

## BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION

### Personal information

Name and surname - Alenka Fikfak  
 10 December 1966 - born in Šempeter pri Novi Gorici, Slovenia  
 Address - Petkovškova 10, SI-1360 Vrhnika, Slovenia  
 Employment - UL, Faculty of Architecture, Zoisova 12, SI-1000 Ljubljana, Slovenia

### Education

1984/85 - successfully completed Secondary School for Design and Photography (concentration programme: Fashion Design), Ljubljana  
 1985/86 - enrolled in year 1 at UL FAGG – School of Architecture  
 22 January 1992 - graduated at UL FAGG – School of Architecture  
 27 June 1997 - awarded the Master of Science title (certificate dated 2 July 1997)  
 23 June 2004 - awarded the Doctor of Science title (certificate dated 21 December 1997)

She went to primary school in Dobrovo, Goriška brda, and in 1985 she successfully completed the Secondary School for Design and Photography (concentration programme: Fashion Design) in Ljubljana.

In 1985 she enrolled at FAGG, Department of Architecture, where she graduated in 1992 under the mentorship of Prof. Peter Gabrijelčič, with a diploma work entitled *Predlog krajinske rekultivacije obrobja zdravilišča Rogaška Slatina: poizkus integracije obstoječe zazidave v krajinski park Pod Bellevuejem* (Proposal for Landscape Recultivation of the Fringe of the Rogaška Slatina Spa – an Attempt to Integrate the Existing Development into the Landscape Park Pod Bellevuejem).

She completed her master's studies in 1997 at the Faculty of Architecture with a master's thesis *Metoda in elementi metode za pripravo ureditvenih načrtov za urejanje nemestnih naselij* (Methods and Methodological Elements for Drafting of Regulation Plans for Non-urban Settlements), under the mentorship of Prof. Peter Gabrijelčič.

In 2004 she completed her PhD dissertation entitled *Evolucijske konstante nasebinske kulture v prenovi; z aplikacijo na slovenskemu Primorju: Goriška brda* (Evolutionary Constants of a Settlement Culture Undergoing Renovation; Applied to the Slovene Primorska region: Goriška brda), under the mentorship of Prof. Dr. France Rihtar.

### Appointments to date

16 December 1996 awarded the title of Assistant in the fields of architecture and urban planning at UL FA  
 1 July 1997 awarded, for the second time, the title of Assistant in the fields of architecture and urban planning at UL FA  
 4 July 2003<sup>1</sup> awarded, for the third time, the title of Assistant in the fields of architecture and urban planning at UL FA  
 12 December 2005 awarded the title of Assistant Professor in the fields of architecture and urban planning at UL FA  
 On 19 May 2011 reappointed to the title of assistant professor in the fields of architecture and urban planning at UL FA  
 On 15 April 2016 awarded the title of Associate Professor in the fields of urban planning at UL FA  
 1992–1993 trainee; 1993–1996 trainee assistant; 1996–2005 full-time assistant; 2005– Assistant Professor

### Employments

<sup>1</sup> Absence during February 2000–2001 due to maternity leave.

Immediately after the completion of her studies (10 February 1992), she filled the position of a trainee at the Faculty of Architecture, Civil and Geodetic Engineering of the University of Ljubljana (UL FAGG), and continued her work as a trainee assistant from 1 March 1993 until 1996. At the beginning of academic year 1997/1998 she entered into full-time employment at UL FA as assistant in the fields of architecture and urban planning. In 2004 she defended her doctoral thesis and in 2005 she was awarded the title of assistant professor. In 2014, she was promoted to a teaching position.

She was awarded the title of assistant professor in the fields of Architecture and Urban Planning in 2005. In academic years 2005/06, 2006/07, 2007/08 she was member of the Committee for Defense of Diploma Theses at UL FA.

In academic year 2009/10 she was member of the Committee for Doctoral Studies at UL FA.

From 2008/09 until 2013/14 she was member of the Self-evaluation Committee at UL FA.

Since 2009, Head of Chair of Urbanism at UL FA, and member of UL FA Senate.

Since 2013/14, member of UL FA's Academic Affairs Commission.

