

# CURRICULUM VITAE (CV)

## Personal Information:

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## Education:

- 2011.09 - 2014.05 **PRATT Institute, Graduate School of Architecture and Urban Design, New York, Brooklyn, USA.**  
Master of Architecture First-professional degree.
- 2005.09 - 2007.09 **Riga Technical University, Faculty of Architecture and Planning, Riga, Latvia.**  
Qualification Architect. Study field - Architecture and Urban Planning.  
Topic of the Diploma work - Development Vision of Grapju peninsula.
- 2004.04 - 2004.07 **Politecnico di Milano, Facolta di Architettura, Milan, Italy.** ERASMUS Study abroad program.
- 2004.08 **Riga Technical University, Riga, Latvia.**  
1<sup>st</sup> International Architecture Summer School in Riga: „Architectural Heritage: Perspectives on Town Development in the Historical Center of Riga.”
- 2001.09 - 2005.01 **Riga Technical University, Faculty of Architecture and Planning, Riga, Latvia.**  
Bachelor of Engineering Science Degree in Architecture.  
Bachelor Thesis - Organizational principles and Transformations of Public Open Spaces in Riga and New York.

## Work experience:

- 2011.08- Architect/owner of architectural office “ZArch” in Riga, Latvia.
- 2015.05- Lecturer at **Riga International School of Economics and Business Administration (RISEBA)**, Faculty of Architecture and Design (FAD) and **Riga Technical university (RTU)**, Faculty of Architecture and Urban Design. Lecture series: Introduction to Parametric Architecture.
- 2013.11- 2014.05 Architect at “**Paul Castrucci Architect**” office in Manhattan, NY, USA (<http://www.castrucciarchitect.com/>)
- 2013.06- 2013.10 Architect at “**Thread Collective**” in Brooklyn, New York, USA (<http://threadcollective.com/>)
- 2007.11 - 2011.08 Architect/owner of architectural office “**LINIA**” together with arch. Arvids Likops and arch. Gints Suna.
- 2006.03 - 2006.08 Intern at architectural office “**Behnisch Architekten**” in Stuttgart, Germany (<http://behnisch.com>)
- 2002.06 - 2009.11 Architects’ assistant (02-07) and architect (07-09) at the **Architectural bureau of Anda Argale**, Riga, Latvia.

### Other social and professional activities:

- 2008.12 - A member of **Latvian Institute of Architects**. Been involved in the development process of the associations' new web page, foreign affairs group and young architects section, public procurement work group.
- 2009.06 - The founder of **NGO "Saulu iela 3"** - a society of flat owners of a soviet time multistory building (together 105 flats).

### Grants, scholarships and fellowships:

- 2012.06 **Pratt Graduate Scholarship, M.O. & R.Pratt, Jr. Scholarship.** Partially covers tuition and fees.
- 2012.04 **Jānis Grundmanis Postgraduate Fellowship** for 2<sup>nd</sup> year studies at **PRATT Institute**. Partially covers tuition.
- 2011.09 **Baltic American Freedom Foundation (BAFF)** Graduate scholarship for 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> year studies at **PRATT Institute**. Partially covers tuition and fees.
- 2011.11 **State Culture Capital Foundation (SCCF)** Design and Architecture branch culture project scholarship for II and III semester studies at **PRATT Institute**. Partially covers tuition.
- 2007.05 **State Culture Capital Foundation (SCCF)** scholarship for cultural exchange projects for participation in International summer school in Netherlands. Covered tuition.
- 2004.04 **Socrates/Erasmus scholarship** for studies in *Politechnico di Milano* in Italy. Partially covered living expenses and university fees.
- 2004.04 **Latvian government Ministry of Culture project scholarship** for studies in *Politechnico di Milano* in Italy. Partially covered living expenses and university fees.
- 1999.08 **Soros Foundation and ASSIST scholarship program.** Covered tuition, fees and living expenses.

### Certificates, licenses, distinctions and awards:

- 2010.02 Certificate for independent praxis of Architecture in Latvia (No. 1-00015)
- 2007.01 Diploma work award from *Latvian Institute of Architects* for contribution to create modern urban environment.
- 2007.01 Distinction for the second highest GPA of the graduating class of professional level studies.
- 2006.06 Certificate of completion of German language courses - Intermediate level.
- 2001.03 B category drivers' license.

### Computer Skills:

- Adobe Suit
- Houdini
- AutoCAD 2015, ZWCad 2015
- Maya 2012
- Rhino5.0, Grasshopper

### Language Skills:

- Latvian - mother tongue
- English - excellent (TOEFL-102)
- Russian - fluent
- Italian - general understanding
- German - general understanding