

# Hiranmayi Shankavaram

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## Objective:

To build a career through research and practical experience along the streams of an urbanizing world - focusing on urban strategies by harnessing hands-on experience and analytical skills.

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## Professional Career:

### July 2019 – present:

**Assistant professor** at R V College of Architecture (RVCA), Bengaluru. Primarily dealing with subjects such as Architectural Design, Urban Design, Architectural journalism for B.Arch students and assisting M.Arch Urban Design studio.

### Roles and Responsibilities:

Architecture pedagogy and training. Initiate, discuss and conduct novel methodologies in the design studios B.Arch and M.Arch-Urban Design.

Co-Initiated *Kalpa*, a research magazine bearing ISSN 2583-696X (online) to cultivate an investigative attitude among students and encourage technical writing.

Co-initiated *GlobEd* with an intent to encourage academic collaborations and create a platform for exchange of information with respect to the global prospects for higher education in Architecture and allied disciplines.

Specific Point of Contact (SPoC) for enabling Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between RVCA and academic institutions such as KU Leuven - Belgium, Centre for Development Studies and Activities (CDSA) – Pune, KR MANagalam University, Gurgaon and spearheaded institutional Memberships with United Nations Academic Impact (UNAI), Association of Collegiate Schools of Architecture (ACSA), USA & Canada, and Urban Affairs Association (UAA), USA.

### Papers under review/published:

1. Investigating neighborhood effects and local embeddedness of a city and their relevance on a migrant's life. (Co-author Ms. Alisha Sinha). Presented in the International Conference on Future is Urban (ICFU 2021) and published in the book titled Future is Urban: Livability, Resilience and Resource Conservation. The following are its ISBN numbers: ISBN: 978-1-032-37892-3 (pbk), ISBN: 978-1-003-34244-1 (ebk)
2. Urban Design as a Spatial assessment tool in Achieving SDG 11: Case of Bengaluru, India. This has been published as a book chapter in the book titled "SDGs in the Asia and Pacific Region, Implementing the UN Sustainable Development Goals." (Co-authors – Ms. Ramya Krishna, Ms. Jagriti Jhunjhunwala and Ms. Sruti Ramanan). Available at: <https://link.springer.com/referencework/10.1007/978-3-030-91262-8>
3. Community resilience: role of community as coping mechanisms in urban transformations. Published in the Scopus indexed journal Urbanism Architectura Constructii (Volume 13 [3] 2022, pg 222 – 234. Available at: <https://www.ceeol.com/search/article-detail?id=1079678>
4. Co-authored a Book chapter on "Nothing to be gained by Involving them" – exploring residents' lived experiences of resettlement in a medium sized city in India to be released in March 2023. (co-authors: Dr. Tania Berger and Ms. Janani Thiagarajan). Available at: <https://www.routledge.com/Negotiating-Resilience-with-Hard-and-Soft-City/Singh-Berger-Parmar/p/book/9781032440378#>
5. Co-authored an article titled "Physical activity in public space: Insights from a global community of practice applying photovoice as a tool for digital participatory place analysis" under journal *Cities and Health*, currently under review.
6. Co-authored an article titled "Exploring impacts of resettlement and upgrading on the urban poor's daily lives in a Second Tier City in India" in journal *World Development Perspectives*, currently under review

### April 2017-April 2019:

**Assistant professor** at Karpagam School of Architecture, Karpagam Academy of Higher Education, Coimbatore.

**Researcher** for BInUCom (Building Inclusive Urban Communities) - A capacity building initiative funded under EU Erasmus+ Program in the field of Capacity Building in Higher Education.

***Roles and Responsibilities:***

**Undergraduate (B.Arch):**

**Architectural Design:** Instructing on the articulation of architectural design principles in periodic phases to achieve the proposed project's goals and objectives as an iterative process between concept/ idea formulations, space standards and planning strategies.

**Urban Design:** Understanding and comprehending urban complexities while tackling the dynamics of a large scale venture such as a neighborhood in the city. Propositions as interventions are given in lieu with the existing dynamics studied/documentated.

**Post Graduate (M.Plan):**

Induction to city scale verities and the evolution of a comprehensive planning module i.e., principles of strategic planning encompassing the social, physical, economic and environmental components and assisting in the planning studio projects.