Since 2011/12 member of UL FA's Administrative Board, and since 2013/14 chair of UL FA's Administrative Board.

Since 2012/13 member of Professional Committee for Fine Arts of the Prešeren Fund for awarding the Prešeren Awards and Prešeren Fund Awards.

In 2013/14 member of the Commission on the Humanities for assessing the works for the Prešeren Award of the University of Ljubljana for students.

In the framework of the Chair of Urbanism, she was in charge of accreditation of the First-Cycle University Study Programme in Urbanism (accreditation granted on 15 December 2011) and the Second-Cycle Master's Study Programme in Urbanism, (accreditation granted on 15 March 2012). In 2012, she was in charge of re-accreditation of the Long-cycle Master's Study Programme in Architecture (re-accreditation granted on 13 June 2013).

She is involved in the organisation and management of many events: international meeting *Oblike prostorskega načrtovanja: od mestnega načrta do urejanja naselij* (Forms of Spatial Planning: from the City Design to Settlement Planning), Ljubljana, Faculty of Architecture, 2–3 December 1999; *Teorija in kritika v arhitekturi: 60 arhitekturnih revij v Evropi* (Theory and Criticism in Architecture: 60 Architectural Journals in Europe), Faculty of Architecture, Ljubljana, exhibition design and setup, 2001; roundtable on the topic "Rural Areas Put to the Test", May 2010; scientific meetings *Pametni urbanizem / Smart Urbanism* 2012, 2013 and 2014; professional meeting *Človek in prostor / Man and space* 2013; and many other professional and popular meetings, exhibitions, presentations.

She became involved in professional and research work in architecture and urban design already during her studies. She participated in professional public competitions, and domestic and international research workshops in Ljubljana, Udine, Vienna, Helsinki, Pescara, and many others. In 1990, she received the Hacin special written recognition for the results achieved in urban design, together with A. Zavodnik and T. Globočnik. As a result of the work at architectural and urban planning workshops she co-edited a scientific monograph: *GABRIJELČIČ, Peter (ur.), FIKFAK, Alenka (ur.). Igra ustvarjalnosti : urbanistične, urbanistično-arhitekturne in planerske delavnice. 1. izd. Ljubljana: Fakulteta za arhitekturo: = Faculty of Architecture, 2012. 384 str., ilustr. ISBN 978-961-6823-22-7. [COBISS.SI-ID 261921792].*

**International recognition.** Member of the Programme Committee of the 2nd scientific conference with international participation *Management, izobraževanje in turizem* (Management, Education and Tourism), Portorož, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2013; she is member of the Organising Committee and chair of the scientific meeting *Pametni urbanizem / Smart Urbanism*, Ljubljana, 2012, 2013; member of the Organising Committee and chair of the professional meeting with international participation *Človek in prostor / Man and Space*, Goriška brda, 2013; member of the Organising Committee and chair of the Scientific Meeting from the field of Urbanism, *Smart urbanism, – Teaching & Learning Strategies*, Ljubljana, 2014; member of the Scientific Committee at the International Academic Conference *BrownInfo*, Banja Luka, 2014; member of the Scientific Committee at *SPbWOSCE* 2014, St. Petersburg, 2014; member of the Scientific Committee at *SPbUCEMF* 2015, St. Petersburg, 2015. Reviewer for the *Geodetski vestnik / Journal of the Association of Surveyors of Slovenia* in 2012, reviewer

