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### Education

- 2007 - 2009     **Masters in Landscape Architecture** with *Magna Cum Laude*  
Politecnico di Milano, Milan, Italy
- 2003 - 2007     **Bachelor in Architectural Sciences**  
Politecnico di Milano, Milan, Italy

### Select Projects

- 2020            **Congress of Lushnje Museum Renovation**, research, exhibition design and curation of the renovation of the Museal House of the Congress of Lushnje.
- 2019            **Galeria e Bregdetit**, interior design project and curation of an independent art space by the sea, in Radhime, Albania.
- 2017 - 2018     **Hotel Picasso - Radhimë**, Design and management of a boutique art hotel located in the south of Albania, with a focus on visual art and artistic residencies in the off-season.
- 2015            **Berat Panoramas**, Berat Island Competition 3rd Prize - Research by Design, Osumi Island Berat, Albania; in collaboration with K-W-Y, YellowOffice, & Jan Bünnig.
- 2014            **The Vlora Kaleidoscope**, Vlora Waterfront Competition, Vlora, Albania.
- 2013            **Remix the Space**, Culture space project, Art of House, Tirana, Albania.
- 2012 - 2013     **Adhocracy**, an investigation on the influence of open-source and horizontal power structures in the crossroads of design, architecture, and technology. In collaboration with Joseph Grima, Ethel Baraona Pohl, and Pelin Tan.
- 2009 - 2012     **Concrete Mushrooms**, a DIY modular project for Albanian bunkers' transformation, released as a documentary film in 2009 & published as a book in 2012. In collaboration w/ Gyler Mydyti & Niku Alex Muçaj.

## Curatorial Work

- 2021 Mentor, **Informal City - Temporal Autonomous Utopias**, Koper, Slovenia
- 2021 Curator, **South by the Sea II: Where the roads are paved with gold**, **Galeria e Bregdetit**, Albania
- 2021 Curator, **The Isle of Thorns**, **Galeria e Bregdetit**, Radhime, Albania
- 2020 Curator, **South by the Sea**, **Galeria e Bregdetit**, Radhime, Albania
- 2020 Curator, **Congress of Lushnje Museum Renovation**, Lushnje, Albania
- 2019 Curator, **Sazan: No Man's Land**, **Galeria e Bregdetit**, Radhime, Albania
- 2019 Curator, **A little rain, then sun**, **Galeria e Bregdetit**, Radhime, Albania
- 2015 Curator, **ULTRA1, TiranaOpen1**, Tirana
- 2015 Curator, **Round Table on the Future**, **Tulla Culture Center**, Tirana, Albania
- 2013 Architectural & Experience Design, **Remix the Space**, **House of Arts**, Tirana
- 2013 Associate Curator & Exhibition Designer, **Adhocracy NYC**, **New Museum**, New York City
- 2013 Curator, **LO - FI, Wired NextFest**, Milan
- 2013 General Coordinator & Exhibition Designer, **Adhocracy London**, **LimeWharf**, London
- 2012 Co-Curator, **Concrete in Common**, **Kunst Raum Riehen**, Basel
- 2012 Associate Curator & General Coordinator, **Adhocracy**, **1st Istanbul Design Biennial**, Istanbul
- 2011 Associate Curator, **Utilitas Interrupta**, **EXD'11 Experimenta Biennale**, Lisbon
- 2011 Exhibition Design, **Stazione Futuro**, **Officine Grandi Riparazioni**, Torino
- 2010 Associate Curator, **Interventions in the Domestic Sphere**, **Triennale di Milano**, Milan

## Group Exhibitions

- 2019 "Ardhje" Award 2019, **Galeria Zeta**, Tirana
- 2017 A Revised Manifesto of Futurism, **Capitalism is Over**, Milan
- 2014 Post-Frontier, **Monditalia**, **14th International Architecture Exhibition**, Venice
- 2013 Burning Bridges, **Culturescapes Balkan Edition 2013**, Basel
- 2012 Concrete in Common, **Kunst Raum Riehen**, Basel
- 2012 In Heritage, **Albanian Pavilion**, **13th International Architecture Exhibition**, Venice
- 2011 Utilitas Interrupta, **EXD'11 Experimenta Biennale**, Lisbon
- 2011 Concrete Mushrooms Screening, **Dokufest 6**, Prizren
- 2011 Stories of Change, **Arup Phase2**, London
- 2010 *Diwanniyah*, **Harvard GSD**, Cambridge
- 2010 Marubi Studio, **Museum of Cultures**, Helsinki

## Achievements & Awards

- 2020 **Finalist** for the **Albanian Pavilion** at the **Venice Architecture Biennale 2020**
- 2019 **Ardhje: Albanian Under 35 Artist Prize - Finalist**
- 2019 **Future Architecture Platform Alumni**
- 2015 **Shortlisted** for the **Albanian Pavilion** at the **Venice Architecture Biennale 2016**
- 2015 **3rd Prize** in Atelier Albania's **Berat Island Competition**
- 2012 **Selected Participant** in **Albanian Pavilion - Venice Architecture Biennale 2012**
- 2011 **Winner** (Video Category) - **Stories of Change**, **Arup Phase2**, London
- 2009 Graduated with **Honours** at the **Politecnico di Milano**

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