

# Curriculum Vitae

## Catalina Cortese

### Personal information

- Nationality: Chilean
- Full name: Catalina Cortese Mena
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- Gender: Female

### Presentation

Chilean architect. I have worked two years in an action-research project, ADU\_2020, About the teaching of architecture, design and urbanism in a consortium of 18 Latin American and European universities (Alfa III Fund, EuropeAid), I have also shortly worked in landscape and in a neighbourhood scale program for social and urban integration as well as improve the environment and strengthened social relations.

I identify with the neighbourhood scale, sustainability, education, urbanism, architecture, landscape, design, photography and social innovation. My interests have to do with teamwork, organization and support communities to plan, and that there own initiatives are sustained over time, being consistent with reality and sensitive to the environment and needs.

### Work Experience + Academic experience

- **Proyecto ADU\_2020** ([www.adu2020.org](http://www.adu2020.org)) / Alfa III programme, European Commission ([www.alfa3programme.eu/es/](http://www.alfa3programme.eu/es/))  
Assistant and part of the ADU coordinating team, from 01/03/2012 to 31/12/2014 in Santiago, Chile.

Working on ADU\_2020 project I had to coordinate, disseminate for visibility, participate and report (Network Meetings, Workshops and Academic Visits), Visits goals to share good practices in Architecture, Design and Urbanism, understand the local curriculum and comprehension of local contexts, Workshops provide the space for testing the investigation as well as Parallel Pilot Projects, and Network Meetings allows to gather together all the 36 partners from Latin America and Europe and advance on the contents and questions of the project and organize the action.

Activities:

- Academic visit to Belgrano University. Buenos Aires, Argentina, Dec 2013.
- Conference at Universidade Federal do Rio de Janeiro "*Innovation and Diversity, Challenges and opportunities in achitecture, Design and Urbanism*". Rio de Janeiro, Brasil, Nov 2013.
- Academic visit at Aristotele University of Thessaloniki . Thessaloniki, Greece, Oct 2013
- Academic visit at Chalmers University of Technology. Gothenburg, Sweden, Oct 2013.
- Workshop at Universidad Nacional de Colombia, "*Defining limits*". Bogotá, Colombia, Sept 2013.
- Academic visit a Universidad Nacional de Asunción. Asunción, Paraguay, June 2013.
- Network Meeting at Chalmers University of Technology. Gothenburg, Sweden, June 2013.
- Academic visit at Universidade Federal do Rio de Janeiro, Rio de Janeiro, Brasil, April 2013.
- Academic visit to P. Universidad Católica de Chile. Santiago, Chile, April 2013.
- Network Meeting at Universidad de Belgrano. Buenos Aires, Argentina, March 2013.
- Conference at P. Universidad Católica del Perú "*Innovative Educational Strategies in ADU*". Lima, Perú, Dec 2013
- Workshop at Strathclyde University. Glasgow, United Kingdom, Oct 2012
- Network Meeting at Universidad Veritas. San José, Costa Rica, June 2012.
- Network Meeting at Universidad Privada de Santa Cruz. Santa Cruz, Bolivia, March 2012.

- **Architecture Studio Teacher assistant, Architecture and Design School, PUC, 2012**  
Teacher assistant, second semester 2012, taller Francisco Chateau- José Manuel Allard, in a multidisciplinary design studio, with architects and graphic / industrial designers. The theme was “people living on the streets of Santiago” and how to help to improve their housing/social situation.
- **Subdirección de desarrollo y extensión Escuela de Arquitectura UC. (<http://arquitectura.uc.cl/>), P. Universidad Católica de Chile.**  
Assistant from 03/2012 to 07/2012, Santiago, Chile.  
It was a short time. I had to coordinate, organize and elaborate material like posters and newsletter for dissemination and information about the activities carried out by the Architecture School.
- **Valoras UC (<http://valoras.uc.cl/>)**  
Design assistant, November 2011, Santiago, Chile.  
Design triptychs for the dissemination of Doctorates programmes and Valoras UC diploma courses. Worked together with Designer Teresa Díaz (<http://www.teresadiaz.cl/>)
- **Acoger S.A.**  
Collecting and photographic edition, December 2011 in Santiago, Chile  
Data collection and production of 726 images of celebrations. Book that collects images of celebrations, designed by Teresa Díaz, edited by Acoger SA
- **Paisajismo Marta Viveros L. & Macarena Arnello V. Arquitectura Del Paisaje.**  
Intern at Office of Architecture and Landscape, from 10/2008 to 01/2009 in Santiago, Chile.  
Drawing and digitizing drawings, site visits and meetings, along with the collection of the Mall Plaza Antofagasta work for the Shanghai Expo.
- **Programme Quiero mi Barrio, Ministry of Housing and Urbanism of Chile.**  
Society service practice, from 01/2008 to 02/2008 in Santiago, Chile.  
Development of a construction monitoring work plan for community center, together with local residents of Villa El Cobre, Peñalolen, Santiago, Chile.

## Education and training

- **Architect, 2011**  
P. Universidad Católica de Chile, Santiago, Chile
- **Bachiller en Cs. Sociales y Humanidades, 2006**  
P. Universidad Católica de Chile, Santiago, Chile
- **IBO Art & Design program / Colegio La Maisonnette, 2003**  
IBO International baccalaureate in Visual arts and Design ([www.ibo.org/es/](http://www.ibo.org/es/)), Santiago, Chile
- **Enseñanza Media (High School), 2003**  
Colegio La Maisonnette, Santaigo, Chile.

## Personal skills and competences

**Mother tongue:** Spanish

**Other language self assessment:**

Language	Listening	Reading	Spoken interaction	Spoken production	Writing
English	x	x	x		x

**English studies:**

- Informal studies (ongoing) from april 2012
- Instituto Chileno Norteamericano (<http://www.norteamericano.cl>) July 2010, high level.
- Towson University winter mini-semester language courses program, February 2005 (Maryland, USA)

**Computer programs handling:**

Programs	Basic level	Médium level	Médium-high level	High level
Autocad				X
Adoble Photoshop				X
Adobe Indesign			X	
Adobe illustrator		X		
Excell		X		
Word			X	
Powerpoint			X	
Wordpress	X			

**Publications/ expositions**

- ***Deserta- Ecología e Industria en el Desierto de Atacama. Serie la Gran Escala. ISBN 978-956-14-1235-4. Author: Pedro Alonso, year 2012***  
In March-December 2009, I made a project of a sustainable mining camp in an architecture studio directed by Pedro Alonso. Images of that project were published in his book *Deserta*.
- **UC School of Architecture Yearbook, 2009.**  
In April 2010, I Elaborated a project called "Quinta de recreo", in an architecture studio led by Luis Izquierdo Wachholtz and published in the 2009 Architecture Yearbook.
- **IBO Design open exposition, December 2013**  
Development of projects exhibited as well as the installation of the exhibition. Explored the design of the urban grid and contrast the city and countryside through objects that identify the people in each place, among other projects.
- **Monthly Tournaments in the Photographic Exhibition FOTOCINECLUB Chile, 2002-2005**  
Participation in monthly photo shoots, sending selected photos and assisting tournaments where I learned photography.