FIORELLA BELLORA

Ph.D ARCHITECT

Fiorella Bellora, architect and urban planner since 2011 (FADU, UdelaR, Uruguay). PhD in Architecture and Urbanism at Università degli Studi di Genova, Italy (2021). Currently working for the IDB as consultant for the project SMART CITIES Uruguay. Researcher and Assistant Professor at UBA (Argentina), FADU (Uruguay) and Università degli Studi di Padova (Italy) on sustainable architecture and urban planning. Member of the network of practitioners and academics from the MIT Metro Lab 2017 (Massachusetts Institute of Technology, USA) dedicated to the research in cities with a focus on the integration between architecture and ecology. Professional experience in practice and theory in Uruguay, Argentina, USA and Italy.

EDUCATION

Ph.D

Università degli Studi di Genova, Italy, 2017-2021

Thesis: OB PORTUS. The potential of nature to integrate the port and the city in the Americas. [Excellent Cum Laude] Supervisors: Prof. Arch. Manuel Gausa (SP), Prof. Arch. Carmen Andriani (IT), Prof. Arch. Marcelo Danza (UY).

ARCHITECT

Faculty of Architecture, Design And Urbanism, FADU - University of Uruguay, 2002-2011

Thesis: Liquid fields [approved with a qualification of excellence (12/12), Graduation May, 2011]. **Authors: F. Bellora, V. Rucks.**

POSTGRADUATE COURSES

Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT)

Boston, USA, 2017

MIT MetroLab. Posgraduate course on urban planning with key experts lecturers and participants from: International Development Bank (IDB), World Bank, UN-habitat, Harvard, MIT, among others.

University FADU-UNL

Santa Fé, Argentina, 2015

International Postgraduated course on sustainable architecture dictated by Dr. Ajmat.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- AS RESEARCHER and ASSISTANT PROFESSOR
- University of Buenos Aires (UBA)
 Assistant proffesor at PUM Master on urban planning 2020-2021, Buenos Aires, Argentina. Director: Prof. Arch. Gabriel Lanfranchi
- Università degli Studi di Padova, Italy
 Visiting proffesor and researcher

Set 2015-Dic 2015 - Set 2016- Dic 2016, Padova, Italy

FADU - University of Uruguay
 Assistant professor on urban planning
 2011-2017, Faculty of Architecture, Design And Urbanism, Uruguay



PERSONAL DATA

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LANGUAGES

Spanish:

English:

Italian:









AS ARCHITECT & URBAN PLANNER

- Consultant for the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB). Member of IBER-GEO, IAAC, and M-CRIT on the project Support for the Executive Design of the Smart Territory Component within the Complementary Fund of PDGS III and the systematization of actions (ICT, gender, and climate change) for ten public spaces in Uruguay.
- DUE BARRA DUE, Venice, Italy Senior Architect & urban planner

2023-2024. Design development of Selvadego hotel in Venice.

H&A Associatti, Venice, Italy
 Senior Architect & urban planner

2022-2023. Design development of Hilton hotel in Venice and Urban development ULLOA (Mestre, Venice)

 Urban Teo - Urban Office, Buenos Aires, Argentina Urban planner

2020. Team member for the design of a Sustainable Master Plan for the coast of Colonia, Uruguay (500 hectares). Director: Arch. Gabriel Lanfranchi.

 Bellora Archs Architecture office, Montevideo, Uruguay Co-Founder

2012-2019. Arch. Humberto Bellora - Arch. Fiorella Bellora Architecture and Urban planning. Design development and Construction management. Managing and leading a multi-disciplinary team.

 ANP (National Port Administration) Urban planner

2018-2020 Commission Member. The Commission discusses and attempts to articulate the relationship between the Port and the City. Bellora's responsibility is to collect and analyze data for reporting in order to make recommendations based on the findings.

 Bio-observatorios, Montevideo, Uruguay Co-Founder

2016-2020. Arch. Agustina Tierno - Arch. Fiorella Bellora Bio-Observatories develop infrastructure projects for areas of great natural and landscape interest intended for bio-ecological research and interpretative ecotourism; offering innovative solutions with special care on integral sustainability matters.

TA-TA S.A Retail stores, Montevideo, Uruguay
 Chief Architect

2018-2020, Design development and Construction management for commercial buildings. Manage and lead a multi-disciplinary team. Evaluation for setting effective strategies for cost control, performance and energy optimization.

 Architecture office University of Uruguay Architect

2012-2014, Faculty of Architecture, Design And Urbanism. Design development and Construction management for architectural renovation of the Faculty.

