

Kinga Racoń-Leja



Academic degrees: doctor habilitatus in Architecture

Stanowisko: Professor of CUT

Engineering – technical field

**Discipline – architecture and urban design
architektura i urbanistyka**

Academic Functions:

Assoc. Dean for Education of Faculty of Architecture of Cracow University of Technology (FA CUT)

Membership in professional and academic boards:

Członek Towarzystwa Urbanistów Polskich, Stowarzyszenia Architektów Polskich, Izby Architektów Rzeczypospolitej – Małopolskiej Okręgowej Izby Architektów. W ramach Politechniki Krakowskiej: członek Rady Naukowej Wydziału Architektury, Członek Kolegium Wydziału Architektury i Senackiej Komisji Dydaktycznej.

Academic merits:

Kinga Racoń-Leja is the author and co-author of 4 scientific monographs and 47 scientific publications and over 20 publications promoting urban design and architecture. She has over 30 speeches at national and international conferences - national and European, as well as lectures at European universities. She graduated from FA with honors in 1995. She is a laureate of an annual scholarship at the College of Architecture and Planning at the University of Tennessee in Knoxville USA (1992-93). She also completed an internship in the Morphosis team under Thom Mayne in Los Angeles (1993-94).

As part of doctoral studies at FA CUT in the Tempus PHARE program (1997-2000), she was a scholarship holder at the Instituto Universitario di Architettura di Venezia. Ph.D. thesis 'Shaping contemporary covered public spaces and their importance in the process of urban space revitalization', specializing in urban planning and spatial planning, was prepared under the KBN grant and defended at FA CUT in 2003. Since the beginning of her work at the Cracow University of Technology CUT (2001), she has been associated with the Institute of Urban Design - first with the Chair of Urban Renewal and Development, and then with the Chair of Public Spaces for Movement. In the years 2013-2019, she was the Vice Director of this Institute.

She has been involved in the scientific and didactic activities on an international level for years. Initially, as part of the Symposia on the Countries of Central Europe (Krakow 2002) in cooperation with TU Graz and the Austrian Consulate General. In the years 2009-2012, she coordinated and led together with prof. Krzysztof Bieda, an international scientific and didactic project 'Facing Impact of the Second World War - Urban Design in Contemporary European Cities' (2009-2012), obtained under the Erasmus LP grant. The program was awarded the publication of the German DAAD and the Main Award in the EDU-Inspirations competition for the best program in the field of Higher Education in the Erasmus+ Program in Poland - awarded by the Fundacja Rozwoju Edukacji, under the auspices of the Ministry of Higher Education and the Minister of National Education in 2014. Since 2009, she has been leading international urban workshops in cooperation with TU Delft, HAWK Hildesheim, HTW Dresden, TU Dresden, CTU Prague, Université de Mons and University of Chalmers. Local government institutions such as the Kompetenzzentrum Stadtumbau and Land Saxonii-Anhalt were involved in the work as part of shrinking cities.

She disseminated the results of research in international cooperation in her habilitation thesis. The monograph 'CITY and the WAR— the influence of the Second World War on transformations of the spatial structure and contemporary urban condition of selected European cities' received the Minister of Development Award in 2020. The FA Scientific Council gave the author the title of habilitated doctor in technical sciences, in the discipline of architecture and urban planning on January 8, 2020. From March 2020, she is a professor at the Cracow University of Technology.

She used the issues of research of the urban processes of cities, destroyed as a result of military operations and disasters, during the last war to develop the directions and models of reconstruction. The results of the work met with considerable interest. Her research work also concerns urban processes, including the relation to transport transformations. She is also an expert in the field of socially safe

spaces. Research in this area was initiated in 2003 together with the Chair team with a KBN grant and the monograph 'Safe Urban Space and architectural conditions for shaping urban space to increase the safety of residents'. She cooperated with the 'Safe Middle School' and 'Safe School' programs in Małopolska, and in recent years with the 'Safe Krakow' program of the Krakow Municipality.

Professional qualifications/language skills

Full building qualifications in the architectural specialty since 2001 / English language – fluent knowledge

Research field:

Urban processes within city structures since the second half of the 20th century with particular emphasis on contemporary models of reconstruction and rebuilding of cities destroyed as a result of military operations and natural disasters. Relations between the urban development of urban areas and the development of individual and collective transport. Research on shaping socially safe spaces on an urban and architectural scale.

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