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Research

I am a PhD candidate at the Department of Architecture and Built Environment, and a part of Lund University's interdisciplinary graduate school Agenda 2030.

In my PhD project, I take interest in the role of architecture in "improving" societies and the world, as a tool for "development" and particularly so-called sustainable urban development (SUD). I see architecture broadly as enacted both through politics, professional practice and everyday architectural enactments – and I take particular interest in the urban scale.

My study builds upon a theoretical framework based in queer theory and aims to investigate the performative role of architecture as a supportive infrastructure for different everyday lives as well as ideas about sustainable urban development. In the first stage, I investigate the example site Hyllie, which is one of Malmö's biggest SUD projects. After that, I explore alternative (queer) ways of understanding urban development (and development in general) with the aim of contributing to making more lives and bodies "livable".

Employment

Doctoral student

Department of Architecture and Built Environment
Lund University
Lund, Sweden
2020 Jan 20 → 2024 Oct 1

Doctoral student

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Lund University
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2019 Jan 3 → present

Research assistant

Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences, Alnarp
Alnarp, Sweden
2019 Aug 19 → 2020 Jan 17

Projects

Lund University Agenda 2030 Graduate School

Jönsson, K., van Meeningen, Y., Tagesson, A., Loxa, A., Zalar, A., Johansson, A., Stubbendorff, A., Jones, B., Nicoli Aldini, C., Nicoson, C., Lantz, E., Tsiakiris, G., Hygum, I. L., Abdulahi, I. J., Salustiano Trojaborg, I., Hannerz, J., López, J., Samper, J. A., Bello Bermejo, J. M., Ocampo, J., Francis, J., Van Dooren, L., Boberg, L., Ternsjö, L., Takman, M., Mannberg, M., Yndal-Olsen, N., Flores, P., Lee, S. H., Önnudóttir, S. H. K., Andersson Nystedt, T., Lindberg, H. G. & Johannesson, S.
2018/09/26 → ...

Qualifications

Spatial planning, Master's degree, Blekinge Institute of Technology

Award Date: 2019 Jun 5

Spatial planning, Bachelor's degree, Blekinge Institute of Technology

Award Date: 2016 Jun 3

Prizes and Distinctions

Karlskrona kommuns Planstipendium 2019

Zalar, Alva (Recipient), 2019 Dec 5

Research outputs

Child-Friendly Environments—What, How and by Whom?

Jansson, M., Herbert, E., Zalar, A. & Johansson, M., 2022 Apr 18, In: Sustainability. 14, 8, 26 p., 14(8).

Unmapping green space: Discursive dispossession of the right to green space by a compact city planning epistemology

Zalar, A. & Pries, J., 2022, In: City. 26, 1, p. 51-73

Governing for Child-Friendliness? Perspectives on Children as Users Among Swedish and Danish Urban Open Space Managers

Jansson, M., Zalar, A., Pritzel Sundevall, E. & Randrup, T. B., 2020 Oct 23, In: Frontiers in Sustainable Cities. 2, p. 1-12
12 p., 565418.