Lewi Architecture office, Montevideo, Uruguay
 Proiect Manager

2004 - 2011. Elaboration of construction documents for residential buildings. Management of a multi-disciplinary team and budget. Construction management.

SKILLS

Design development	•	•	•	•	•
Construction management	•	•	•	•	•
Problem solving	•	•	•	•	•
Team work	•	•	•	•	•
Results driven	•	•	•	•	•
Self management	•	•	•	•	•
Flexibility	•	•	•	•	•
Communication skills	•	•		•	

SOFTWARES

Autocad 2D/3D	••••
Adobe Creative Suite	••••
Revit	••••
Archicad	••••
Figma	•••00







AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

- Selection MIT METRO LAB 2017 / Massachussetts Institute of Technology (MIT), Cambridge, USA. 2017.
- Selection Training School inter-transdisciplinarity urban research / European Coast Action, Barcelona, Spagna. 2017.
- Phd Scholarship / ANII (National Agency for Research and Innovation) UY. 2020
- Scholarship for young researchers / Coimbra Scholarship for Research Professors at the Universitá degli Studi di Padova. 2015 & 2016.
- Third Prize ANTEL ARENA Architectural competition. 2013. Multifunctional stadium of 40,000 m2 for 10,000 people.
- Local selection for Archiprix Moscow. 2013. Faculty of Architecture, Design and Urbanism, FADU-UdelaR, 2012. Authors: F. Bellora, V. Rucks.
- First Price CSIC Research Iniciation. 2010. The research "Claves conceptuales el Paisaje" was awarded by the Sectorial Comision for Scientific Research, Universidad de la República.
- First Prize. National competition Portual Park Rambla 25 de Agosto. 2006.
 Authors: U. Torrado, M. Bednarik, F. Mirabal, A. Bruzzone; F. Bellora, G. Carcavallo, E. Lungo, P. Miranda, A. Pelaez, F. Romani, V. Rucks.
- First Prize in Wooden Social Housing. ALFA Casamadera. International competition. 2007. Authors: F. Bellora, V. Rucks. The winners were part of an itinerant exposition in Latinamerica and Europe.

SELECTION OF PUBLICATIONS AND LECTURES

- Published book: Claves conceptuales del Paisaje. 2012. Authors: Bellora, Rucks. Buenos Aires: NOBUKO Editorial.
- Paper: Dinámicas de transformacion urbano-portuarias en la bahia de Montevideo. 2021. PORTUS 41. RETE International association for port city relationship.
- Paper: Landscape as medium and strategy in Ameican port city articulation. The
 case of Toronto, Rosario and Barranquilla. 2020. Design Environment. Scuola
 Politecnica Ingegneria e Architettura. Università degli Studi di Genova.
- Paper: Landscape of Montevideo's bay: opportunity and transformations 2020. Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México.
- Paper: Energy on architecture. 2016. Conference Proceedings Med.Net3 Resili(g)ence ADD Scientific meeting, Università degli Studi di Genova, Italy.
- Publication of achitectural competition. 2014. Sociedad de Arquitectos del Uruguay (SAU) No. 269. Montevideo, Uruguay. Third prize urban project ANTEL ARENA and First prize in urban competition Rambla 25 de Agosto.
- Guest speaker at Zones Portuares Festival, Genova, Italy, October 2020
- Guest Lecturer at Universidad Católica del Uruguay. Presentation: Landscape as a Project Object: a synthesis between infrastructure, nature and culture, 2018.
- Guest lecturer to the Final Degree Project Course. Taller Danza, FADU, UdelaR, 2016. Presentation: Energy in Architecture and at the Eastern Regional Center Uruguay (CURE) UdelaR. Presentation: Liquid Fields, 2012.

REFERENCES

Arch. Gabriel Lanfranchi

IDB and World Bank Consultant, and Co-Chair of the T20 / Coordinator of Plan Urbano Ambiental de Buenos Aires gabriel.lanfranchi@gmail.com

Arch. Marcelo Danza

Architect / Dean at FADU-UdelaR mcdanza@gmail.com

Arch. Manuel Gausa

Director PhD course at Universitá degli Studi di Genova. Co-director at Gausa-Reveau Architectural Office gausa@coac.net

Prof Michele De Carli

Prof. Universitá degli Studi di Padova michele.decarli@unipd.it



CV

Fiorella Bellora

Current position(s): Urbanist, Assistant professor with tenure track or similar

Academic age: 3 year(s) 3 month(s)

