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Curriculum

Joana Varajão is a PhD candidate in urban studies at ISCTE-IUL and FCSH -NOVA University Lisbon, having completed a postgraduate degree in the same field of studies (2022). She holds a master's degree in architecture from the University of Porto (2013), having completed an exchange program at the Polytechnic of Milan (2011/2012). Currently working in the Cultural Heritage Division of the Lisbon and Tagus Valley Regional Coordination and Development Commission, I.P. (CCDR-LVT). Her professional background includes experience in the private and third sectors, and also in the creation, production and organization of cultural events, namely the coordination of the Building 101 program, integrated in the Lisbon Architecture Triennale (2019) and several Battle of Ideas - Satellite Events in Lisbon and Porto (2013-2017), in collaboration with the Institute of Ideas (UK).

Research Interests

Social Sciences - Economic and Social Geography - Urban Studies; Humanities - Arts - Architecture and Design

Academic Qualifications

University/Institution	Type	Degree	Period
ISCTE-Instituto Universitário de Lisboa	Post-graduation	Estudos Urbanos	2022

Node Center	Other type of qualification	International Curatorial Programme	2018
Universidade do Porto Faculdade de Arquitectura	Integrated M.Sc.	Arquitectura	2013
Politecnico di Milano	Licenciate	Architettura (Erasmus Studies)	2012

Publications

• Conferences/Workshops and Talks

- Publication in conference proceedings

1	Varajão, Joana (2026). Safeguarding Intangible Cultural Heritage in Portugal (2008–2025): Networked practices and emerging lines of inquiry from the Lisbon context. In AMPS Proceedings Series 45 v.3. (pp. 240-250).: AMPS.
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• Other Publications

- Other publications

1	Varajão, Joana (2019). The Place of Photography: Transdisciplinary Object in Participatory Contexts of Approach to Urban Space. 5ª Conferência On The Surface: Visual Spaces of Change: Unveiling The Publicness of Urban Space.
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- Master's Dissertation

1	Varajão, Joana (2013). Espaço Social: reflexão, representação, transformação.
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- Newspaper article

1	Varajão, Joana (2022). Poderá o património ser emancipatório?. Artcapital.
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Organization/Coordination of Events

Type of Organization/Coordination	Event Title	Organizer	Year
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Coordination of non-scientific event	BUILDING 101 - Trienal de Arquitetura de Lisboa 2019 – A Poética da Razão - Coordenação e desenvolvimento de um programa de celebração do centenário da fundação da Escola Bauhaus (1919-2019), associado à programação oficial da Trienal de Arquitetura de Lisboa de 2019. O programa consistiu em sete debates e um workshop, em torno do trabalho de artesãos, artistas e arquitetos, procurando compreender e situá-lo no espaço das oficinas, questionando ainda os desafios e oportunidades emergentes no ensino artístico contemporâneo.	Trienal de Arquitetura de Lisboa	2019
Member of non-scientific event's organizing committee	Battle of Ideas - Satellite Event (Lisbon) - State of the Arts: Local vs. Global - Speakers: Francisco Vidal, Manik Govinda, Patrick Dickie, Sandra Vieira Jurgens	Institute of Ideas	2017
Member of non-scientific event's organizing committee	Battle of Ideas - Satellite Event (Lisbon) - Architecture: Preservation or Modernisation? - Speakers: Alastair Donald, Ana Tostões, António Brito Guterres, Joana Varajão, Rita João (Pedrita); projecção Curta-Metragem 2Le Champ des Possibles ¹ , Christina Picchi; em parceria com: Institute of Ideas, Trienal de Arquitetura de Lisboa & Arquiteturas Film Festival	Institute of Ideas	2017
Member of non-scientific event's organizing committee	Battle of Ideas - Satellite Event (Lisbon) - Arts Attacks: How Can We Defend Culture? Speakers: Eduardo Corte-Real, Joanne Hacker, Vania Rodrigues (mala voadora), Rui Mourão, Alastair Donald	Institute of Ideas	2016
Member of non-scientific event's organizing committee	Battle of Ideas - Satellite Event (Lisbon) - Where and What is Public Space? Speakers: Madalena Corte-Real, Luis T. Pereira, Ana Jara, Alastair Donald, Alan Miller	Institute of Ideas	2015
Member of non-scientific event's organizing committee	Battle of Ideas - Satellite Event (Porto) - Public Space: Collective Common or Virtual Reality? Speakers: Teresa Novais, Ana Castro, André Tavares, Alastair Donald, Alan Miller	Institute of Ideas	2015
Member of non-scientific event's organizing committee	Battle of Ideas - Satellite Event (Porto) - What is Creativity? Speakers: Tiago Guedes, Maria José Goulão, Carlos Martins, Alastair Donald	Institute of Ideas	2015
Member of non-scientific event's organizing committee	Festival Urbano Dédalo RE-ACT (Take 2: Assembleia Municipal) - Reunindo profissionais, agentes municipais e moradores na sala da Assembleia Municipal do Porto, esta sessão permitiu uma discussão ampla e multifacetada sobre a viabilidade dos projetos desenvolvidos durante o Festival Urbano Dédalo RE-ACT.	Revista Dédalo	2015
Member of non-scientific event's organizing committee	Festival Urbano Dédalo RE-ACT (Workshop + Conferências) - Ao longo de 5 dias, reuniu grupos de estudantes orientados por arquitetos, sociólogos e artistas nacionais e internacionais. Complementado por conferências e intervenções pontuais aprofundou a discussão urbana, procurando criar uma ponte entre o centro e a zona oriental da cidade, visando a criação de propostas arquitetónicas concretas, exequíveis e eficazes para os problemas mais pertinentes da zona de Campanhã, no Porto.	Revista Dédalo	2013

Member of non-scientific event's organizing committee	Evento de Lançamento do Call for Papers para a 1ª edição da Revista Dédalo - Envolveu a revitalização de um edifício abandonado, ao longo de uma semana, a curadoria de concertos, exposições e live actions, o desenho do espaço expositivo, e a produção e comunicação do evento.	Revista Dédalo	2013
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