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SELECTED WORK LIST

- **Masterplans for Green Cities Azerbaijan [AZE]**
Masterplan development in alignment with UN SDGs, since 2021
- **Eco-Masterplan National Reserve Park, Qatar [QAT]**
Masterplan for an ecologically and tourist-oriented nature reserve (120,000 ha) in the UNESCO World Heritage Site, since 2020
- **City Masterplan Krasnoyarsk [RU]**
Strategic masterplan for New Life in the Rust Belt, 2021
- **Neighbourhood 7 – St Petersburg [RU]**
Masterplan for a mixed-used green-field development (23 ha) in the Leningradskaya Region, 2020
- **Porta del Ticino – Urban Living Lab, Bellinzona**
Masterplan development for the transformation of Bellinzona station precinct into a central innovation eco-district with climate adaptation principles, since 2019
- **High-Rise Concept City of Karlsruhe [GER]**
Strategic framework and quality guidelines for the city development in 3D, 2018-2019
- **University Campus Design Irkutsk [RU]**
A national benchmark for district development transitioning to the future of industry, 2019
- **Urban Territory – Standards for Development of the Russian City [RU]**
Urban design studies for establishing guidelines and frameworks for the qualitative development of the Russian City, 2018
- **“City of the Future” Karlsruhe [GER]**
Transformation of a central former railway and industrial site into a mixed-use urban precinct, 2018
- **Spa Zone Bad Zurzach**
Masterplan for the restructuring of a national heritage town centre and touristic spa and wellness zone, since 2014
- **Geneva - Bernex Grand Project [CH]**
Residential development (240 ha) with mixed urban functions as part of the Grand Project development, 2013
- **The Circle at Zurich Airport [CH]**
Masterplan for landside development of Zurich Airport into a new city district of international scale, 2007-2010
- **ETH Zurich Science City [CH]**
Masterplan for a cross-sector innovation hub, 1st price with follow up contracts, 2008

POSITION

Founding Partner

KEY COMPETENCE

Transformation of former industrial, rail and harbour areas; Campus Design; Masterplanning; High-rise concepts; Livable & Resilient City; Climate adaptation; Branding & Revitalization; Townscape preservation

EDUCATION & PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- Founder and partner of sa_partners– agency for urban design and planning Zurich, since 2007
- Doctor of Sciences (Dr. sc. ETH Zurich), Prof. Kees Christiaanse (Advisor), 2009
- Research and teaching at the Institute for Architecture and Urban Design ETH Zurich, Prof. Kees Christiaanse, 2005-2008
- Collaboration at agps.architecture Zurich – Los Angeles, Prof. Marc Angéilil, 2000- 2005
- Collaboration at chora architecture + urbanism, London, Prof. Raoul Bunchoten, 1999- 2000
- Diploma in Architecture ETH Zurich, 1999

TEACHING

- Lecturer at International Winter University TU Irkutsk & International Society of City and Regional Planners (ISOCARP), 2019-2020
- Lecturer and Researcher at Institute for Architecture and Urban Design, ETH Zurich, 2005-2008

SELECTED AWARDS & JURY MEMBER

- International Innovation Competition for Sustainable Development, ETH Zurich, 1st Prize, 2008
- EUROPAN 8 international innovation competition, 1st Prize, 2007
- EUROPAN 7 international innovation competition, 2nd Prize, 2005

PUBLICATIONS

- Publications "12 Steps to a City of People", 2023
- Publication "12 Rules for a Good Urban Climate", 2020
- Dissertation ETH "City as a Brand" supported by Swiss National Fund (SNF)
- Publications in journals such as Werk, Bauen + Wohnen, Archithese, Arch+
- Book chapters and contributions with focus on architecture and urban planning