Education

Degree	Organisation	Duration	
PhD / Dr.: Architecture and Urbanism Dr. Manuel Gausa	University of Genoa, IT Faculty of Architecture and Urbanism	03.2017 - 10.2021 4 year(s) 8 month(s)	
Postgraduate course on metropolitan studies	Massachusetts Institute of Technology, US Special Program for Urban and Regional Studies	01.2017 - 02.2017 2 month(s)	
Bachelor: Architecture and Urbanism Dr. Bernardo Martin	Universidad de la República, UY Faculty of Architecture, Design and Urbanism	03.2002 - 05.2011 9 year(s) 3 month(s)	

Employment

Role	Organisation	Duration
Urbanist	Inter-American Development Bank, US Latin America Development	07.2024 - 02.2025 8 month(s)
Assistant professor with tenure track or similar	Universidad de la República, UY Faculty of Architecture, Design and Urbanism	03.2024 - 12.2024 10 month(s)
Assistant professor with tenure track or similar	University of Buenos Aires, AR	03.2020 - 12.2022 2 year(s) 10 month(s)



Role	Organisation	Duration
	Faculty of Architecture, Design and Urbanism	
Assistant professor	Universidad de la República, UY Faculty of Architecture, Design and Urbanism	06.2011 - 12.2016 5 year(s) 7 month(s)

Major achievements

Achievement 1

Academic and Practical Contributions to the Urban Articulation of Port, City, and Nature

My work has advanced the understanding of ports as environmental infrastructures, reframing their role in the urban realm to integrate ecological and functional dynamics. This achievement stems from both my academic research and its practical implications, which collectively emphasize the transformative potential of nature in mediating the interaction between ports, cities, and their surrounding environments.

As part of this achievement, my Ph.D. dissertation (OB PORTUS: The Potential of Nature to Integrate the Port and the City in the Americas, Università degli Studi di Genova, awarded cum laude) proposed a novel conceptual framework for planning port cities. This framework introduced the idea of a "strategic interaction field," where the biophysical systems of nature mediate and restructure the traditionally fragmented relationship between ports and urban environments. By analyzing case studies across the Americas, the research demonstrated how ports, reconceptualized as environmental infrastructures, can drive urban regeneration, enhance sustainability, and foster more resilient urban ecologies.

Beyond theoretical contributions, this work provides actionable tools—practical "keys"—for urban planners and policymakers to address critical challenges in coastal and port cities, such as environmental degradation, urban disconnection, and climate adaptation. The reinterpretation of Hoyle's port-city evolution model, incorporating nature as a central axis, has become a valuable resource for developing resilient and multifunctional urban strategies.

Currently, lam expanding these contributions aiming to refine methodologies for designing transitional spaces at the land-water interface. This ongoing work leverages the insights gained from my doctoral research and practice to inform new approaches for sustainable coastal urban planning globally.

[1] dissertation-thesis. Bellora, F. (2021). Ob portus: The potential of nature to integrate the port as an ecological infrastructure to the city in the Americas (PhD Thesisl). Università degli Studi di Genova. https://hdl.handle.net/11567/1059316.



[2] book-chapter. Bellora, F. (2020). OB PORTUS: Landscape as medium and strategy for port city articulation. The case of Toronto, Rosario and Barranquilla. En G. Pellegri (Ed.), De_Sign Environment Landscape City 2020: Proceedings of the International Conference on Drawing, pp. 158-170. Department Architecture and Design DAD, Polytechnic School of Genoa. ISBN 978-88-3618-042-4.
[3] book-chapter. Bellora, F. (2020). Landscape of Montevideo's bay: Opportunity and transformations. En A. Lejavitzer & M. H. Ruz (Eds.), Paisajes sensoriales: Un patrimonio cultural de los sentidos (México-Uruguay), pp. 169-185. Universidad Católica del Uruguay; Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México. e-ISBN 978-9974-8772-4-5. ISBN 978-9974-8772-5-2.
[4] lecture-speech.

Achievement 2

Contributions to Urban Planning: Port-City Integration and Sustainable Urban Development

My work in urban planning focuses on transforming urban territories into cohesive spaces that balance economic activity with environmental sustainability and social inclusion.

As a consultant for the Inter-American Development Bank (BID) under the Smart Cities Uruguay initiative, I contributed to the sustainable recovery of public spaces in cities across Uruguay. This included integrating ICT applications, gender equity, and climate adaptation strategies to enhance urban resilience and inclusivity.

