

Curriculum Vitae – Thomas Kovári

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Education **Doctor of Sciences** (Dr. sc. ETH Zurich)
Swiss Federal Institute of Technology, ETH Zurich 2010
The Role of Branding in Urban Planning and Design
Prof. Kees Christiaanse (Advisor)
Prof. Dr. Marc M. Angélil (Advisor)

Diploma in Architecture (MArch) ETH Zurich

Matura Typ C Mathematisch-Naturwissenschaftliches Gymnasium

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Professional Experience

2007 – **sapartners** Zurich
with Dunja Kovári-Binggeli

2005 – 2008 **Swiss Federal Institute of Technology, ETH Zurich**
Research and Teaching Assistant, Chair of Architecture and Urban Design

2001 – 2005 **agps architecture** Zurich and Los Angeles [CH, USA]

1999 – 2000 **CHORA** architecture and urbanism, Prof. Raoul Bunschoten, London [UK]

1997 **R+D Thut Architekten** Munich [GER]

Selected Work List

Urban Design

2017 **Alte Spinnerei Baar** Urban study for the transformation of an industrial heritage site (ISOS) for living, working and culture (6 ha)

2017 **Praille Acacias Vernets** Urban Study for the transformation of a former railway area into living, logistics and recreation in Geneva (20 ha)

2017 **Park Innovaare – PSI** Masterplan for a high-tech area around the Paul Scherrer Institute (PSI) in Villigen – Würenlingen (10 ha)

2016 **Riverside Böttstein** Masterplan for the transformation of a former industrial area into a mixed-used neighbourhood (8 ha)

2016 **Geneva-Cornavin** Urban study for the transformation of a former railway area into a high density urban quarter in Geneva (4 ha)

2016	Reinach City Center Urban study for the restructuring of the inner-city area of Reinach; Test planning
2015	Niederlenz Campus Urban Study for the redevelopment of a former horticulture area into an education campus in the historic center of Niederlenz; Test planning 1st rank
2015	Nesslau Neu St. Johann Railway Station Area Masterplan for the transformation of an inner-city area into a mixed-use development (5 ha)
2015	Bad Zurzach Railway Station Area Masterplan for the transformation of an inner-city area into a mixed-use development (7 ha)
2015	Yverdon-Les-Bains Central Square Urban study for the restructuring of a large central area into a new public square; Competition
2015	Länggass Quarter Bern Urban study for the transformation of a former railway area into a mixed used development, Berne (4.5 ha); Urban study
2013	Mutschellen City Center Masterplan for the restructuring of the inner-city of three interrelated municipalities in the metropolitan area Zurich (7 ha)
2013	Bad Zurzach Tourist Zone Masterplan for the restructuring of a national heritage ISOS city center and adjoining touristic spa zone (25 ha)
2012	Vrbâska Regeneration [BiH] Sustainable urban and rural village regeneration in a derelict and war-torn area, Bosnia and Herzegovina
2012	Bernex Grand Project Urban study for a large-scale urban development in the agglomeration of Geneva (120 ha); Test planning
2012	LuzernSud Urban Study for the development of the southern agglomeration Lucern into a mixed-used urban district (50 ha); Commissioned study
2011	Buchs High-Rise Masterplan Strategic framework to guide the high-rise development of the city of Buchs
2010	Sargans Strategic Masterplan Spatial framework to guide the transformation of the city of Sargans; Masterplan, Public space strategy; Competition 1st prize
2009	Bonstetten Public Space Design Masterplan for the transformation of the central public spaces in Bonstetten; Implementation; Competition 1st prize
2007	The Circle at Zurich Airport Masterplan for landside development of Zurich Airport into a new city district of international scale (4 ha)
2007	Science City ETH Zurich Urban development vision for a sustainable university campus; International innovation competition 1st prize ex-aequo
2007	Wagi-Areal Süd Schlieren Urban Study for the redevelopment of an industrial area into a High-Tech Cluster, with Guagliardi Ruoss Zurich; Competition 1st prize ex-aequo
2007	Walchwil Râgeten Masterplan for a new residential area; Competition 1st prize
2006	Lauterach European 8 [A] Urban study for the redevelopment of inner-city area into a lively urban center; Thomas Kovári (PL), S. Kurath, B. Klinge, P. Steffen; International innovation competition 1st rank (2st prize)
2004	Las Palmas European 7 [E] Urban study for the transformation of a former harbor area into a mixed used development Thomas Kovári (PL), S. Kurath, B. Schwab, D. Arioli; International innovation competition 2st rank, runner-up

