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EDUCATION

- 2015 **Habilitation à la Maîtrise d'Oeuvre en Nom Propre** (HMONP) - equivalent to RIBA Part III at ENSA Paris-Malaquais
Thesis : «*Dear Stakeholders: an analysis of architect-urbanists' capacity for transforming territories in complex hierarchies.*»
- 2013 **M.Arch**, ENSA Paris-Malaquais, Department of *Architecture and City Planning*, under the direction of J.Attali, M. Armengaud et S. Parvu,
High Honours with project «*Remade in Bangladesh : ethics of a productive city*»

CURRENT SITUATION

- Since 2015 Co-founder and Principal at architecture, urban planning and anthropology studio **NEW SOUTH**, Paris (FR) & Brussels (BE)
- Since 2022 Associate Lecturer at the **Royal College of Art** (GB)
- Since 2020 Associate Lecturer at **École Nationale Supérieure d'Architecture Paris-Malaquais** (FR)

TEACHING

- upcoming **Tutor of the inaugural Nomadic African Studio, African Futures Institute, in Fez (MA)**
. Teaching of 1 month experimental design studio, alongside Prof Lesley Lokko OBE, Prof Aziza Chaouni and Sean Anderson
- Since 2020 **Associate Lecturer at École Nationale Supérieure d'Architecture Paris-Malaquais (FR)** - 160h/year
. Creation and Teaching of Graduate design studio 'An Architecture of Care'
. Teaching of First-year Bachelors design studio
. Teaching assistance for several Graduate design studios
. Tutoring of Final Thesis projects
. Elected to the School Governance Board as an alternate for Frank Minnaërt (2022)
. Member of the School's editorial committee (2022-2023)
- Since 2022 **Associate Lecturer at the Royal College of Arts (GB)** - 120h/year
. Creation and Teaching of Graduate Design Studio ADS8 - Afterlives, together with Margarida Waco and Imani Jacqueline Brown
- 2020-2024 **Guest Lecturer at HEAD Haute école d'Art et de Design de Genève (CH)** - 60h/year
. Tutoring of Final theses for the Masters in Interior Architecture.
- 2021 **Guest Lecturer at Mohamed VI Polytechnic University (MA)** - 40h
. Teaching of a one week workshop, « Co-living, domestic explorations»,
- 2021-2023 **Speaker at Central Saint Martins, University of the Arts London (GB)** - 2h/year
. Guest Lecturer within MA Cities, coordinated by Diana Ibanez Lopez
- 2018-2020 **Teaching assistant at École Polytechnique Fédérale de Lausanne (CH)** - 10h/year
. Teaching assistance for the course 'Urban Planning in the Global South' - study cities: Algiers (2019), Lomé (2020). Department: Community of Study and Territorial Planning, with Jerome Chenal.
- Since 2013 **Regular Guest Critic at various international schools, including Harvard GSD, ETH Zurich, EPFL - École Polytechnique Fédérale de Lausanne, African Futures Institute, University of Algiers, Ethiopian Institute of Architecture EiABC, ENSA Bourges, ENSA Paris Est, ENSA Versailles, ESA**

MERIE M CHABANI | architect & urbanist**RESEARCH**

- 2022-2023 . Fellow at **Ateliers Médicis**. Development of a research-action project around play in the city.
- Since 2022 . Ongoing study on the role of children in the public space of Paris for the **Pavillon de l'Arsenal** (FAIRE laureate).
- 2019 - 2021 . Expert for Urbanists without Borders and the National Federation of Urban Planning Agencies in the preparation of the Africa-France 2020 Summit and the World Urban Forum.
- 2019 - 2021 . Study «Le Printemps de l'Hiver» - Aging in the City for the **Maison de l'Architecture Ile-de-France, EPA Marne/EPA France and AG2R**. Work carried out alongside Alexandre Sfintesco, Guillaume Sicard, and Aurélie Barbey.
- 2019 - 2021 . Member of the scientific committee of the **Maison de l'Architecture Ile-de-France**
- Since 2019 . Member of the scientific committee of **Theatrum Mundi Europe**, under the direction of Richard Sennett. Elected President in 2022.
- Since 2016 . Creation and direction of independent research cycle «A Domestic Space Odyssey», in partnership with the African Union, French Institute of Algiers, Dakar Goethe Institute and the Center for Affordable Housing Finance Africa (Addis Ababa 2016 - Alger 2017 - Dakar 2021 - Lomé 2024)

PRACTICE

- Since 2015 Co-founder and Pricipal, **NEW SOUTH**, Paris - Brussels

Architecture

- . Transformation of the Goutte de Lait building in Pantin, 2,000 m2, France - winner of IMGP3, in progress.
- . Construction of a Student Residency in Saint-Ouen, FR - 2022, in progress
- . Transformation of the iconic TATI, 8.000 m2 mixed program, FR - Finalist
- . Cultural center, 3.000 m2, Taungwingyi, MM, 2016 - completed
- . Creation of a new mosque in Paris 11, FR, 2019 - ongoing
- . Construction of 24 housing units, Paris, FR, 2021 - competition
- . Construction of 25 housing units, Saint Ouen, FR, 2022 - ongoing
- . Construction of an office building, 1.400 m2, Alger, DZ, 2019 - completed
- . Construction of 68 housing units, Batna, DZ, 2018 - ongoing
- . New Ministry of Culture, 12.600 m2, Rabat, MA, 2018 - competition
- . New Building for Université Houari Boumediène, 16.000 m2, Algiers, DZ, 2016 - competition