During my tenure with the Port-City Commission of Montevideo (2017–2020), I focused on the critical interface between port infrastructure and urban life, reframing the port as an integral component of the city. I developed strategies to align port operations with environmental and social priorities, positioning the port as an environmental infrastructure and fostering sustainable urban development.

These experiences highlight my capacity to integrate large-scale infrastructural planning with community needs, promoting resilient, inclusive, and adaptive urban environments.

[1] journal-article. Bellora, F. (2022). Dinámicas de transformación urbano-portuarias en la bahía de Montevideo. Portus Online, 41, RETE Publisher. https://portusonline.org/dinamicas-de-transformacion-urbano-portuarias-en-la-bahia-de-montevideo/ ISSN: 2282-5789. https://portal.issn.org/resource/ISSN/2282-5789.

Achievement 3

Contributions to Urban Innovation: Membership in the MIT Metro Lab Network



As a member of the MIT Metro Lab Network, I have aligned my professional practice with an international community of researchers and practitioners dedicated to addressing metropolitan challenges through innovative and multidisciplinary approaches. This prestigious network focuses on themes such as social cohesion, sustainable development, and integrated urban governance, fostering collaborative solutions for complex urban systems.

Being part of this network has enriched my perspective on urban systems as interconnected frameworks, where the integration of social, environmental, and infrastructural dimensions is essential for creating inclusive and sustainable cities. It has also strengthened my expertise in participatory planning and cross-disciplinary collaboration, allowing me to apply these methodologies to my professional projects within a global context.

This affiliation continues to shape my work, linking my practice to a broader network of innovation and enabling the development of resilient and adaptive urban solutions that address the pressing challenges of contemporary cities.

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Keywords

Urban planning. Sustainable Development. Landscape infrastructure. Coastal design

Biography

Fiorella Bellora is an architect, urban planner, researcher, and consultant specializing in urban design and sustainability. She graduated from the Faculty of Architecture, Design, and Urbanism (FADU) at the University of the Republic, Uruguay, and earned her Ph.D. in Architecture and Urbanism from the Università degli Studi di Genova, Italy, with the dissertation OB PORTUS: The potential of nature to integrate the port and the city in the Americas, awarded cum laude.

She has served as a professor and researcher at various institutions, including the University of Buenos Aires (Argentina), FADU in Uruguay, and the Università degli Studi di Padova (Italy). She is also a member of the MIT Metro Lab network (Massachusetts Institute of Technology), where she has contributed to research at the intersection of infrastructure and ecology.

Before her current role as a consultant for the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) in the Smart Cities Uruguay project, Fiorella worked on architectural design, urban planning, and sustainability projects in Uruguay, Italy, and Argentina. Her collaborations include contributions to Due Barra Due and H&A Associati in Venice, where she worked on urban developments for Venice.

Her research focuses on integrating infrastructure, ecology, and urban design in landscapes and complex urban territories. Her work has been published and presented at international conferences. She is the author of the book Landscape Urbanism keys, book chapters and academic articles, such as Landscape as medium and strategy in American port city articulation and Urban-port transformation dynamics in the Bay of Montevideo.

Currently, she combines interdisciplinary approaches and digital methods to address contemporary challenges in resilient and sustainable cities, with a particular focus on the interfaces between nature and infrastructure.

Employment (6)

Universidad de la República: Montevideo, UY

2024-10-03 to present I Professor (Faculty of Architecture, Design and Urbanism)

Employment

Source: Fiorella Bellora Medeot

Inter-American Development Bank: Washington, D.C., US

2024-09-24 to present I Consultant - (IBERGEO-IAAC-MCRIT Consortium - Project: C

apacity building for smart cities in medium-sized cities of Uruguay)

Employment

Source: Fiorella Bellora Medeot

Due Barra Due Studi Associati: Venice, IT

2023-10-01 to 2024-10-01 I Senior Architect and Urban Planner

Employment

Source: Fiorella Bellora Medeot

H&A Archietti Associati: Venice, IT

2023-01-04 to 2023-10-01 I Senior Architect and Urban Planner

Employment

Source: Fiorella Bellora Medeot

University of Buenos Aires: Buenos Aires, AR

2020-03-03 to 2022-12-03 l Assistant professor (Facultad de Arquitectura, Diseño y Urb

anismo)

Employment

Source: Fiorella Bellora Medeot

Universidad de la República: Montevideo, UY

2011-05-04 to 2016-12-02 I Assistant professor on Urbanism (Faculty of Architecture, D esign and Urbanism)

Employment

Education and qualifications (3)

University of Genoa: Genoa, IT

2017-03-06 to 2021-10-29 I PhD / Dr. in Architecture and Design (Architecture and Desi

gn)