Territorial Design

- 2017 **Rheinfelden Strategic Masterplan** Spatial framework to guide the transformation of the city of Rheinfelden, winner of the Wakker prize 2016
- 2017 **Inner City Streetscape Revival and Public Open Spaces** Manual for the revival of inner city streetscapes and public space design
- 2017 **Agglo-Park Limmattal** Spatial framework to guide the development of a multi-district landscape park in the Limmat Vally
- 2016 **Greater Zurich Area – Urban Monitoring for New Railway Line** Monitoring and coordination with urban development in the Limmat Valley
- 2016 **Flumserberg Tourist Zone** Masterplan for the development of the center with hotels, a theme park, public spaces and touristic infrastructure
- 2016 **Baden Region – Spatial Development Concept** Guidelines and strategic framework for the spatial development for the Baden Region as part of Metropolitan Area Zurich
- 2015 **Uznach Inner City Regeneration** Development strategies for the revitalization of the inner-city development
- 2015 **LucernOst** Sustainable strategic guidelines for the development of the eastern agglomeration Lucern
- 2014 **Aargau High-Rise Development** Guidelines for high-rise development for municipalities, regions and the canton Aargau
- 2013 **Buchs Strategic Masterplan** Spatial framework to guide the transformation of the city of Buchs SG
- 2013 **Uznach Strategic Masterplan** Spatial framework to guide the transformation of the city of Uznach
- 2012 **Rural Area Strategy for Basel**, concept study for the development of canton of Basel-Landschaft
- 2012 **RheinPorts Eurodistrict** Expertise for cross-border urban development and cooperation for Basel [CH], Mulhausen [F] and Weil am Rhein [DE]
- 2011 **Koblenz Strategic Masterplan** Spatial framework to guide the transformation of the city of Koblenz
- 2011 **Sargans Strategic Masterplan** Spatial framework to guide the transformation of the city of Sargans; Masterplan, Public space strategy; Competition **1st prize**

Research activity

- 2017 **Big Data and Digital Revolution – Chances for Spatial Development in Cooperation with Fraunhofer Institut [GER]**
- 2016 **Swiss Innovation Parks – Innovation Management for Developing New Working Areas**
- 2016 **Pilot Project Workplace Zones 3D**
- 2016 **Toolbox for Densification and Quality**
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- 2015 **Federal Research Project on Impacts of Regional Cities**
- 2010 **Dissertation and Publications 'City as a Brand – The Role of Branding in Urban Planning and Design', ETH Zurich**
- 2007 **Starz – Urban Structures in the former Republics of Yugoslavia [BiH, SRB], ETH Zurich**
- 2006 **de.planning – Shrinking Cities Strategies, Leibzig [GER], ETH Zurich**

Awards

- 2008 **Sustainable Campus Initiative – ETH Zurich** Urban development vision for a sustainable university campus; International innovation competition 1st prize
- 2007 **European 8** International innovation competition 1st rank, 2nd prize
- 2005 **European 7** International innovation competition Runner-up

Jury participation / expert activity

- 2018 **Städtebauliche Entwicklung Bahnhof Nord**, advisory group
Stadt Kloten
- 2017 **Swobodny Strategic Masterplan [RU]**, expertise
Strelka Institute KB, Moscow
- 2017 **Städtebauliche Entwicklung Bahnhof Nord**, jury member
Stadt Kloten
- 2015 **Masterplan Neuer Linth-Park**, jury member
Stadt Uznach
- 2013 **Zukunft Wettingen – Masterplanung Landstasse**, jury member
Stadt Wettingen
- 2013 **Sargans Malerva Nord – Quartier Bergwerk**, expertise
Stadt Sargans
- 2011 **Entwicklung Bäderquartier mit Thermalbad**, expertise
Stadt Baden

Publications

Thomas Kovári (2015), Imagination: Images as Means for Design and Communication, In: Kees Christiaanse et al. (Ed.), The City as Resource, ISBN 978-3-86859-144-6, JOVIS Verlag

Thomas Kovári (2011), The Spatial Design of Switzerland: Solidarity and the Common Future, Werk, Bauen + Wohnen, 5.11.

Thomas Kovári (2011): The City as a Brand. The Role of Branding in Urban Planning and Design. Prof. K. Christiaanse (Advisor), Prof. Dr. M. Angéil (Advisor), supported by the Swiss National Science Foundation (SNF), PHD Thesis, ETH Zurich.

Dunja Kovári-Binggeli (2010), Regional Centers as Engines for Development, Regiosuisse, Das Magazinn zur Regionalentwicklung, 4.10.

Thomas Kovári (2007), Icon – Cluster – District: The Role of the Cultural Institution in City Branding, Archithese 5.07.

Thomas Kovári (2007), Sustainable Campus Initiative; Science City is a Provocation, poster presentation in the conference «Sustainable Campus Initiative», Novatlantis and ETH Zurich.

