

RTPI London & North West Online Events 2021

Designing for Neurodiversity

Date: Thursday 15 April 2021 Time: 12.30 pm

Magda Mostafa Co-Director of the UNESCO-UIA Education Commission and Associate Professor of Design at the American University in Cairo

Alex Pisha Landscape and architectural designer, city planner, and writer based in New Haven, Connecticut

Gala Korniyenko PhD Candidate - The Ohio State University

Stephanie Kyle Architect and Inclusive Design Consultant at Maber Associates

Sue Manns RTPI Immediate Past President and Director of Sue Manns Associates - **Webinar Chair**

Magda Mostafa

Magda is the Co-Director of the UNESCO-UIA Education Commission and Co-Reporter of its Validation Council as well as an Associate Professor of Design at the American University in Cairo.

Magda specializes in autism inclusive design and is the author of the Award-winning Autism ASPECTSS™ design guidelines. ASPECTSS™ is the world's first research-based design framework for autism and has been presented at the United Nations as a framework for international autism design policy, as well as showcased in lectures and keynotes at Harvard's GSD, the National Autistic Society in the UK, Ireland's ASIAM and the World Autism Organization.

Through various consultancies ASPECTSS™ has been used to design projects spanning five continents and ranging in scale from interior classroom retrofits to urban-scale neighbourhoods in Europe, the US, Egypt, Saudi Arabia, Australia, Ireland and the UAE. Information about her work can be found at <http://www.autism.archi>

She has recently joined the New York-based think-tank and inclusive practice MIXDesign as a co-director of their MIX Neurodiverse Studio and as part of their team as an autism expert (<https://www.mixdesign.online>), where she brings the lens of autism and neurodiversity to their intersectional practices.

Her other field of research looks at another form of marginalization through the study of informal settlements, and in 2015 she published the Juxtopolis© Pedagogy, a studio-based research/design methodology. The Juxtopolis© Pedagogy's resultant work has been presented and exhibited worldwide, including at Columbia University's GSAPP; Durban, South Africa; the 2016 and 2018 Venice Biennales as well as a recent publication titled "The Informal City and the Future of our Cities: Towards a Manifesto" which outlines the product of her 2017 RIBA Masterclass on the subject. She is co-author of the book "Learning from Cairo" and her Juxtopolis Pedagogy was featured in Columbia University's book series on Architecture and the City "The Arab City: Architecture and Representation".

Gala Korniyenko

Gala is PhD Candidate at the City and Regional Planning Program at The Ohio State University and member of the research team that developed "Planning and Design for Autism: Six Feelings Framework" for public realm. Gala will talk about how Six Feeling Frameworks helps create Autism-friendly urban realm.

Alex Pisha

Alex Pisha is a landscape and architectural designer at the Ohio State University and co-author of the upcoming book Parks of the 21st Century: Reinvented Landscapes, Reclaimed Territories. Alex will talk about the importance of public realm and green spaces in creating inclusive environments.

Stephanie Kyle

Stephanie is an Architect and Inclusive Design Consultant at Maber Associates, advising other Architects and clients on best practice for inclusivity. In her work, Stephanie goes above and beyond Part M/BS 8300 requirements, looking at physical requirements, religion, gender-neutral facilities, safe space, hearing and vision impairment and specialises in Neuro-diverse inclusive design (non-visible disabilities) such as designing for Autism and Dementia.