

Claude YACOUB

Architect, Artist & Teacher-Researcher

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EDUCATION

November 2011

Ph. D. in Communication and Information Sciences – University Paris 8, Saint-Denis, France.

Cognitive Language Interaction (CLI) Doctoral graduate school at Paragraphe Laboratory, CiTu team (Cybermedia, Interactions, Multidisciplinary and Ubiquity). "The hand of the apprentice designer in the pedagogy architecture project deal with digital tools" (Graduated with "Honorable Mention").

April 2008

Post-Graduate Diploma in Architecture and Urbanism at École Spéciale d'Architecture (ESA), Paris, France.

Diploma of Specialized Studies – 3rd cycle. Research completed within the framework of "Cities in sustainable Project & Architecture of Environments". Project based on hypothesis.

June 1989

Architectural Diploma at École Spéciale d'Architecture, Paris, France.

"Créole & Modernity at Martinique" – Thesis Director : Paul Virilio (Graduated With honors – Mention spéciale).

June 1983

Technical Diploma of Collaborating in Architecture at École des Sciences et Techniques du Bâtiment (ESTB), Paris, France.

Equivalent High School Diploma F4 (civil engineering).

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCES

July 2021 to present

Creation of the company "Namma & Containers" (LLC), Architectural Designers and Builders in Houston, Texas, USA.

Design and construction of architectures and art installations using shipping containers.

Community Housing, Student Housing, Townhouses, Hotels, Restaurants, Commercial Pavilion, Offices, Billboards & Ephemeral and Permanent Art Installations. www.nammacontainers.com

March 2020 to present

Collaboration with the architecture company "Ni-Studio" in Houston, Texas, USA: single houses, commercial buildings, international design competitions, ephemeral and permanent art installations, ...

Projects, 1990 to Present (list of primary projects)

Architecture(s)

Pedestrian piers and footbridges, apartment complexes, renovation of administrative offices, commemorative monuments, metallic walkways, parking garages, « design of VIP lounge at an international airport » (award winning), European 3 competition, housing design, design of panoramic views, noise-cancelling barriers for secondary roads, piers on the coastline, single houses, sports complex for a middle school, competition for an incineration plant of solid waste, feasibility studies for asbestos removal in middle schools, etc.

Design

Urban furniture for regional governments, interior design for pharmacies and medical laboratories, information boards for piers, optical center, trash cans, road meter support stands, bus shelters, doctor's offices, office furniture, mineral water bottle, weather meter support stands, flower pots, etc.

Art & Essai

Theatre scenography, ephemeral monumental sculpture, art exhibit triptychs artists, sound sculpture, ephemeral urban video exhibit, self-portrait of people at exhibits, lighting installation on an island, illumination of a bay, art and sound installations, etc.

Architectural Studios, Employment & Internships

January 1998 to August 2007

Creation of "Claude Yacoub Architect" – a variety of creative workshops: architecture, landscape studies, urban writing, furniture, interior design, graphic design, event creation and lighting.

2001

Relocated to Damascus, Syria: registered with the Syrian Architects Association.

Also registered with the Regional Council of the Architects Association of Martinique and the Association of the National Council (both since 1989). Creation of a workshop to pursue various projects in Martinique: lighting artworks in Paris, ephemeral installations throughout the world.

August 1990 to December 1997

"Rivages" Studio (LLC), Fort-de-France, Martinique, France.

Projects of Architecture, Design and Ephemeral Creations.

September 1989 to July 1990

Supervised studies within the company "Aménagement, Urbanisme & Ingénierie" (AUI), Fort-de-France, Martinique, France.

September 1989

Registered with the Regional Council of Architects Association of Martinique and the National Council Architects Association in France.

August to September 1988

Internship at the Jean-Camille Petit, Studio of Architecture, Fort-de-France, Martinique, France.

1987 to 1988

Internship at the Architecture Atelier Philippe Eurieult, Paris, France.

Brownfield land restructuring and factory rehabilitation projects in the Paris region.