Urban Design

- . Transformation of the Square Jacques Franck public space, BE - Winner 2023, ongoing
- . Transformation of public spaces in the city of Vernon, 7 hectares, France - 2016-2025
- . Transformation of the city of Saint-Denis, FR - Winner, 2022-2024
- . European 14 competition, urban study for the city of Guebwiller, FR - 1st prize, 2017
- . Urban study for the city of Chittagong, BD - Holcim Award for Sustainable Development 2014

AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

- 2024 . Finalist, Wheelwright Prize (Harvard)
- 2023 . Leading Female Architect in France, AMC
- 2023 . Grantee, Graham Foundation
- 2023 . Fellow, Ateliers Médicis
- 2022 . Fellow, LINA European Architecture Platform
- 2020 . Europe 40 UNDER 40 Award
- 2019 - 2021 . Expert with the French National Federation of Urban Agencies for the Africa-France 2020 summit and the World Urban Forum
- Since 2019 . Member of the committee of the Maison de l'Architecture Ile-de-France
- Since 2019 . Board member of Theatrum Mundi Europe, under the direction of Richard Sennett
- 2020 . 2nd price at the CAUE Calvados competition «Re-use of churches in France»
- 2017 . First Prize, European 14, project 'Productive articulations' in Guebwiller, FR
- 2014 . Holcim Awards for Sustainable Development, Next Generation

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Books and magazines

- 2022 *Cities facing the test of age: from constraint to invention*, a publication under the direction of SCAU and Cynthia Fleury, Pavillon de l'Arsenal, Paris, 2022
- 2022 *Cosmogony of Greater Paris*, Collective work "Regards sur le Grand Paris", Ateliers Médicis, Paris
- 2021 *Le Printemps de L'Hiver, Bien Vieillir en Ville*. Maison de l'Architecture Ile-de-France, Paris
- 2020 *Reassessing the conditions for hospitality in public space*, City : analysis of urban trends, culture, theory, policy, action, Volume 24, 2020 - Issue 1-2
- 2016 *Public Space: Fights and Fictions*, An Editorial Project by The Funambulist and New South commandé par l'Akademie der Künste et le Goethe-Institut (Paris-Berlin, 2016)
- 2015 *New South*, Exhibition catalogue, Editorial direction, Ingoprint, Paris, 2015
- 2010 *Grands Pari(s): Language and Identities. Illusory Paris, building the imaginary city*, Columbia University, 2010

Scientific journals

- 2020 *Reassessing the conditions for hospitality in public space*, City : analysis of urban trends, culture, theory, policy, action, Volume 24, 2020 - Issue 1-2
- 2019 *Towards a Visible and Locally Relevant Mosque Architecture in France*, ICMA International Conference on Mosque Architecture, November 2019

Articles

- 2023 *Hidden Mosques, Quiet Atrophy*, E-flux, commissioned by arc en rêve, June 2023
- 2023 *The Curse of the Olympics*, Arkitekten 10, January 2023
- 2022 *Aging in the City*, Arkitekten 08, October 2022
- 2022 *A l'école des marges*, L'Architecture d'Aujourd'hui, n°450 september 2022
- 2022 *The City of No Children*, Arkitekten 03, April 2022
- 2021 *The mosques that we deserve*, L'Architecture d'Aujourd'hui, n°442 avril 21, Places of worship
- 2019 *Revisit : Les Etoiles d'Ivry*, Periphery : The Architectural Review, n°1461, Mai 2019
- 2016 *L'Architecte-Défricheur*, Tribune, L'Architecture d'Aujourd'hui, n°414, 2016
- 2013 *Urban Futures - Tritsis Park : New Scales/Scapes for Greater Athens*, ENSAPM, Paris, 2013

WORKSHOPS

- upcoming "Limit: analysis of domestic practices at the threshold of public space" in Dakar, as part of the New South cycle "An Odyssey of Domestic Space" in collaboration with the Goethe Institut and the support of CAHF - Center for Affordable Housing Finance Africa, SN
- 2020 « Mapping Traces », supervision of a workshop for the general public around the Mediterranean, Tangiers MA
- 2018 Supervision of the general public workshop "What mosque for tomorrow? », organized by the TMTT, Paris, FR.
- 2018 Supervision of the workshop "From secular space to sacred space", as part of the curatorial residency of Mawena Yehouess, ENSA Bourges FR.
- 2018 Supervision of the workshop "Scenographies to conquer the invisible", ENSA Paris Malaquais
- 2017 "Together: What collective housing for Algiers? », Supervision of the workshop at the Department of Architecture of the University of Algiers, as part of the New South cycle « An Odyssey of domestic space », Algiers DZ
- 2016 Expert invited to the workshop 'Banlieue battleground', "A Monument to the Suburban Riot" – Akademie Schloss Solitude, DE
- 2016 «Membrane: Domestic Devices», design and construction of a temporary pavilion on the occasion of two international workshops at the Ethiopian Institute for Architecture, Building Construction and City Development, as part of the cycle «An Odyssey of Domestic Space », Addis Ababa ETH

