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Research Interest Group: Sustainable Heritage Environment (SHE)
Research Nexus UiTM (ReNeU): Green Technology & Sustainable Development (GTSD)

Professional Summary

RIBA Chartered Architect and PhD candidate with over 12 years of experience in architectural design, BIM coordination, and research-driven consultancy. Currently lecturing at UiTM, while offering architectural consultancy focused on carefully crafted architecture, digital production, and architectural identity. Experienced as a Guest Editor (JDBE), Scopus-indexed author, and active DUCS grant applicant.

Personal Information

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Academic Qualifications

PhD in Architecture (In Progress), Universiti Teknologi Malaysia (UTM)
Dissertation: Architecture as Unified Creation: Turgut Cansever's Challenge to Architectural Historiography

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Master by Research (MRes) in Architecture (Reading Neoliberal Cities), 2020, London UK

Master of Architecture (MArch), RIBA Part II, Northumbria University, 2013, Newcastle-Upon-Tyne, UK

BSc (Hons) Architecture, University College London, 2009, UK

Area of Expertise

1. Architectural History & Theory
2. BIM-Led Technical Design & Project
3. Architectural Education
4. Design-Led Research & Editorial Work

Research & Publication Highlights

1. Chief Guest Editor, Journal of Design and Built Environment (JDBE), Special Issue 2024 & 2025
2. 3 Scopus-indexed articles:
 - Urban Planning Under Neoliberalism: Addressing Socio-Spatial Inequality in Malaysia, 2025
 - Influential Stimulus of Form-Generating Towards Neuro-Aesthetic Design, 2024
 - Neighborhood Environmental Health: Relationship between Neighborhood Quality, Physical Activity and Health, 2024
3. Contributor (Copy-Editing), "Shariah & Built Environment" (UTM RZS-CASIS)
4. DUCS Grant Applicant (2025), as Principal Investigator
5. Active researcher in architectural history & theory, regional urbanism, and architectural identity

Teaching & Curriculum Development

1. Architecture Design Studio Coordination (CFAP243), Centre of Studies for Architecture
2. Resource Person (CFAP243) – AAA675 Digital Architecture II, AAA400 Design Appreciation
3. Lecturer, Architectural Design, BIM & Theory Modules (2022-Present)

Consultancy & Practice Experience

BIM Consultancy with Team Blue Sdn Bhd – Professional Engagement via UiTM Technoventure Sdn Bhd (UTV) (2023)

1. OCQ Tower, Sydney, NSW Australia

Life3A / Marchese Partners International – BIM Architect (2016-2021)

- Major Projects: Chevron One, Guild Living Bath/Epsom, Granville Place (Australian market)
 - Full BIM delivery, project coordination, technical delivery, documentation & detailing
2. The Green (Senior Living), Queensland Australia, Retire Australia

3. Greenwich Boutique Senior Living, New South Wales Australia
4. Guild Living Bath (300 high value apartments), Landmark Project Bath UK
5. Guild Living Epsom (300 high value apartments), Surrey UK
6. Chevron One (40 storey Residential tower), Queensland's Gold Coast
7. Granville Place (Mixed-Use Development), New South Wales Australia

GAMUDA Land – Architect (2016)

Life3A Others: 3DReid (UK), GARIS Architects, SAIAA Architects (MY)

Supervision & Research Mentorship

1. Dissertation – Master (CFAP773):
 - a. Assessing The Impact Of Nature-Like Enclosures On Tiger Conservation Effectiveness; Amir Iskandar Bin Azizi (2023879866)
 - b. Sg. Petani Kobuniti (Urban Farming) Hub Via Prodigious Aquaponic System; Farah Shahira Binti Azmi (2023122449)
 - c. Analysis On Internal Layout For The Use Of Elderly; Nursyafiqah Nadirah Bt Razali (2022707723)
 - d. Breathing Wall Specialisation For Urban Farming At Low Cost Social Apartments In Malaysia; Mohamad Faris Bin Ismi (2021675428)
 - e. Perahu Kolek Kelantan: Preservation And Retreatment Centre At Pulau Gajah Kelantan; Tuan Muhammad Fadzillah Bin Tuan Abdullah (2021954869)
2. Topical Study – Bachelor (CFAP243):
 - a. Faculty Design Effect on Student Performance; Hidayatun Nadiyah Binti Adzmi (2022964105)
 - b. The Development Of Islamic Courtyard And Their Architectural Significance Towards Society; Muhammad Danish Arman Bin Azahari (2022850592)
 - c. The Integration Of Traditional Malay Architecture Into Contemporary Building Practices In Kuala Lumpur, Tuan Muhammad Syameel Bin Tuan Hairulnizam (2021867912)
 - d. The Relevance Of Preserving Historical Buildings In Modern Context; Muhammad Irfan Dini Bin Ahmad Fadhil (2021818666)
 - e. The Impact Of Digital Graphics On Manual Methods In The Architecture Design Process; Nur Amira Akmal Binti Ahmad Najmee (2021474852)
 - f. The Importance Aspects Of Computer Aided Design (Cad) For Designing Amongst Architecture Students; Siti Nurhafizah Binti Azeme (2021474746)
 - g. The Effect Of Bim Implementation Towards Project Delivery On Time Spending Within The Work Stages Between Project Teams; Muhammad Firdauz Bin Kamel (2022961533)
 - h. Benefits Of BIM In Improving The Productivity Of Architectural Firms In The Design Stage; Ahmad Ansoruddeen Bin Abdull Latif (2020812096)
 - i. The Significance Of Culture In Architectural Design; Anis Zulaikha Binti Ismail (2019221924)

- j. Significance Of Art And Technology Throughout History Of Islamic Architecture In Approaching Architectural Globalisation; Emir Qayyum Bin Ramli (2019210494)

Professional Membership

1. Royal Institute of British Architects (RIBA), Chartered Member – 20006964
2. Lembaga Arkitek Malaysia (LAM), Graduate Architect – AG/A 782

Collaboration Experience

1. Educational Collaboration with Rimbun Dahan Studio 2025 (AAA450 – Sem20252)
2. Contributor – JDBE Special Issue Publication (2024/25)
3. Contributor – National Urban Design Award 2025 (NUDA 2025), partnerships with PEREKABANDAR, Taylor’s University (Taylor’s) & University of Malaya (UM)
4. Contributor - “Shariah & Built Environment”, authored by Mohd Dani Muhamad. A collaborative work with Raja Zarith Sofiah Centre for Advanced Studies on Islam, Science & Civilisation (RZS-CASIS), UTM Malaysia, supervised by Prof. Dr. Muhammad Zainiy Uthman.