September 2004 to August 2005

Military service at the Planning and Civil Engineering Department, 33rd Marine Infantry Regiment in Martinique, France.

Design of housing projects, police stations and warehouses in Martinique, Guadeloupe and French Guiana.

July to August 1982

Internship at Philippe Bourrouet, Studio of Architecture, Fort-de-France, Martinique, France.

Design of low-cost housing, private housing buildings and single homes.

TEACHINGS

March 2020 to present

Online private instruction (Architecture, Urbanism, Environmental Architecture, Humanitarian Design, Industrial Design, Web Design, Art Installations) for students in bachelor and master programs.

September 2018 to December 2019

Volunteer Professor for various humanitarian causes in France and Middle East.

September 2015 to July 2018

Professor at the École Spéciale d'Architecture, Paris, France.

- Professor at the Architecture Workshops for Semester 1 and Semester 4 for undergraduate studies

- Distinctive member and President of pre-juries and juries for the diplomas (Master's Degree).

- Department Head of the Computer Lab of the ESA (LIESA).

- Coordinator on behalf of the ESA for the self-evaluation of the "Haut Conseil de l'évaluation de la recherche et de l'enseignement supérieur", Ministry of Higher Education.

January 2016 to January 2017

Research Professor associated with "Idefi-Créatic" at University Paris 8, Saint-Denis, France.

Seminars at University Paris 8 and research trips and projects in Haiti.

Workshop at the Center of Art in Port-au-Prince: Conception, Reconstruction and Proverbs (CReP : Conception, Reconstruction et Proverbes).

September 2015 to July 2018

Supervised the training of Syrian Architects and Urbanists: « Architecture, urbanism: environmental reconstruction ». Supervision of numerous speakers (international experts) for three graduating classes (approximately 60 interns). Project initiated and financed by the European Union and the Olof Palme Center, Sweden.

March to April 2014

Workshop in Humanitarian Design for students in interior design for the Syrian refugee camp of Za'atari in Jordan. École de design, Environmental Design, University of Montreal, Canada.

November 2012 to June 2016

Professor in the Hypermedia Department, University Paris 8, Saint-Denis, France.
"Design & Hypermedia" course for undergraduate students "Digital Creations and Developments Online" (CDNL).

July 2015

Coordinator and co-organizer of academic speakers on conferences/debates and lectures focused on political science, sociology, history, in the Syrian refugee camp of Za'atari, Jordan. Mentored a select group of scholars on humanitarian design and creative workshops.

September 2012

Professor at University of Kalamoon (private university), Deir Attieh, Syria.
Department Head of workshops for 1st and 2nd year students at the Faculty of Architecture.

November 2011 to August 2012

Research Professor at the Institute of Sciences and Techniques of Valenciennes, Temporary position as a Research Associate.
6 modules taught: "Pedagogical workshops", "Communication, written and oral expression", "Personality development", "Project management", "Organization of building companies" and "Prevention and risk management". Courses given to 7 different degree levels: DEUST Building and Construction, Bachelor's degree in Engineering Sciences and Professional degrees in Building and Construction.

October 2011

Research Professor in the Hypermedia Department, University Paris 8, Saint-Denis, France.

May 2010

Workshop at the Strate School of Design, Sèvres, France
Theme: "Meeting areas" with 3rd year Design students.

February 2010

Workshop at the Regional Institute of Visual Arts (known today as the Caribbean Campus of the Arts, registered in the network of 46 French territorial schools of higher artistic education). Students in 4th year of design. Theme: Humanitarian design in Haiti.

September to December 2010

Professor in the Architecture Department, International University of Science and Technology, Daraah, Syria.
Supervision of the 3rd year Architecture Workshop and History of Architecture courses.

September 2008 to August 2010

Professor in Hypermedia Department, Paris 8 University.
Lectured in "Design & Hypermedia" to students in the Master's Degree programs of Hypermedia Technologies and Digital Creation and Publishing.

July 2009

Workshop at the Faculty of Architecture of International University of Science and Technology, Daraah, Syria.
4th year Architecture students.
Theme: Cubes & New Technologies.