for the *Urbanistika ir Arhitektura / Journal of Architecture and Urbanism* in 2015, reviewer for *Revija AR Arhitektura Raziskave / Journal AR Architecture, Research*. Introductory lecture at the International Academic Conference *BrownInfo*, Banja Luka, 2014. Co-editor of a special issue for the *Open Urban Studies and Demography Journal*, Bentham, electronic publication. Lecture at a foreign university *Prostorsko planiranje med sistemsko ureditvijo in prakso* (Spatial Planning Between a Systematic Organisation and Practice) : guest lecturer at the School of Architecture in Portogruaro, Italy, 11 June 2010. Lecture at a foreign university *Workshops - Learning Outside the Classroom*, Faculty of Technical Sciences of the University of Priština, Settled in Kosovska Mitrovica, 11–14 January 2015. Reviewer of research project *KULTURNO NASLJEDJE - ARHITEKTURA XX VIJEKA U CRNOJ GORI* (KNACG), nacionalni naučnoistraživački projekt Ministarstva nauke Crne Gore, Montenegro, in 2014, 2015. Since 2013 co-founder and co-editor of *IU\_CG\_Igra ustvarjalnosti\_Creativity game*, <http://www.iu-cg.org/>, publishers UL FA and UL FGG, electronic journal. Co-organizer and member of the Scientific Board of the scientific conference *Places & Technologies: Keeping up with technologies to make healthy places: 2nd international academic conference*, Nova Gorica, 2015.

### **Scientific and research work**

She became involved in scientific and research work during her undergraduate studies, which she continuously pursued through co-operation with different coordinators of scientific and research projects. As to their contents, the projects are mostly related to spatial and urban planning, with an emphasis on studying the development of settlement systems spatial phenomena in settlements, traditional spatial values, and the relationship to the culture of rural and urban environments. She focuses on the studying of new typologies of housing in rural areas. She published the scientific monograph *Naselbinska kultura slovenskega podeželja - Goriška brda* (Settlement Culture of Slovenian Rural Areas – Goriška brda) (Ljubljana 2008). She publishes in scientific journals and takes part at scientific conferences at home and abroad.

Since 1992, she took part in various research and applicative projects at the Faculty of Architecture and the Faculty of Civil and Geodetic Engineering of the University of Ljubljana. The important research projects that she was involved with are the following:

- *Celostni razvoj podeželja - prostorski vidiki bodočega razvoja v izvenmestnem prostoru* (Integrated Development of Rural Areas – Spatial Aspects of Future Development Outside of Urban Areas); research project *ZEMLJA* (The Earth).
- Research project *Eko stavbarstvo* (Green Construction), within a LIFE project, the case of *Notranjski park*.
- *Urejanje prostora z vidika razpršene gradnje* (Spatial Planning in view of Dispersed Building).
- *Izdelava planov celostnega razvoja naselij v demografsko ogroženih območjih* (Production of Integrated Development Plans for the Settlements in the Areas Suffering from Depopulation).
- *Usmeritve za urejanje naselij* (Guidance for Urban Development).
- *Pravilnik o podrobnejši vsebini in obliki ter načinu izdelave urbanistične zasnove kot sestavine zasnov prostorskega razvoja občine in njihovih obveznih prilog: zasnova podzakonskega predpisa* (Rules on the Detailed Content, Format and Drawing-up of the Master Plan as Part of Municipal Spatial Development Designs and their Mandatory Attachments: Drafting of Regulatory Provisions).
- *Urejanje poselitvenih vzorcev in naselij na podeželju* (Development of Settlement Patterns and Settlements in Rural Areas).
- *Podrobnejša pravila urejanja prostora – urejanje manjših naselij* (Detailed Rules of Spatial Planning – Development of Small Settlements).

She was also involved in international projects: *Sustainable settlement models and typologies for transborder territories* (2004); *ALPTER – Terraced landscapes of the alpine arc*, Interreg IIB Alpine Space (2005–06); *Cultura 2000 Virtual museum of the European Transhumance* (2006–07); *Competence Centre – Sustainable and Innovative Construction* (2010–13); *ESPON-Train* (2012–13); *Restructuring of Study Programme in Architecture to Long-cycle Integrated Master in line with EU standards*, Tempus, (2012–15); *Regional sustainable development on the basis of eco-human synergetic interaction*; *Cross Regional Joint Project*, Tempus (2013–). *Erasmus IP – The Green City*, 2008, 2009; *Future Cities*, 2014.

