

Curriculum Vitae

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Tao Zhu is Associate Professor and Deputy Head of Department of Architecture, and Co-director of the Center for Chinese Architecture and Urban Design, The University of Hong Kong. He received his Master of Architecture and PhD in Architecture History and Theory at Columbia University. As a scholar, his research focuses on contemporary Chinese architecture and urbanism. He has published essays in *AA Files*, *AD*, *a+u*, *Bauwelt*, *Domus*, and *Time+Architecture*. His recent writings include the book *Liang Sicheng and His Times* (Imaginist, 2014), which examines Chinese architectural development in relation to Mao Zedong's socio-political campaigns during the 1950s, and a chapter "Architecture in China in the Reform Era 1978-2010" for the book *A Critical History of Contemporary Architecture 1960-2010* (Ashgate, 2014). In 2010, he received the first Architectural Critics Award from the China Architecture Media Awards organized by China's mass media *Southern Metropolis Daily* in collaboration with eight major Chinese architectural magazines.

As an architect, his built works include Shenzhen Wenjindu Bus Terminal and two Hope Project Elementary Schools at Deyang, Sichuan and Wenxian, Gansu. He is currently designing several large scale urban and architectural projects, including the Block 2 of Shenzhen Liuxiandong New City District (under construction) and the South District City Renovation of Dafen Village (planning stage). He also serves as the City Construction Consultant for Chang'an, a major industrial town of Dongguan, Guangdong, to assist in its urbanization process through both academic research and design practice.

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

2015-	Associate Professor, Department of Architecture, The University of Hong Kong
2015-	Deputy Head, Department of Architecture, The University of Hong Kong
2007-15	Assistant Professor, Department of Architecture, The University of Hong Kong
2017	Doctor of Philosophy in Architecture History & Theory, Columbia University
2007	Master of Philosophy in Architecture History & Theory, Columbia University
2002-05	Teaching Assistant in graduate-level history & theory courses, GSAPP (Graduate School of Architecture, Planning, and Preservation), Columbia University
2004	Advanced Design Studio Co-Instructor, GSAPP, Columbia University
2003	Visiting Scholar in Design & Computation, Department of Architecture, MIT
2001	Master of Architecture, GSAPP, Columbia University
1990	Bachelor of Engineering in Architecture, Chongqing University

RESEARCH & SCHOLARSHIP

1. Selected scholarly books, monographs & chapters

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| 2017 | Zhu T. Book chapter "Liu Jiakun, an Architect with Historical Sense", in <i>The Aedes Architecture Forum, Now and Here-Chengdu, Liu Jiakun: Selected Works</i> (Berlin: The Aedes Architecture Forum, 2017). |
| 2015 | Zhu T. Book chapter "Building Big, with No Regret: From Beijing's 'Ten Great Buildings' in the 1950s to China's Mega-projects Today", in <i>Red Legacies in China:</i> |

Cultural Afterlives of the Communist Revolution, the Harvard Contemporary China Series, ed. Li Jie (Cambridge MA: Harvard Asia Center Publications).

- 2014 Zhu T. Book *Liang Sicheng and His Times* (Guilin, Beijing: Guangxi Normal University Press; Hong Kong: Oxford University Press, 2014).
- Zhu T. Book chapter “Architecture in China in the Reform Era 1978-2010”, in *A Critical History of Contemporary Architecture 1960-2010*, ed. Elie Haddad and David Rifkind (London: Ashgate Publishing).
- 2013 Zhu T. Book chapter “To Search High And Low: Liang Sicheng, Lin Huiyin And China's Architectural Historiography 1932-1946,” in *Homecoming: Contextualizing, Materializing and Practicing the Rural in China*, e.d. Joshua Bolchover, Christiane Lange, John Lin (Berlin: Gestalten)
- Zhu T. Book chapter “When Yilan Meets Field-Office: A Dialogue with Huang Shengyuan, in *Oriental History Review Vol.1*, ed. Xu Zhiyuan (Guilin, Beijing: Guangxi Normal University Press)
- 2012 Zhu T. Book chapter “Grounding the Leaps: Personal Notes on Writing of China’s Modern Architectural History”, in *Common Ground: A Critical Reader*, ed. David Chipperfield, (Venice: Marsilio Editori; New York: Rizzoli).
- Zhu T. Book chapter “The Great Hall for the People during the 'Great Leap Forward’”, in *Studies of Architecture & Culture*, Vol. 4, 2012, ed. Ding Wowo and Hu Heng (Beijing: Central Compilation & Translation Press), 92-154
- 2009 Zhu T. Book chapter “The Promises and Assumptions of Tectonics”, in *Sixty Years of Chinese Architecture 1949-2009: History, Theory and Criticism*, 2009, ed. Zhu, Jianfei (Beijing: China Architecture and Building Press), 266-284

