

Lù Chén

designer and artist

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EDUCATION

- 2020 – now **Aalto University, Finland**
New Media (MA); Design (BA), Minor in Information Design; Bachelor's thesis "From Workshops to Civic Life: Participatory Design in Supporting Immigrants' Civic Engagement in Finland"
- 2012 – 2016 **National University of Singapore, Singapore**
Bachelor of Computing (Honours), Information Systems; Thesis "E-commerce Websites' Accessibility for Visually Impaired Users"
- 2015, Spring **Sabanci University, Turkey**
Erasmus Programme, Computer Science and Visual Arts

WORK EXPERIENCE

- 2023 – now, Espoo, Finland **Research Assistant at Aalto University**
• Design and develop an interactive visualisation for the Nokia Design Archive, a collection of artefacts created from research to prototyping in Nokia Design Center within two decades.
- 2023 – now, Espoo, Ukraine **Vice-chair of Pro-Arte in Aalto RepCo**
• Advocate for accessible quality education, cross-school collaborations, and polyphonic student community for all
- 2023, Helsinki, Finland **Space and Visual Design for Startup Refugees**
• With the concept of "Urban Oasis", Diana Lisitsa and I designed a tent for entrepreneurs with immigrant backgrounds to test out their business idea at the Flow Festival 2023.
- 2016 – 2020, Singapore **UX Designer at Titansoft Pte Ltd**
• Led and built an internal git-based design system to improve knowledge management across 3 offices;
• Participated in the new generation product development project, including research, design, front-end development, and user evaluations.
- 2015, Fuzhou, China **Editorial Internship at "Homeland(家园)" Magazine**
• Assisted in conducting interviews, archiving media material regarding local lifestyle and cultures

HONOURS & AWARDS

- 2022, Espoo
Top 5 Projects
of Solve the SDGs Hackathon, Aalto Ventures Program
- 2018, Singapore
Best Design Experience Award & People's Choice Award
of Adobe x General Assembly Creative Jam "Create Thriving Neighbourhoods in Singapore"
- 2015, Singapore
1st Prize (Youth Category)
of Montage Photography Award
- 2011, Singapore
Lianhe Zaobao Gold Award
of Singapore Tertiary Chinese Literature Awards

EXHIBITION

- 2015, Turkey
Group Exhibition "Studies on Photobook"
at Mixer Gallery, Istanbul, Turkey
Artist book project "Echo / 回响" joined the group exhibition (as a coursework from "VA 329/547 Photography & Expression" in Sabanci University)

LANGUAGES

- Chinese Mandarin
- English
- Japanese (*JLPT N2*)
- Finnish (*elementary*)