### **Teaching activities**

After the completion of her studies she began to be involved in the delivery of the seminar course held by Prof. Gabrijelčič at the Faculty of Architecture of the University of Ljubljana. After the acquisition of the title of Assistant in 1996, she began to deliver lectures and practicals in the regular course Ruralism and Rural Architecture (year 4), in elective course Landscape Architecture and Environmental Protection (year 4) and in Design Studio course (mentor Prof. Peter Gabrijelčič, all years). Since 2010/11 she has been course coordinator of elective courses Ruralism and Rural Architecture, Settlement Culture, and Design Studio 4 and 5 in the Long-cycle Master's Study Programme in Architecture. Since 2013/14 she has been course coordinator of Urban Design 1, 2 and 3, and Rural Planning at the First-Cycle University Study Programme in Urbanism. She is co-author of the university text book *Rurizem in ruralna arhitektura* (Ruralism and Rural Architecture). In 1999, besides being involved in delivering practical classes, she also started to deliver lectures at higher education study programmes, and in 2009/10 and 2010/11 she was involved in the delivery of courses in the fields of spatial and regional planning at UL FGG.

Since 1999, she has mentored 20 bachelor's/master's theses and co-mentored 75 bachelor's/master's theses, of which four were nominated for the University Prešeren Award: Gregorski, M., 2000: *Infrastrukturno ogrodje - urbani gradnik: urbanistično-arhitekturni predlog ureditve Ptujске ceste v Mariboru* (Infrastructural Framework – an Urban Building Block – Urban Planning and Architectural Proposal of Developing Ptujška cesta in Maribor); Gomboc, A., 2002: *Predlog smernic in normativov za projektiranje Zavodov za prestajanje kazni zapora* (Proposal of Guidelines and Norms for Designing Prison Facilities); Frančič, M., 2005: *Vidiki samozadostnosti : raziskovalna postaja na Antarktiki* (Aspects of Self-sufficiency; the Research station in Antarctica); and Rozman, M., 2009: *Bivaki kot del turistične infrastrukture* (Bivouacs as Part of Tourist Infrastructure) – winner of 2009 University Prešeren Award.

She co-mentored more than 10 bachelor/master's graduation papers that were awarded with student research awards. Since 1999, she has co-mentored or mentored more than 40 student domestic and international research workshops in Ljubljana, Udine, Vienna, Helsinki, Pescara, and many others.

In terms of international teaching experience, she mentored two PhD candidates in Erasmus exchange doctoral study programmes: in 2013/14 Eva Lörinc Vokálová, and in 2014/15 Tijana Vujičić. In 2012, she was involved in the ESPONTrain project.

### **Professional work**

Since 1992, she took part in various research and applicative projects at the Faculty of Architecture and the Faculty of Civil and Geodetic Engineering, Chair of Spatial Planning, and as an external partner in various projects coordinated by various institutions. Recently, she has served as an external reviewer of domestic and foreign projects.

Besides various professional and research tasks, she also took part in professional and public competitions, and domestic and international research camps and workshops. After 1995, she started to coordinate professional work independently. Together with her colleagues she was awarded in various competitions:

- Preliminary concept design of renovating the old school "Ravne" for the purpose of a municipal building, 1998, First Prize,
- The Bridge over the Mura River, 1998, First Prize,
- Single-stage urban design competition for acquisition of an evidence base for drafting the implementing spatial design in the Videm - Polšca planning zone, Municipality of Krško, 2002, First Prize (tie),
- Development of the Ravne na Koroškem town centre, 2009, First Prize.

She participated in many domestic and international exhibitions: in 6 exhibitions as a co-author in the works exhibited, and in 9 exhibitions as the author of art installations, particularly the Faculty of Architecture's exhibitions as part of various professional events (scientific meetings, roundtables, etc.).

She is co-author of 3 popular science books: *Ravne na Koroškem: 750 let prve pisne omembe: 1248–750–1998* (Ravne na Koroškem: 750 years since its first written mention: 1248–750–1998); *Urejanje prostora : vaje za*

*sodelovanje v trajnostnem prostorskem razvoju : informator za učitelje in šole* (Spatial Planning : Exercises for Participation in Sustainable Spatial Development : Guide for Teachers and Schools); *Oblikovanje prostora : smernice za pripravo in izvedbo arhitekturne in urbanistične delavnice, Lenart 2008* (Spatial Design : Guidelines for Preparing and Conducting an Architectural and Urban Planning Workshop, Lenart 2008).