2. Selected journal publications

- 2016 Zhu T. “The New Collectivity: Liu Jiakun's Big Yard at Chengdu”, *Time+Architecture*, 2016, 148: 86-97.
- 2014 Zhu T. “Why Connect the Writing of Architectural History with That of Social History?” *Urban Flux*, 2014, 35, 2-7.
- 2013 Zhu T., “Reading Liang Sicheng V: New China's Architectural Movements and Liang's Thought Reform 1955”, *Time+Architecture*, 2013, 129: 158-165.
- Zhu T., “Reading Liang Sicheng VI: New China's Architectural Movements and Liang's Thought Reform 1956-1957”, *Time+Architecture*, 2013, 131: 116-125.
- Zhu T., “Reading Liang Sicheng VII: A Reading of Liang Sicheng's Thoughts on Urban Planning 1930-1949”, *Time+Architecture*, 2013, 132: 148-155.
- Zhu T., “Reading Liang Sicheng VIII: Liang-Chen Proposal - A Conclusion and Termination of China's Capital Planning”, *Time+Architecture*, 2013, 133: 130-142.
- 2012 Zhu T., “Reading Liang Sicheng III: New China's Architectural Movements and Liang's Thought Reform 1949-1952”, *Time+Architecture*, 2012, 127: 168-175.

- Zhu T., "Reading Liang Sicheng IV: New China's Architectural Movements and Liang's Thought Reform 1949-1952", *Time + Architecture*, 2012, 128: 130-137.
- 2011 Zhu T. "Building Big, with no Regret", *AA Files*, 2011, 63, 104-110
- Zhu T., "Searching High and Low", to Look for Things, or to Fill Up a System: The Nationalist Historiography of Liang Sicheng and His Colleagues 1931-1946", *Domus: China*, 2011, 59: 124-136.
- Zhu T. "A Strong Beam, with no Fear: the Issues of the Origin and Evolution in Liang Sicheng's Nationalist Historiography 1931-1948", *Domus: China*, 2011, 60, 106-115
- 2009 Zhu T. "The New Campus Project' by the Re-Tumu", *Bauwelt*, 2009, 184, 36-41
- Zhu T. "Cross the River by Touching the Stones: Chinese Architecture and Political Economy in the Reform Era 1978-2008," *Architectural Design*, 2009, 79, 88-93
- Zhu T. "The Great Hall for the People in the Great Leap Forward", *Domus: China*, 2009, 037, 47-64
- 2008 Zhu T. "An Architect Who Has Changed His 'Peaceful Heart' in the Great Earthquake", *a+u: China (Architecture and Urbanism Chinese Edition)*, 2008, 158-161
- 2007 Zhu T. "The 'Criticality' Debate in the West and the Architectural Situation in China", *The Journal of Architecture*, 2007, 12, 199-203.
- 2004 Zhu T. "Eight Steps toward FCJZ Atelier", *Architect Magazine*

