

## CV

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## AWARDS

India China Institute 2020 Fellow

Provost Scholarship

The New School University  
Scholarship

United Housing Neighborhood  
Challenge Grant Awardee

Housing and Development  
Corporation Citation 2010 and 2013

## SKILLS

**Hard Skills:** Communication and  
Graphic Design, Photography, Inter-  
viewing, Drawing, Sketching

**Design Process:** Design Research  
(R&D and IRD), Project Manage-  
ment, Group Facilitation, Critical  
Re-framing, Systems Thinking,  
Proforma and Budget Analysis

**Computer Skills:** Proficient in the  
use of Adobe Suite (Photoshop, Illus-  
trator, InDesign, Adobe Premiere, Af-  
ter Effects), AutoCAD and SketchUp,  
Statistical R, Arcgis, Qgis

**Languages:** Fluent in English, Hindi,  
Marathi and Malayalam

## EDUCATION

### Master of Science in Design and Urban Ecologies

Parsons School of Design  
The New School University.  
New York. May 2020

### Bachelor of Architecture

Academy of Architecture  
University of Mumbai  
Mumbai. October 2014

**Graduate certificate in Public Policy**  
The Takshashila Institution

Aditi is a design consultant and urbanist with background architecture and planning. Aditi addresses critical design related urban challenges for sustainable innovation.

Aditi has advanced applied research capabilities with experience in designing tools to co-create people-based solutions embedded in social justice, inclusion, diversity, and economic equity.

Aditi has received multiple grants, notable ones being the prestigious India China Fellowship, Parsons graduate travel research grant and the Impact entrepreneurship fellowship to conduct community centered design research across the U.S and India.

## WORK EXPERIENCE

### Senior Specialist, Community Practice and Strategy

#### [Habitat for Humanity International](#)

Habitat is the largest not-for-profit housing provider in the world. As of 2020, Habitat for Humanity operates in the United States in all 50 states and more than 70 countries.

##### December 2020 -Present

- Design workshops and creative strategies as facilitators of community engagement and tools for collaborative design, community development and visioning among HFHI affiliates.
- Hold and lead participatory design sessions with internal teams and across 1200 Habitat affiliates, local community members and representatives across the US.
- Develop and carry out community development plans. Synthesize qualitative research findings into design ideas and concepts.
- Plan projects from start to finish and oversee project timeline.

### Urban Designer

#### [University of Orange](#)

A first of its kind urbanism collective advocating for equity in urban planning.

##### August 2020- Present

- Developed design content for event promotion across website, social media, starterkits, online educational tool, workshop materials and program related design content.
- Research and design communication tools, information graphics and systems maps.
- Conceptualised and designed workshop sessions for observational urban walks, presented design methodology at Jane Jacobs Lecture Series.

### Project Manager Urban Design

#### [Mumbai Environment Social Network](#)

Implementation partner for [UN-Habitat](#) projects in India since 2014 .

##### March 2017- June 2018

- Executed a community-led public space redesign in a Slum Resettlement project, supported by [UN-Habitat](#).
- Led [participatory design workshops for slum upgrading](#). Mapped infrastructure across 30 acres of informal settlements, and published comprehensive report on condition analysis of urban infrastructure for Mumbai Municipal Authority.
- Led team on traffic management assessment to improve public transport in Mumbai by providing solutions based on bus priority on the road and improving bus information systems.

### Project Architect

#### [NIVASA ,India](#)

Nivasa received a [World Habitat Awards](#) Commendation for their excellent work towards furthering the right to housing.

##### Jan 2015- March 2017

- Led [housing projects](#) including design research, concept development, stakeholder analysis, material research, cost benefit analysis, community group discussions and project implementation.
- Led [design studies](#) on sustainable rural housing models in villages across Deccan region, through ethnographic surveys, lifestyle evaluation, environment analysis, construction material analysis; Proposed design solutions under the central housing policy for tribal development fund.
- [Designed and prototyped innovative temporary urban housing](#) shelters, scaled up production rate by actively seeking community collaboration.

