

PINAR BALAT

Pinar Balat, born in Ankara in 1986, is an Amsterdam based architect and urbanist. She completed her bachelor studies in Middle East Technical University in Ankara and her first master's degree on collective housing in Universidad Politecnica de Madrid. Afterwards she acquired her Master of Science diploma from Technische Universiteit Delft. In 2015, she founded her own office- Studio Pinar Balat. In the past decade she worked for various architecture and urban design offices in the Netherlands on projects of housing, neighbourhood scale urban planning and inner-city transformations. Parallely, she has conducted design-based research on various contemporary urban questions such as feeling at home in the city, ecologically and socially just city neighbourhoods, healthy city and citizens and the just transformation of post-war neighbourhoods. At present, she continues to work as an independent urban researcher. She offers expertise on spatial justice for projects of housing, neighbourhood planning and public space. She regularly takes part in the debates concerning the future of the urban areas in the Netherlands, and she is in the Advisory Committee of Architectuurcentrum Amsterdam. Pinar, through her work and professional relations, aspires to contribute to more just and sustainable urban environments.

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Personal Information

Nationality	Turkish
Country of Residence	Netherlands
Date of Birth	February 26, 1986
Place of Birth	Ankara, Turkey

Education

2009-2011	Delft University of Technology: Delft, Netherlands <i>Master of Science in Architecture, Urbanism and Building Sciences</i> Graduation grade: 9/10
2009	Universidad Politécnica de Madrid: Madrid, Spain <i>Master's Degree on Collective Housing</i> Escuela Técnica Superior de Arquitectura de Madrid
2003-2008	Middle East Technical University: Ankara, Turkey <i>Bachelor of Science in Architecture</i> Faculty of Architecture, Department of Architecture
2006-2007	Universidad Politécnica de Valencia: Valencia, Spain <i>Bachelor studies Erasmus Exchange Program</i> Escuela Técnica Superior de Arquitectura de Valencia
2000-2003	TED Ankara College Foundation High School: Ankara, Turkey <i>International Baccalaureate Bilingual Diploma Program</i>

Work Experience

2015-present	Studio PINAR BALAT: Amsterdam, Netherlands <i>Founder</i>
2021-present	Architectuur Centrum Amsterdam: Amsterdam, Netherlands <i>Member of Advisory Committee (Programmaraad)</i>
2019-2021	BURA urbanism: Amsterdam, Netherlands <i>Architect/ Urbanist</i>
2018	Karres en Brands: Hilversum, Netherlands <i>Freelance Architect/ Urbanist</i>
2018	Urhahn Stedenbouw: Amsterdam, Netherlands <i>Freelance Architect/ Urbanist</i>
2016-2017	Burton Hamfelt Urban Architecture: Amsterdam, Netherlands <i>Freelance Architect</i>
2012-2014	De Architecten Cie.: Amsterdam, Netherlands <i>Architect</i>
2012	De Architecten Cie.: Amsterdam, Netherlands <i>Intern Architect</i>
2007-2008	Middle East Technical University: Ankara, Turkey <i>Research assistant Environmental Design</i>

Selected Projects

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- 2022 **Living Lab Vrederust:** The Hague, Netherlands
Research lead and urbanist
In collaboration with Igor Sladoljev en Haag Wonen
- 2021 **College van Rijksadviseurs Young Innovators Program – Les Jardins Pysiques:** Dordrecht, Netherlands
Research lead and urbanist
In collaboration with Zuzana Jancovicova
- 2019 **Feeling at Home in Amsterdam:** Amsterdam, Netherlands
Research lead
In collaboration with Lorna Gibson
- 2018 **The City of the Future - Fit for the Future:** Utrecht, Netherlands
Research lead and urbanist
In collaboration with BASTA urbanism and Urban Dynamics

Other projects

- 2020-2021 **Redevelopment of Hembrug-terrain:** Zaandam, Netherlands
Project leader (Architect/ Urbanist)
Company: BURA urbanism
- 2019 **Europapark P2 Urban Vision:** Groningen, Netherlands
Project leader (Architect/ Urbanist)
Company: BURA urbanism
- 2018 **Oberbillwerder Masterplan:** Hamburg, Germany
Junior project leader (Architect/ Urbanist)
Company: Karres en Brands
- 2017 **Entrada Concept Urban Vision:** Amsterdam, Netherlands
Junior project leader (Architect/ Urbanist)
Company: Burton Hamfelt Urban Architecture
- 2016 **Vertical City Research & Sluisbuurt:** Amsterdam, Netherlands
Designer (Architect/ Urbanist)
Company: Burton Hamfelt Urban Architecture
- 2014 **MO City Masterplan International Competition 1st prize:** Moscow, Russia
Designer (Architect)
Company: de Architecten Cie.
- 2012-2013 **Vlasikha Masterplan & Housing:** Moscow, Russia
Junior designer (Architect)
Company: de Architecten Cie.

Publications

- 2021 **“Seismic Zagreb - and The Question of ‘Herstel’”**
Co-author: Igor Sladoljev
Inflection: Journal of the Melbourne School of Design, Volume 8: Presence
Editors: M. McBride, K. Donaldson, M. Prunotto. Publisher: Melbourne Books.
- 2020 **Feeling at Home in Amsterdam**
Co-author: Lorna Gibson. Supported by Creative Industries Funds NL.
- 2018 **“Fit for the Future - Healthy City, Healthy Inhabitants”**
In collaboration with BASTA urbanism and Urban Dynamics
The City of the Future- Ten Designs for Five Locations
Chief Editors: M. Berkers, J. Hinterleitner. Publisher: BNA Research

- 2014 **“Socio-economic and Spatial Reorganization of Albert Cuypmarkt in Amsterdam”**
Built Environment Volume 39, Number 2: Marketplaces as an Urban Development Strategy
Editors: F. Janssens, C. Sezer. Publisher: Alexandrine Press.
- 2013 **“The Physiognomist and The Rag-Picker - Walter Benjamin: Reading the City-as-Text and Writing the Text-as-City”**
Once Upon a Place – Architecture & Fiction
Editors: P. Gadanho, S. Oliveira. Publisher: Caleidoscópico

Language Skills

Turkish	Native
English	Fluent/ Professional proficiency
Spanish	Fluent/ Professional proficiency
Dutch	Fluent/ Professional proficiency