Thomas Kovári (2007), Urban Cocktail, In: Swiss Performance 07, Archithese 1.07.

Kees Christiaanse, Nicolas Kretschmann, Christian Salewski, Thomas Kovári (2007), Airport Dubendorf, In: Stiftung Forschung Schweiz (Hg.), Study for a national Innovationspark. A Vision to Strengthen Switzerland as an International Science and Innovation Hub, ohne Verlag, Hombrechtikon.

Thomas Kovári (2006), The City as a Brand – Planning und Architecture in Service for City Branding, Archithese 6.05, p. 44–49.

Kees Christiaanse, Thomas Kovári, Mark Michaeli (Hg.) (2006) Waiting Lands on the Waterfront – Den Helder Willemsoord, Research Report Special Urban Design Studio ETH Institute of Urban Design SSo6 (4 issues: Inventory, Radical Scenarios, Project Tests), Exhibition Catalogue, ohne Verlag, Zürich/Den Helder.

Nicolas Kretschmann, Thomas Kovári, Guillaume Jersin (2007), STARZ, Research Report Seminar ETH Institute of Urban Design HSo7, Zurich.

Thomas Kovári, Lauterach, In: Vlay, Bernd; Rajakovics, Paul; Studen, Marko (Hg.) Uropean Urbanity. EUROPAN 7 and 8, Austria and Slovenia, ISBN: 978-3-211-47605-5, Springer.

Dunja Binggeli, Barbara Burger (2005), Der Pendlerverkehr im Spannungsfeld zwischen Raum- und Verkehrsplanung Zürich, Magazin Strasse und Verkehr 12/05.

Kees Christiaanse, Thomas Kovári, Mark Michaeli, Tim Rieniets (2005), de.planning In: Philipp Oswald (Hrsg.), Shrinking Cities: Complete Works 2, Interventionen/Interventions, ISBN 3-931435-03-2, Arch+ Verlag, Aachen.

Valentin Delb, Lorenz Raymann, Guido Beltrani, Oliver Schelske, Dunja Binggeli, Peter Farago, B. Brunner (2005), Nachhaltigkeit im Verkehr: Indikatoren im Bereich Gesellschaft, Eidgenössisches Departement für Umwelt, Verkehr, Energie und Kommunikation / Bundesamt für Strassen.

Alain Thierstein, Wilhelm Natrup, Sabine Friedrich, Dunja Binggeli, Carolina Grimaldi (2004), Aufbruch West: Nachhaltige Entwicklung und städtische Erneuerung am Beispiel von Zürich West. Zürcher Kantonalbank.

Matthias Gnehm, Christ & Gantenbein, Winogron & Parish, Christian Waldvogel, Christoph Sauter, huggenberger und Thomas Kovári (2004), New Waterfront Development Zurich, in Architektur Forum Zurich.

Thomas Kovári (2002), Urban gallery – Urban Analysis on the Internet, Archithese 4.2002, April 2002, p. 20/23.

Lectures

- 2017** Strelka Institute KB Moscow, Swobodny Urban Transformation, Lecture and Workshop
- 2016** Department for Preservation of Historical Buildings and Monuments Canton of Aargau, "Redevelopment of the Tourist Zone in Bad Zurzach"
- 2013** Frutiger Group, seminar of the company board, "New urban development trends and public policy in Switzerland"
- 2012** Association of the Swiss Construction Industry – Forum 2012; "Metropole Schweiz: Urbanes Bauen der Zukunft", Allianz Schweizerische Bauorganisationen
- 2011** ETH Zürich, Department Architecture, "Imagination: Images as Means for Design and Communication", Guest lecture
- 2011** ETH Zürich, Department of Urban and Regional Development: "Redevelopment of the Limmat Valley"
- 2009** ETH Zürich, Department Architecture, "The City as a Brand – the Role of Branding in Urban Planning and Design", PHD Lecture
- 2008** ETH Zürich, Department Architecture, "The City as a Machine...an Organism...a Brand", urban design lecture
- 2008** ETH Zürich, Department Architecture, "The Tourist City: Infrastructure of Play", urban design lecture
- 2008** ETH Zürich, Department Architecture, Masters of Advanced Studies (MAS), "City Branding"
- 2007** Sustainable Campus Initiative; Science City is a provocation, Poster presentation at the conference "Sustainable Campus Initiative", Novatlantis und ETH Zürich
- 2007** Jointmasters of Architecture Burgdorf–Fribourg–Genf, "Cultural hubs", Guest lecture
- 2007** Shell Group Switzerland, "New Public Space Design and Traffic Solutions", Strategy seminar of the company management
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