Editor or co-editor of 16 domestic publications, of which the following, as part of scientific meetings and conferences, are important: *Oblike prostorskega načrtovanja: od mestnega načrta do urejanja naselij* (Forms of Spatial Planning: from the City Design to Settlement Planning), [proceedings of international conference Forms of Spatial Planning: from the City Design to Settlement Planning], 2002; *Podeželje na preizkušnji: jubilejna monografija ob upokojitvi izrednega profesorja dr. Antona Prosen* (Rural Areas Put to the Test: Jubilee Monograph on the Occasion of Retirement of Assoc. Prof. Dr. Anton Prosen), 2010; *Pametni urbanizem: inovativni pristopi k urbanističnemu načrtovanju in oblikovanju* (Smart Urbanism: Innovative Approaches to Urban Planning and Design): book of abstracts [scientific conference, Ljubljana, University of Ljubljana, Faculty of Architecture, 14 June 2012]; *Pametni urbanizem: graditi demokracijo - lokalni urbanizem* (Smart Urbanism: Democracy Building – Local Urbanism): book of abstracts [scientific meeting, 20 June 2013]; Manual of wise management, preservation, reuse and economic valorisation of architecture of totalitarian regimes of the 20th century, 2013; *Človek in prostor: zbornik povzetkov = Man and space: book of abstracts*, 2013; Smart urbanism: teaching sustainability [international scientific meeting and workshop]: book of proceedings, 2014.

She took part in the elaboration of various professional expert reports, reports, and publications and is involved in different architectural and urban planning tasks, which include 70 works. These are:

12 research and applied works of which the following are the most important:

- *Analiza kulturnokrajinskih tipov za oblikovanje notranjskega krajinskega parka* (Analysis of Cultural Landscape Types for Designing the Notranjska Landscape Park),
- *Urejanje prostora z vidika razpršene gradnje* (Spatial Planning in view of Dispersed Building),
- *Razvoj podeželja in urejanje poselitvenih vzorcev in naselij na podeželju* (Development of Settlement Patterns and Settlements in Rural Areas).

She is also co-author of various expertise tasks concerning urban designs, projects, evidence base (Long-Term Plans, Area Specific Building Codes, Development Plans, Master Plans), which include:

- Development of an Evidence Base for Spatial Regulatory Conditions for Planning Units of the Valley Dobrepoljska Dolina, Krka Valley, and the Hills Suhokrajinsko Hribovje,
- Regulation Plan for the Rudnik Zagorje Site in Zagorje ob Savi, Amendments and Additions to the Long-Term and Medium-Term Plans for the 1986–2000 Period,
- Evidence Base for Site M 23 in Mengeš; for construction of free-standing houses,
- Amendments and Additions to the Town-Planning Scheme of Predstruge and the Regulation Plan for the Predstruge Residential Area,
- Project documentation for “Developing the Račeva River in the Žiri town centre”, 2014–15,
- Analysis of Typology and Provisions of the Municipal Spatial Plan – Implementing Part with Proposals for Selected Residential Areas, Ljubljana, 2014.

She produced several preliminary design projects and development designs (independently or in co-authorship) and is professionally involved in presenting architectural and urban design works, e.g. by leading various student excursions, preparation of guides, etc.

### **Awards and recognitions**

In 1990, she applied for the Hacin Award for students, together with A. Zavodnik and T. Globočnik. As this was a group application that was urban-planning oriented, the group participated in outside competition. The group received special written recognition for the results achieved in the professional field.

### **Membership in professional and scientific associations**

- Member of the Association of Architects of Ljubljana (DAL),
- Member of the Town and Spatial Planning Association of Slovenia (DUPPS),
- Member of the Primorska Society of Architects (DPA),

- during 2007–2013 member of CENTRAL EUROPE, Museumstrasse 3/a, A-1070 Vienna, Austria and EPSON 2013, Ministère de l'intérieur et de l'Aménagement du Territoire, Rue du Plébiscite 1, L-2341 Luxembourg.