3. Research grants & projects

- 2013-14 **General Research Fund (GRF) 2013/2014**
Beijing's 'Ten Great Buildings' during the Great Leap Forward
- 2011 **Common Core Course Grant for Undergraduate Curriculum Reform, HKU**
The Development of the Common Core Course "Politics of Space"
- Small Project Funding, HKU**
Beijing's 'Ten Great Buildings' in the Great Leap Forward
- 2009 **Seed Funding Programme for Basic Research, HKU**
The Suburbanization and Land-Settlement Crisis in China, 1995-2008
- Sichuan Earthquake Roundtable Fund, Internal Seed Funding, HKU**
The New Tendency of Suburbanization on the Chengdu-Dujiangyan Plain after 5.12 Earthquake

PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

2015-	Principal, Zhu Tao Studio, Hong Kong/Shenzhen
2005-07	Principal, ZL Architecture, New York
2001-04	Principal, Zhu Tao Studio, New York & Shenzhen
2000	Intern Architect, Peter Eisenman Architects, New York
1994-98	Principal Architect, Shenzhen Huazhu Engineering Design Co. Ltd., Shenzhen
1994	Principal Architect, West-China Engineering Design & Construction Company, Zhuhai
1993	Architect, Shenzhen Huayu Architecture Design Co. Ltd., Shenzhen
1990-92	Architect, China Southwest Architecture Design Institute, Chengdu & Shanghai

ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN & EXHIBITION WORKS

2015-	South District of Dafen Village Planning & Urban design. Planning stage.
2014-16	Liuxiandong New City District Area 2, Shenzhen. Under construction.
2013	Dalang Young Workers' Dream Center, Shenzhen. Construction completed.
2009	Zhuoyue Danbao Elementary School, Wen County, Gansu. Construction completed.
2008	Exhibition: "Shenzhen Wenjindu Bus Terminal Complex," Shenzhen/Hong Kong Biennale of Architecture and Urbanism 2008.
2005	Sichuan Tongshan Project Hope Elementary School. Construction completed.
2004	Shenzhen Wenjindu Bus Terminal Complex. Construction completed.

HONOURS, AWARDS & PRIZES

2016	Faculty Outstanding Teaching Award 2014-2015, HKU
2014	First Prize in International Urban and Architectural Design Competition for Shenzhen Liuxiandong New City District Area 2, organized by Shenzhen Municipal Bureau of Urban Planning and Land Resources.
2010	The Architectural Critics Award of the China Architecture Media Awards 2010, offered by China Architecture Media Awards (CAMA) Committee, organized by the <i>Southern Metropolis Daily</i> in collaboration with eight major Chinese architectural magazines, <i>The Architect</i> , <i>Time+Architecture</i> , <i>World Architecture</i> , <i>Domus China</i> , <i>New Architecture</i> , <i>World Architectural Review</i> , <i>Urban Environment Design</i> and <i>Architecture Technique</i> .
2006	The Deborah J. Norden Fund Grant, the Architectural League of New York
2002	First Prize, Wenjindu Bus Terminal Design Competition, Shenzhen, China
2001	Honor Award for Excellence in Design, Columbia University; Citation for Excellence in History & Theory, The Temple Hoyne Buell Center For American Architecture, Columbia University
	First Prize, Dameisha Housing Design Competition, Shenzhen, China
1997	First Prize, International Tennis Center Design Competition, Shenzhen, China
1988	Honor-Mentioned Award, the 4th Eishiro Design Competition, <i>Japan Architect</i>

PROFESSIONAL & ACADEMIC COMITEE MEMBERSHIPS

- 2012-16 Shenzhen Bi-City Biennale of Urbanism \ Architecture Academic Committee member
- 2009 China Architecture Thinking Forum Academic Advisor, *Southern Metropolis Daily*
- 2008-09 China Architecture Media Award Academic Advisor, *Southern Metropolis Daily*
- 2008- Academic Research & Publication Committee Member, School of Architecture, Nanjing University
- 2008- *Re-Tumu* Professional Volunteer Group for China's Post-quake Reconstruction
Co-founder
- 2006-09 Institute for Urban Design Committee Member, New York
- 2006-11 People's Architecture Foundation Advisory Board Member, New York