

Merve Akdogan

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MIT SMArchS in Computation + Design
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Education

2022-current

Massachusetts Institute of Technology

Faculty of Architecture
SMArchS in Computation and Design + The Aga Khan Program of Islamic Architecture

2014-2019

MEF University

Faculty of Art, Design and Architecture
*High Honour - Ranked 2nd with %100 Performance Scholarship
*CGPA : 3.88 out of 4.00

Teaching and Work Experience

2022-current

Aga Khan Program of Islamic Architecture

Research Assistant of Azra Aksamija
Cambridge - USA

2017-2022

SO? Architecture and Ideas

Architect
soistanbul.com
Istanbul - Turkey

2018-2022

Architectural Technology II Course - MEF University

Part-Time Instructor
with Tomris Akin
Istanbul-Turkey

2018-current

i-do-poke Tattoo Practice

Handpoke Tattoo Artist
https://www.instagram.com/i_do_poke/
Istanbul - Turkey / Berlin-Germany

2018-2021

Yoldas Studio + LAB

Project Assistant, Manager, Designer and Artist
with Pinar Yoldas
San Diego - USA (remote)

2019-2020

Architectural Design Studio Support Lectures - MEF University

Part-time lecturer for a mandatory course for 2nd and 3th degree architecture students on architectural 3D modelling, computational methods and representation to support their architectural design studios.
Istanbul - Turkey

2018-2019

Tokyo Space-Dance Museum by Tetsuro Fukuhara

Project Assistant, Researcher

Making of an AI driven body model: 'APAROS'

http://www.ne.jp/asahi/tokyo/sd/index_e.html

Tokyo - Japan (remote)

2017 summer

Alphaville Architects

Intern

Making of a grasshopper script for the design and fabrication of an installation for Nuit Blanche Festival between Kyoto and Paris.

<https://a-ville.net/en/4548>

Kyoto - Japan

2017

Architectural Technology III Course - MEF University

Part-Time Instructor

with Tomris Akin

Istanbul-Turkey

2016

Arykanda Ancient City Excavation

Intern

Documentation

Antalya - Turkey

2017

Calderon-Folch Studio

Project Assistant, Intern

Barcelona - Spain

Workshops, Exhibitions, Research

2023

Venice Architecture Biennale: 'The Laboratory of the Future' - The Pavilion of Turkiye

AI Animation Artist

Collaboration with SO? Architecture on the project 'Ghost Stories'

Teaser: https://youtu.be/Lx20A_jZLFU

Venice - Italy

2023

Navigating the Sky - Diversity of Life: Showing Styria 2023

AI Animation Artist

Collaboration with Dietmar Offenhuber and Azra Aksamija

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qty2HRrF4N0>

Tierwelt Herberstein - Austria

2023

Urbanism in the Expanded Field Conference - Publication

"Frankenstein Urbanism: Lessons in fragility and resilience of the city-body (after the earthquake in Turkey)" with Selin Sahin

for conference proceedings : https://drive.google.com/file/d/1rf9ld8D28tliu5ilr-0qPyLMeA_-SyrY/view

Jerusalem - Israel

2021

Venice Architecture Biennale: 'How will we live together?'

Project Assistant and manager of Pinar Yoldas

Role: Concept Design, digital and physical fabrication, exhibition layout, international logistics

<https://www.labiennale.org/en/architecture/2021/across-borders/pinar-yoldas>

Venice - Italy

2021

Migros Museum fur Gegenwartskunst: 'Potential Worlds 2: Eco-Fictions'

Exhibition Designer

Group exhibition curated by Heike Munder, artwork by Pinar Yoldas

<https://migrosmuseum.ch/en/exhibitions/potential-worlds-2-eco-fictions>

Zurich - Switzerland

2021

CCCB: 'Science Friction - Living Among Companion Species'

Exhibition Design, Installation Manual

Group exhibition curated by Maria Ptqk, artwork by Pinar Yoldas

<https://www.cccb.org/en/exhibitions/file/science-friction/234907>

Barcelona - Spain

2021

Dunlop Art Gallery: 'States of Collapse'

'Hollow Ocean 2048' Video Art part of the game

Group exhibition curated by Amber Christensen, Stacey Fayant, Tomas Jonsson,

Wendy Peart, artwork by Pinar Yoldas

<https://www.reginalibrary.ca/dunlop-art-gallery/browse-exhibitions/4763406>

Regina - SK

2021

Gus Fisher Gallery : "happiness is only real when shared"

Exhibition Designer

Group exhibition curated by Lisa Beauchamp, artwork by Pinar Yoldas

<https://gusfishergallery.auckland.ac.nz/happiness-is-only-real-when-shared/>

Auckland - NZ

2019

EKAkart : "Witnesses - Ecophilia"

Exhibition Design and Fabrication

Group exhibition of Bilge Alkor and Pinar Yoldas

https://www.artsy.net/show/ekavart-gallery-bilge-alkor-witnesses-and-pinar-yoldas-ecophilia?sort=partner_show_position

Istanbul - Turkey

2019

Dreamscapes: Hypercritical Dissections in Space Exhibition

Video Artist

Group exhibition curated by Bahar Avanoğlu, Beril Gur, Avsar Gurpinar at Studio X

Istanbul - Turkey

2019

Chambord inachevé : Filling in the blanks Workshop

Group exhibition and exhibition curated by Dominique Perrault

Participated as MEF FADA Design LAB

<https://www.fada.mef.edu.tr/fada-design-lab>

Chambord - France

2019

MEF University Design Build Studio : "Bostan"

Studio tutor with Hurcan Bayram, Sezai Aygul, Eyup Arikboga

Community involvement project

<https://www.fada.mef.edu.tr/Portfolio/Bostan>

Istanbul - Turkey

2019

MEF FADA Workshop Week : "Sey"

Workshop tutor with Cansu Gosterisli

<https://www.fada.mef.edu.tr/workshop-week>

Istanbul - Turkey

2018

Hope on Water - An Interdisciplinary Course on Designing Temporary Floating Houses in Post-Earthquake Istanbul

Research, Editor

<https://www.soistanbul.com/hope-on-water>

Istanbul - Turkey

2018

Re-drawing Venice Workshop - Venice Architecture Biennial

Workshop tutors : Eren Ciraci, Erdem Tuzun

Participant of "Vardiya" Project at Pavilion of Turkey

vardiya.iksv.org

Venice - Italy

2017

Living with Rising Water Workshop

Participant of Atelier Luma's Workshop with Kunlé Adeyemi

atelier-luma.org/en/projects/living-with-rising-water

Arles - France

2017

IABA - Mediterranean Triangle

International Architecture Biennial Antalya participant

Member of design team and responsible for digital fabrication

<https://parametric-architecture.com/mediterranean-triangle/>

Antalya - Turkey

Computer Skills

Adobe Suit	Advanced
Rhinoceros 3D	Advanced
V-ray	Advanced
Lumion	Advanced
Blender	Advanced
Unreal Engine	Intermediate
JavaScript (p5js)	Intermediate
Grasshopper	Intermediate
AutoCAD	Intermediate
Keyshot	Intermediate
Unity	Intermediate

Languages

English	Fluent
German	Beginner
Japanese	Beginner
Turkish	Native