September 2006 to June 2008

Professor at the Faculty of Architecture of International University of Science and Technology, Daraah, Syria.
Supervised 2nd year Architecture Workshop.

October 2004 to June 2006

Professor at the Faculty of Architecture of University of Kalamoon, Deir Attieh, Syria.
Department Head for the 1st year Architecture Workshops and "Media & Communication" 1st and 2nd year courses.

September 2002 to September 2004

Professor at the Faculty of Architecture of University of Damascus, Syria.
Supervised 3rd year Architecture Workshop.

September 1994 to July 1995

Professor at the Regional Institute of Visual Arts of Martinique (National School of Fine Arts), France.
Course: "Scientific Approach to Visual and Plastic Arts". 3rd year undergraduate students.

RESEARCH & PUBLICATIONS

Co-founder and President of "Ila Souria" Association (NGO) – February 2013 to December 2017

Organizer of multidisciplinary seminars and international round table debates and conferences in Paris, Lyon, Strasbourg, and Montreal. Founder of the "Syrian Popular University" with locations in Turkey, Lebanon, Jordan, and Syria.
And founder of "Cafés Citoyens" of the "Syrian Popular University" and trainings in public education (Paris and Montreal).

Research engineer at the Laboratory Citu-Paragraphe, Paris 8 – January to September 2011

Research on the project "Terra Dynamica".
Development of a behavioral animated 3D platform in real time of urban life species in their 3D environment, opened and adaptable to various application domains.

Lectures and Publications – 2008 to 2018

Conference "New Cities and Migration", Università Degli Studi di Firenze, DIDA, Italy – September 2016.
Publication of an article: « Ma'arat al Numan, resilience of a Syrian city at war –Trainer of specialists in sustainable reconstruction (Université Populaire Syrienne)" in the co-authored book "New Cities and Migration – An International Debate" under the guidance of Roberto Bologna, Università Degli Studi di Firenze, DIDA – December 2017.

Article: "Humanitarian Design For Refugee Camps: Design Solutions in Crisis Situations" with Tiiu Poldma.
The formal proceedings of the 3rd International Conference for Design Education Researchers, presented by CUMULUS Association, DRS SIG on Design Pedagogy and the DESIGN-ED Coalition – 2015

Co-organizer of Ilasouria.03 conference: "Syria: resilience and shared views on citizen engagement", at the French National Centre for Scientific Research (CNRS), Paris 14, France – November 2015.

Design and coordination of the writing "Actes du colloquium ilasouria.02", Éditions ILA... – December 2014.

Organization and coordination of the Ilasouria.02 Conference: "Past experiences of cities under reconstruction – Project of "Université Populaire Syrienne". Faculty of Environmental Design, University of Montreal – April 2014.

Conferences of the ilasouria.01 debates, under the guidance of Irène Labeyrie & Claude Yacoub, ILA éditions...
And an article: " Architectures and Utopias, for a free and rebellious teaching method (Architectures et utopies, pour une pédagogie libre et révoltée...") – January 2014.

Design and co-coordination of the book "Debates of the conference ilasouria.01", ILA éditions... – January 2014.

Published Book and co-coordination of articles for "Mobility & Design", Éditions Europa – November 2013.

Article: "Design at the service of humanitarianism, for a committed and responsible design" in "Mobility & Design", Éditions Europa – November 2013.

Organization and coordination of Ilasouria.01 Conference: "Syria: reconstructions, immaterial and material? – before and after assessment". Arab World Institute, Paris – October 2013.

Conference and publication Cide.15, "Information and media careers, library and archive in the era of digital and numerical transformation", "The "small" libraries within the global information technology ecosystem", Tunis – November 2012.

Co-author publication of debates at the conference 01Design.8, "Espaces, Échelles, Temps", Brussels, Belgium – May 2012.

Published thesis of Ph. D. in Information Science and Communication:

"The hand of the apprentice designer in the pedagogy architecture project deal with digital tools."