DESIGN CONSULTANCY

Dec. 2020	<b>Design Researcher</b> Qualitative design researcher for fol-low-up to a Ford Foundation study on constructing a social justice framework, led by <a href="#">Dr. Sharon E Sutton</a> , contributing to her forthcoming book (Fordham 2021), A Pedagogy of Hope: Pursuing Democracy’s Promise through Place-Based Activism
Oct. 2020	<b>Web Designer</b> <a href="#">NupurSpectives</a> Developed content, wireframes, user interaction, website design and user experience for Nupur Chaudhury, a public health urbanist who looks at cities, communities and connections through a grassroots lens.
May 2020	<b>Web Designer</b> <a href="#">India China Institute</a> Led the digital content team at India Chi-na Institute at The New School to tran-sition from a decade-old research-based web platform into a new website through user research, user experience mapping, creating wireframes, and prototyping.
Sept. 2018	<b>Designer</b> <a href="#">400 years of Inequality</a> Led web content management and events for 400 years of Inequality project . De-signed workshops entailing meditation, poetry recital and reflection as an 400 years of Inequality.
Sept. 2018	<b>Designer</b> <a href="#">A People’s Pathway to Equity</a> Designed a multi media web platform to explore insights gathered by the 400 Years of Inequality Coalition from over five years of learning and organizing together.
Summer 2019	<b>Design Researcher</b> <a href="#">Displacement Alert Map</a> Executed four displacement alert watch-lists for the Displacement Alert Map by <b>Association for Neighbourhood and Housing Development</b> . The watchlist helps tenant organisers in supporting vulnerable residents pre displacement in New York
Jan. 2017	<b>Design Consultant</b> <b>Micro Housing Solution City Lab</b> Led workshops for the <a href="#">Jamel Abdul Pov-erty Action Lab at MIT</a> to survey housing conditions in low income urban settle-ments in Ahmedabad, India. Conducted training sessions for surveyors to identify construction practices in infmal settle-ments. Designed evaluation matrix for measuring safety and quality of housing construction practices.
Spring and Fall semester 2016	<b>Architecture Design Studio Lead</b> <a href="#">Acharya’s NRV School of Architecture</a> Studio design lead for a graduate class on architecture design.

LICENSE +CERTIFICATION

Present	<b>Council of Architecture - India Architect License</b> Issuing authority : Council of Architecture - India
2017	<b>Graduate certificate in Public Policy</b> The Takshashila Institution
2015	<b>Fellow, Policy in Action</b> Young Leaders for Active Citizenship (YLAC)

WORKSHOPS + CONFERENCES

April 2021	<b>Right to Housing Seminar at The New School</b> Presented Habitat for Humanity Interna-tiona’s design startegies at the Housing Seminar hosted by Dr. Sharon Sutton
March 2021	<a href="#">Main Street Stroll and Scroll Workshop at Center for the Living City</a> Panelist at the prestigious Jane Jacobs Lecture series exploring the possibilities for post-covid cities. This panel discussion explored the role of Main Streets in Ameri-can cities post COVID.
Jan. 2021	<a href="#">Stroll and Scroll Workshop for Jan. Term at University of Orange</a> Led workshops on urban observational methodologies with urbanists around the world.
May 2019	<a href="#">Environmental Design Research Associa-tion Conference 2019</a> Panelist at EDRA 2019 Conference. The Environmental Design Research Associa-tion (EDRA) is an international, interdis-ciplinary organization founded in 1968 by design professionals, social scientists, stu-dents, educators, and facility managers.
Dec. 2019	<a href="#">HINDSIGHT Conference 2019</a> Panelist at Hindsight 2019 Conference. 2019 conference was brimming with 500+ attendees, 130+ speakers, over 35 sessions and 6 exhibits.Hindsight is a conference on urban planning through an equity lens, organized and run by the American Planning Association New York Metro Chapter’s Diversity Committee (DivComm).
June 2019	<a href="#">Planners Network Conference 2019</a> Workshop on Community-Controlled Land for Community-Controlled Public Space with Picture the Homeless. PN is an international network of planners who promote fundamental change in our polit-ical and economic systems.
Nov. 2019	<a href="#">Collaboratory Centennial Symposium: 100 Years of Scholar Activism</a> Led a commuity table discussion on 400 Years of Inequality: Remembering the Past to Organize for a Just Future
Dec. 2018	<a href="#">HubUP: Hub for Urban Practices.</a> <b>Lead organizer for Hub up:</b> A space for students and practitioners to challenge and disturb normalized urban processes.
June. 2017	<a href="#">SAATH NGO</a> Designed and led 5 knowledge training sessions for surveyors to identify good construction practices in informal settle-ments.
Dec. 2016	<a href="#">Urbz Handstorm Workshop</a> The Handstorm workshop brought to-gether various actors from all around the world to build things that could improve the neighbourhood based on discussions with residents and with the help of local artisans.

PUBLICATION

2019	<b>Self-redevelopment as a model for Mumbai’s housing crisis</b> published in Mumbai Reader 2019
2019	<b>United for Housing: Reclaiming Local Cooperativism in Sunset Park</b> , National Museum of History of Immigration Exhi-bition, Palais de la Porte Dorée
2018	<b>General disruption</b> , Monument Avenue competition exhibit at the Valentine Museum in Richmond
2016	<b>Slum rehabilitation Authority: A Per-formance Analysis Report</b> , Prepared for Young Leaders for Active Citizenship