

# 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**
  - Nokia Design Archive (Design Culture): Design and develop interactive visualisations for the archive, including a collection of materials created across two decades and oral history from Nokia designers
  - RISE Network (Fashion & Textile): Designed information visualizations about the doctoral network and the literature review for application.
  - Department of Art & Media workload visualizer
- 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.
- 2022, Helsinki, Finland      **Research Assistant at ATARCA EU**
  - Designed and produced short animation video "Food futures – Learning by Doing," shortlisted for World Commons Week 2022 Teaching Video Contest.
- 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

- 2023  
**Long List**  
Information is Beautiful Awards 2023
- 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 News Gold Award**  
of Singapore Tertiary Chinese Literature Awards

## EXHIBITION

- 2024, Helsinki, Finland  
**Group Exhibition "Aavistus | Off The Wall", projected on the Swedish Embassy's Wall**  
Short animation "Sonic Fetus"
- 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
- English
- Japanese (JLPT N2)
- Finnish (elementary)