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## Education

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### Arizona State University

*Masters in Urban and Environmental Planning*

**August 2021-Present**

*Tempe, AZ*

### Umeå University

*Bachelors of Architecture(Exchange Semester)*

**Jan 2019-June 2019**

*Umea, SWE*

### Manipal Academy of Higher Education

*Bachelors of Architecture [GPA 3.6/4.00]*

**August 2016-June 2021**

*Manipal, IND*

## Experience

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### Arizona State University

*Graduate Teaching Assistant*

**August 2021– Present**

*Tempe, AZ*

- Assisted for Fall 2021 courses - Global Change and Geography of Natural Resources under the School of Geographical Sciences and Urban Planning.
- Oversaw weekly assignments for 350+ students.
- Interacted with students on their assignment submissions and gave feedback.

### Triple O Studio

*Junior Architect, Intern*

**July 2020 – June 2021**

*Chennai, IND*

- Assisted in designing and executing architectural, interior and product design projects of various scales.
- Assisted in urban infrastructure mapping (sewerage, water, and electricity) for the Mega Streets Project (part of Smart Cities Program), Chennai.
- Closely interacted with City officials of Greater Chennai Corporation for acquiring urban data and organizing meetings.
- Closely interacted with the consultants and contractors to coordinate work.

## Projects and Awards

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### Re-imagining social housing in Chennai [1] | *Thesis Studio*

**2021**

- Thesis Topper, Top 10 zonal Thesis award by Council of Architecture and nominated for Royal Institute of British Architects presidents Medal Award.
- An architectural intervention with an intent to revive the notions of community, identity and dignity within the economically weaker section of the city of Chennai.

### Negotiating the Right to the City in the Smart City [2] | *Student Research Forum*

**2021**

- Second prize at the Annual research on Cities Summit held by Xavier's University, Bhubaneswar.
- Social Science Research using interviews and case of informal vendors in Chennai to understand the how the implementation of Smart City Program in India affects the Right to the City.

### Are We Designing Smart Cities or Smart-Looking Cities?[3] | *Essay Competition*

**2020**

- National First in the Essay competition by IdhaLabs on Rethinking modern urban landscape of India in 21st Century.
- A critique on the current mode of nation building using concepts from theories of Global South and Subaltern urbanism.

### Rings of Fire | *Emergency School Design Competition*

**2019**

- Runner up in the school design competition for rehabilitating students affected by war.
- Use of modular and pop-up construction techniques along with use of colors and design elements for education, recreation and healing.

## Skills

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**Software:** QGIS, AutoCAD, Sketchup, Rhino, HTML, PHP, SQL, Adobe Suite

**GRE:** 311/340 (152V/159Q/4.0AWA)

**TOEFL:** 107/120 (26R / 28L / 24S / 29W)

**SPEAK TEST:** 60

## Leadership and Extracurricular

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### Research Fellow

2017-2018

*Student Research Forum*

*MAHE*

- Selected as one of the eight fellow members from graduate and undergraduate programs.
- Assisted in designing graphics and developing a website for publishing the research findings of a sustainability study by the students of Master of Urban Design and Development.
- Researched on carbon sequestration modelling and forest ecology and published a public awareness video using the findings for the Save Aarey Forest movement in Mumbai.
- Co-authored a research paper with Professor Purushottam Kesar on deconstructing infectious disease (Nipah virus) through urban networks.
- Coordinated and organized academic talks from esteemed researchers Dr. Olivier Roueff and Professor Shyam Sayenekar.

### Graphics Committee Head

2018-2019

*Media Council*

*MAHE*

- Organized and lead teams for creating graphical content for various inter and intercollegiate cultural and sports events
- Supervised and guided junior undergraduate students to create graphic content for workshops, events, and social initiatives.
- Provided logistical support in organizing academic events such as orientations, exchange programs, talks, workshops, and conferences.

### Links

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1. <http://www.presidentsmedals.com/Entry-52901>
2. <https://shs.xim.edu.in/wp-content/uploads/2021/02/ARCS-5.0-Report.pdf>
3. <https://idhalabs.com/blog/f/are-we-designing-smart-cities-or-smart-looking-cities>