**BInUCom (Building Inclusive Urban Communities):**

Authored and published two case studies as a part of BInUCom:

- Explorations into well-being and the prevalent environmental (physical and social) impacts on the health of the dwellers of Ukkadam CMC colony, Coimbatore. Available at: [https://mdl.donau-uni.ac.at/binucom/pluginfile.php/405/mod\\_page/content/38/P5\\_WP2.5\\_Case\\_Study\\_3\\_Explorations\\_into\\_the\\_Well\\_being\\_KAHE.pdf](https://mdl.donau-uni.ac.at/binucom/pluginfile.php/405/mod_page/content/38/P5_WP2.5_Case_Study_3_Explorations_into_the_Well_being_KAHE.pdf)
- Living in transition - An exploratory case on the impacts and consequences of resettlement on the livelihood of CMC colony dwellers, Coimbatore. Available at: [https://mdl.donau-uni.ac.at/binucom/pluginfile.php/405/mod\\_page/content/38/P5\\_WP2.5\\_Case\\_Study\\_4\\_Living\\_in\\_Transition\\_KAHE.p df](https://mdl.donau-uni.ac.at/binucom/pluginfile.php/405/mod_page/content/38/P5_WP2.5_Case_Study_4_Living_in_Transition_KAHE.pdf)

Curated an exhibition called “The Unexplored Truth – (dis)organized complexities” as a part of BInUCom to explore informality in the context of Coimbatore through panel discussions consisting of urban experts, architects and planners. The exhibition also housed the works of the students completed in the urban design studio which included mapping, documenting one of the oldest parts of the city and proposals of plausible interventions.

**October 2012-August 2015: *Architect* at Japcon Architects Pvt. Ltd., Bangalore**

Major Projects handled included an industrial project proposal for HASBRO Clothing Pvt. Ltd., commercial complex at Dhanbad, interiors of restaurants such as Limelight and Just Falafel in Bangalore, an Experience Centre for L&W Constructions Pvt. Ltd and office building for Greet Technologies Pvt. Ltd.

**September 2010- January 2011: *Intern* at Semac India Pvt. Ltd.,**

Assisted in preparing working drawings for industrial and large scale commercial projects. The models of “Industrial Architecture” were studied which became a foundation for the bachelors’ thesis in exploring modulations that break the monotonous perception of a stereotypical industry.

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**Educational Qualification:**

**October 2015- October 2016: Masters’ (MSc.) in Urban Management and Development at Institute for Housing and Urban Development Studies (IHS), Erasmus University, Rotterdam**

***Courses:*** Urban theory – Governance, Policy and Planning, Economic and Financial Analysis, Specialization in Urban Strategies and Planning.

***Focus:*** A dissertation analyzing *Citizen Participation* in the Smart city initiative of Tumakuru, India, titled – “The citizen - a fictional character in India's urban makeovers: the effete participation in Tumakuru Smart City”. Available at: <https://thesis.eur.nl/pub/42259>

***Highlights of the Post graduate course (2015-2016):***

- Participated as a moderator in an interactive session on “The Job description of the Smart City Manager of a truthfully smart city” by Anne Doose (February 2016).
- Awarded distinction for the aforementioned dissertation with a grade of 8.3.

**September 2007 – June 2012: Bachelors in Architecture (B.Arch.) from B.M.S College of Engineering, Bengaluru, India**

***Courses:*** Architectural Design, Building Construction and Materials, Climate Responsive Architecture, Architectural Presentation and Computer Aided Design.

***Highlights of the Undergraduate course (2007-2012):***

- **Architectural thesis** – A Container Logistics Park designed at Krishnapatnam port, Andhra Pradesh, India. This thesis was shortlisted for the “**Best Undergraduate Thesis Program 2012**”, conducted by the National Institute of Advanced Studies in Architecture (NIASA).
- Declared 7<sup>th</sup> place for the Bachelor’s Degree of Architecture by Visvesvaraya Technological University.
- Ranked 1st in Visvesvaraya Technological University examinations for the year 2008.
- Consistently amongst the first three rank holders in all other semesters.

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**Skills and interests:** Interest in music and training on guitar.

**Software:** ATLAS.ti and SPSS for data analysis; design tools such as Auto CAD, Google Sketch-up, REVIT; MS Office.

**Languages:** English, Hindi and Kannada (Mother-tongue); **Spoken languages:** Tamil and Telugu

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**Personal Information:**

**Date of birth:** 2<sup>nd</sup> February 1989

**Nationality:** Indian

**Spouse’s name:** Sumanth R

**Father’s name:** Harish Shankavaram Krishnamurthy