MERIEM CHABANI | architect & urbanist**CONFERENCES**

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- 2024 Speaker, «Holding the Margin», University of Toronto, School of Geography&Planning, CA
 2023 Speaker,«Sanctuaries», ETH Zurich, CH
 2023 Speaker,«Sanctuaries» Sarajevo Architecture Festival DANI, BIH
 2023 Keynote speaker, «Mercury Rising» at Archizoom, EPFL, curated by Charlotte Malterre-Barthes and Kathlyn Kao, Lausanne, CH
 2023 Speaker, «New South - from the margin to the center» at Artagon, Pantin (Grand Paris) FR
 2023 Speaker, «New South - Sanctuaries» at Ecole Nationale Supérieure d'Architecture de Nantes, FR
 2023 Speaker, «New South - towards inclusive practices of architecture » at Ecole Nationale Supérieure d'Architecture de Saint-Etienne, FR
 2022 Speaker, «Her(e) Otherwise» Exploring the colonial city, Arc-en-Rêve, Bordeaux FR
 2022 Speaker, «Housing for Aging Together», Cité de l'Architecture et du Patrimoine, co-organized by the Fondation des Petits Frères des Pauvres, Paris FR
 2022 Speaker, cycle «Care and Architecture», chair of philosophy of Sainte Anne Hospital, under the direction of Cynthia Fleury and Eric de Thoisy, Paris FR
 2021 Speaker and moderator, «Archipelago : Architecture for the Multiverse», curation by Vera Sacchetti – HEAD et HE-PIA, Geneva CH
 2020 Speaker, «What future for African urban centers in the face of climate change?», organised by Climate Chance
 2020 Member of the French Delegation, organization of a round table on affordable housing, World Urban Forum, Abu Dhabi
 2019 Speaker, « M-TALKS : Building the Sacred», organized by The Muslim Think Tanks, Grand Auditorium of the BNF, Paris
 2019 Speaker, Round Table 'Architecture at what price?' , with Muoto, Bruther, organized by Architecture d'Aujourd'hui and LafargeHolcim Awards– Maison de l'Architecture de Paris, FR
 2019 Speaker, 'Mediterranean Horizons' roundtable with Delfina Foundation, moderation by Jan Boelen– Art-O-Rama, Marseille, FR
 2019 Speaker, Symposium 'The Architecture of Migration: Clues of Transcultural Exchanges in the Mediterranean Built Environment" – Architecture School of Leicester, GB
 2019 Speaker, conference 'Young agencies facing the profession of architect' organized by the Syndicat de l'Architecture, with the agencies JAGG, Septembre and Formalocal – Maison de l'Architecture de Paris, FR
 2019 Speaker, Symposium 'Transforming practice' – IKA Vienna, AU
 2018 Speaker, Forum Entreprendre dans la Culture – ENSA Paris-Malaquais, FR
 2018 Speaker, 'Living in Africa: Future of possibilities' – Mohamed VI Polytechnic University with Jean-Louis Cohen, Jérôme Chenal, Christian Benimana, Alessandra Cianchetta and Alan Betsky, coordination by Oulalou+Choi, Ben Guerir, MA

EXHIBITIONS

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- upcoming Pavilion for the "Mediterranean Nation", 3rd Lagos Biennial, NG
 2024 'Kursi', installation for Design Doha, QA
 2023 'Urban Playground', contribution to the Oslo Triennale, NO, and to the MAXXI collection, Rome, IT.
 2023 Exhibition at the Arsenale, in the 18th International Architecture Exhibition of La Biennale di Venezia curated by Lesley Lokko, as part of the «Laboratory of the Future»
 2022 'Muqarnas', creation of a pavilion for the Institution Building exhibition, CIVA, Brussels, BE
 2021 Scenography of the Maison Château Rouge popup store at La Samaritaine, Paris, FR
 2021 Scenography of the «Bonne Arrivée» exhibition at MAD - Musée des Arts Décoratifs de Paris, with brand Maison Château Rouge, FR
 2019 'A prospective map of the Mediterranean continent', exhibition at Z33, Genk, BE
 2019 'A prospective map of the Mediterranean continent', roaming exhibition within the framework of the Luma days, Luma Arles, FR
 2018 'A prospective map of the Mediterranean continent', Istanbul 4th Design Biennale, TUR
 2018 'Metamorphosis, a South in Motion', 1st Architecture Biennale Agora Rabat Salé, MA
 2017 'Ensemble, an Odyssey in Domestic Space', at Vivarium, Algiers, DZ