Cognitive Language Interaction (CLI) Doctoral graduate school at Paragraphe Laboratory,

CiTu team (Cybermedia, Interactions, Multidisciplinary and Ubiquity), University Paris 8, Saint-Denis, France – November 2011

Conference and publication HyperUrbain 3, "Hybrid cities and challenges of the development of digital urbanites", "For a hybrid city, a hybrid design...", Montreal, Canada – September 2011.

Efrard 2 Conference – "Virtual Mobility: Cooperative Portals & Innovative Uses of TIC", "Les tapeurs d'espace", Dakar – December 2010.

Co-authored of an article in the Interactions Revue Humaines Médiatisées (RIHM), "HyperUrbain: the dematerialization of the Human-Territory relationship" – June 2010.

Co-author publication and conference of the 01Design.7 "Design assisted by Designer", Éveux, France – May 2010.

Seminar conference "Parergon in the E-Forms sector", "e-Architecture: for a modest, unlimited and brilliant architecture", Paris – November 2009.

Conference at National Conservancy of Arts and Crafts (CNAM), "In quest of my research", for students of the University of Paris 8, the Gobelins school and CNAM. Paris – November 2009.

Poster presentation for the 6th edition of Design Research Workshops: Secrets of research, "Design assisted by automation". Paris 1 University, Center Saint-Charles, Paris – May 2009.

Moderator at the Francophone Space for Research and Development class, "Grand Forum for French speaker for research and innovation" at the University of Paris 8, Saint-Denis, France – April 2009.

And Scientific Committee Member of Hyperurbain, 01Design et ilasouria conferences.

ADDITIONNAL SKILLS & INTERESTS

Languages

French: primary fluency – Créole: bilingual proficiency.

English: Professional working proficiency – Arabic (Syria): Full professional proficiency.

Volunteer work

Meal distribution for the "Restaurants du Cœur" (2008–2010) and home support for the elderly "Les Petits Frères des Pauvres", (2019–2020). Both located in Paris, France.

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Sponsor and member of the association "Un enfant par la main" since 1990. Contributions include sponsoring and visiting godchildren and focus projects in India (2003) and Senegal, (2010). The association partners with the international nonprofit organization, ChildFund Alliance

Hobbies

Literature – Cinephilia – Chess – Sports (cycling, soccer, swimming, table tennis).

Discoveries

Places of travel during university exchanges and conferences, humanitarian causes and personal trips:

France: Arcachon, Avignon, Bordeaux, Cannes, Dunkerque, La Rochelle, Le Havre, Lille, Lyon, Marseille, Metz, Montpellier, Nice, Nimes, Nantes, Narbonne, Paris, Périgueux, Reims, Rennes, Saint-Malo, Saint-Nazaire, Strasbourg, Toulon, Toulouse, Tours, ...

Europe: Amsterdam, Athens, Barcelona, Berlin, Bilbao, Bologna, Brussels, Copenhagen, Edinburgh, Florence, Geneva, Hamburg, Lausanne, Lisbon, Luxembourg, Istanbul, London, Madrid, Milan, Naples, Porto, Oslo, Reykjavik, Roma, Salzburg, Seville, Stockholm, Venice, Vienna, ...

Africa & Middle East: Aleppo, Amman, Beirut, Cairo, Dakar, Damascus, Dweir Taha, Istanbul, Tartous, Tripoli, Tunis, ...

North America: Austin, Boston, Cincinnati, Dallas, Detroit, Houston, Los Angeles, Memphis, Miami, Montreal, New York, Ottawa, New Orleans, Quebec, San Francisco, Syracuse, ...

Central America and the Caribbean: Bridgetown, Cancun, Castres, Havana, Marigot, Mexico, Pointe-à-Pitre, Port-au-Prince, Roseau, San Juan, Santo Domingo, ...

South America: Brasilia, Buenos Aires, Rio de Janeiro and Sao Paulo.

Asia & Australia: Alice Springs, Bangkok, Bombay, Delhi, Hong Kong, Phnom Penh, Seoul, Singapore, Sydney, Tokyo.

Houston, Texas, USA

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