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Research Interests

My interests include urban planning in developing cities in Gulf and Indian metropolis with a focus on transport infrastructure and urban policies to retrofit the sprawling growing metropolis around public transport nodes, ensuring therefore a better connectivity and accessibility, a smooth traffic and controlled side effect of the urban impact for all.

I completed a PhD on Urban Planning in December 2016 in Paris Sorbonne University (Paris). My dissertation aimed at setting couple of milestones for a research on integration of public transport infrastructure and urban development in two of the most dynamic Arab Gulf cities, namely Dubai and Abu Dhabi (United Arab Emirates).

The aim was to build a new perspective on the role public transport in shaping a sustainable, integrated and inclusive urban development of Abu Dhabi and Dubai. It created a comparative study within strategic and spatial planning documents against the actual developments to find sustainable and holistic solutions, as in for instance Dubai metro stations.

Research Collaborations

I am currently involved actively in two multidisciplinary and international research projects, focusing on the Gulf cities.

A comparative study IPUGMO of urban images in Bahrain & UAE to analyze the city as it is imagined and represented and the city as it is lived and perceived through some urban projects, their renderings and their marketing (<http://citeres.univ-tours.fr/spip.php?article2653>). The preliminary results of this research will be presented at World Congress for Middle Eastern Studies in Sevilla, Spain, in July (WOCMES, <http://wocmes2018seville.org/web/index.php/en/>).

I am also part of a research team which recently got awarded a grant by ADEK to do a study of the formal and informal public spaces in Abu Dhabi aiming at an urban classification and social interactions" under the supervision of PI Dr. Hadrien Dubucs. The preliminary results will be presented at the International Geographer Union in Quebec (Canada, <http://igu2018.ulaval.ca/program-and-activities/theme-and-goals/>).

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