trend of gated communities, as they are redistributing access and security in a non-democratic manner.
- Analyses of the sociospatial structure and dynamics of Ein el-Sultan Refugee camp in the West Bank, using the grounded theory research approach and methodologies of sociospatial analysis in order to comprehend housing challenges in protracted refugee situations better.

### Selected Teaching Experiences

- Guest lectures at the MAS Housing at ETH Wohnforum, Zurich 2019-2020
- One week seminar on public space studies and research methods at the Architecture Department of the National University of Colombia, Bogotá 2020
- Guest lectures at the Architecture Department at University Los Andes, Bogotá, Colombia 2017-2019
- Teaching assistant seminar « Qualitative and Quantitative Social Research for Architects and Urban Planners" at the Sociology Center at Vienna University of Technology (soziologie.tuwien.ac.at) 2009-2011
- Teaching assistant participatory planning seminar at the Sociology Center at Vienna University of Technology 2011\

## Selected Conferences and Workshops

- Unspoken, Unseen, Unheard of. Unexplored Realities in Qualitative Research, Research Network "Qualitative Methods", European Sociological Association and the Research Committee "Interpretive Sociologies" of the Swiss Sociological Association, St. Gallen 2018 (Paper presentation)
- Social Space, Memory and Conflict in Colombia, Seminar of Social Anthropology, University of Basel/ Museum der Kulturen Basel and the Swiss Society of Americanists with the support of the Swiss Academy of Humanities and Social Sciences 2018 (Paper Presentation)
- Social Inequalities in Latin America, Swiss School of Latin American Studies, 2020 (Paper Presentation)

## Professional Experience

Since 2021	<b>PostDoc at SPUR</b> , Chair of Spatial Development and Urban Policy (SPUR)
2014-2017	<b>Associated Programme Officer at the Emerging and Sustainable Cities Initiative (ESCI) of the Inter-American Development Bank</b> , Washington DC and Bogota, <a href="http://www.iadb.org">www.iadb.org</a> , Coordination and project management, implementation of the ESCI methodology in intermediate cities in Colombia, Argentina, Suriname, Belize and others, elaboration of knowledge products.
2014	<b>Associate Partner at Urbanismo y Sistemas Ltda</b> , Urban Planning firm, Bogotá, Colombia Projects in the field of urban planning, regional planning, urban design, resettlement, community planning – all of them in Colombia.
2014	<b>Consultant for the Ministry of Planning, Palestine with DAAR</b> ( <a href="http://www.daar.ps">www.daar.ps</a> ), Creation of a Master Plan for high impact industries in Palestine for the National Spatial Plan in Palestine.
2013-2014	<b>Program Officer at UNRWA's (United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestinian Refugees) Infrastructure and Camp Improvement Programme (ICIP), Camp Improvement Unit Hebron Area, West Bank, Palestinian Territories</b> <a href="https://www.unrwa.org/what-we-do/infrastructure-camp-improvement">https://www.unrwa.org/what-we-do/infrastructure-camp-improvement</a> Producing Camp Improvement Plans, writing project proposals, daily operational running of the unit, designing and running participatory workshops, designing project proposals, fundraising, project management.
Spring 2013	<b>Internship at UNRWA's Infrastructure and Camp Improvement Programme (ICIP), Headquarters Amman, Jordan</b> Designing urban planning guidelines for Palestinian refugee camps in Jordan, Syria, Lebanon, Gaza and the West Bank.
Since 2010	<b>Co-Founder of the planning office "Ideenwerkstadt", Austria (specialised in community planning)</b> <a href="http://www.ideenwerkstadt.at">www.ideenwerkstadt.at</a> Several projects on innovative solutions for the activation of city centres of middle sized cities in Austria (e.g. participation strategies, economic empowerment, culture as urban catalyst)*. <i>*Best Practice Award 2012 for an Urban Planning Project by the Energy and Environment Agency of Lower Austria</i>
2009-2012	<b>Consultant for IMPLANTAT, Reinberg &amp; Partner, Spatial Planning firm, Austria</b> <a href="http://www.im-plan-tat.at">www.im-plan-tat.at</a>

- urban planning (zoning, master plans, spatial assessment using GIS, environmental planning, methodological handbooks for municipalities)
- regional planning (regional plans, intermunicipal cooperation)
- participation processes
- innovative mobility (car-sharing systems, electro-mobility)

- 2009-2012**                    **Consultant for RAUMGREIFEND, Collaboration working on cultural interventions in public space, Austria**  
www.raumgreifend.org
- exhibition designs
  - interventions in public space
- 2011**                            **Vienna University of Technology, Department of Spatial Development, Infrastructure and Environmental Planning, Centre of Sociology**  
Research assistant: Bicycle Garages in Public Space for Vienna
- 2009 – 2011**                **Vienna University of Technology, Department of Spatial Development, Infrastructure and Environmental Planning, Centre of Sociology**  
Teaching assistant, organising and conducting seminars and lectures on participation strategies and quantitative and qualitative social spatial research
- 2004 – 2011**                **Caritas, Vienna**  
Social work in the field of homelessness

#### Scholarships, Awards and Memberships:

- ETH Zurich ISTP Research Incubator Grant 2017-2021
- Leading House for the Latin American Region Mobility Grant 2018
- Member of TUtheTOP- High Potential Programme of the VUT
- Joint Studies Foreign Exchange Scholarship – QUT Brisbane
- Erasmus Mundus Scholarship - TU Darmstadt
- Performance Scholarship of the VUT
- Member of Swiss School of Latin American Studies
- Best Practice Award 2012 for an Urban Planning Project by the Energy and Environment Agency of Lower Austria for one of the projects of Ideenwerkstadt
- Best Architects Award 2014 for Schiffahrt- und Welterbezentrum Wachau (for Najjar Najjar Architects), including the contribution of RAUMGREIFEND

#### Skills

- Languages: German (mother tongue), English, Spanish (both fluent)
- Programs: Office, Photoshop, ArcGIS, Citavi
- Improvisational theatre