Education

Source: Fiorella Bellora Medeot

Massachusetts Institute of Technology: Cambridge, US

2017-01-03 to 2017-01-17 l Postgraduate course on Metropolitan Studies (Special Program for Urban and Regional Studies)

Education

Source: Fiorella Bellora Medeot

Universidad de la República: Montevideo, UY

2002-03-10 to 2011-05-30 I Architect, Urban planner (Faculty of Architecture, Design and Urbanism)

Education

Source: Fiorella Bellora Medeot

Invited positions and distinctions (5)

Antel Arena: Montevideo, UY

2013-10-07 | Third Prize Urban Competiton for Stadium of 40,000 sqm

Distinction

Source: Fiorella Bellora Medeot

Archiprix Local Selection: Montevideo, UY

2011-04-02 | Selection of a graduate project among the 9 best projects (Faculty of Archi

tecture, Design and Urbanism)

Distinction

Source: Fiorella Bellora Medeot

Intendencia Municipal de Montevideo: Montevideo, UY

2007-01-06 | 1st Prize Urban Competition Port Park, Rambla 25 de Agosto

Distinction

Source: Fiorella Bellora Medeot

University of Padua: Padua, IT

2016-10-02 to 2017-01-05 I Visiting professor on sustainable architecture (Dipartimento

di Ingenieria Industriale)

Invited position

Source: Fiorella Bellora Medeot

University of Padua: Padua, IT

2015-09-05 to 2016-01-03 I Visiting professor on sustainable architecture (Dipartimento

di Ingenieria Industriale)

Invited position

Membership and service (4)

Seascape_ International journal: Padova, Veneto, IT

2023-11-01 to present I Scientific Reviewer

Service

Source: Fiorella Bellora Medeot

RETE Association for the Collaboration between Port and City: Venice, IT

2018-02-08 to present I Researcher on Port City Relationship

Membership

Source: Fiorella Bellora Medeot

Massachusetts Institute of Technology: Cambridge, US

2017-01-03 to present I Member of the network of practitioners and academics from the

MIT Metro Lab (Special Program for Urban and Regional Studies)

Membership

Source: Fiorella Bellora Medeot

ANP - National Port Administration: Montevideo, UY

2018-03-07 to 2021-12-18 I Urban Planner (Port - city relationship)

Membership

Source: Fiorella Bellora Medeot

Funding (4)

Ph.D Thesis: OB PORTUS. The potential of nature to integrate the port as an environmental infrastructure to the city in the Americas

ANII (Montevideo)

2020-04 to 2021-10lGrant

URL: https://iris.unige.it/handle/11567/1059316 (https://iris.unige.it/handle/11567/1059316)

Source: Fiorella Bellora Medeot

Visiting professor University of Padua 2016

Coimbra Group ASBL (Brussels, Belgium)

2016-10 to 2017-01|Grant

URL: https://www.coimbra-group.eu/scholarships/latin-america-la/ (https://www.coimbra-group.eu/scholarships/latin-america-la/)

Visiting professor University of Padua 2015

Coimbra Group ASBL (Brussels, Belgium)

2015-01 to 2016lGrant

URL: https://www.coimbra-group.eu/scholarships/latin-america-la/ (https://www.coimbra-group.eu/scholarships/latin-a

merica-la/)

Source: Fiorella Bellora Medeot

Landscape Urbanism Keys

CSIC (Montevideo)

2009-03 to 2010-03|Grant

URL: https://drive.google.com/file/d/1kzzxsZCcr8PowkgDzB7sG1tzx7VqjVqe/view?usp=sharing (https://drive.google.

com/file/d/1kzzxsZCcr8PowkgDzB7sG1tzx7VqjVqe/view?usp=sharing)

Source: Fiorella Bellora Medeot

Works (9 of 9)

OB Portus. The potential of nature to integrate the port as an environmental infrastructure to the city in the Americas

2021-10-29 I dissertation-thesis

Source: Fiorella Bellora Medeot

Dinámicas de transformación urbano-portuarias en la bahía de Montevideo

Portus on line

2021-05-04 I journal-article

Part of ISSN: 2282-5789

Source: Fiorella Bellora Medeot

Landscape as medium and strategy for port city articulation. The case of Toronto,

Rosario and Barranquilla

De_Sign Environment Landscape City 2020: Proceedings of the International

Conference on Drawing

2020-11-01 | book-chapter

Part of ISBN: 978-88-3618-042-4

Source: Fiorella Bellora Medeot

Ob portus. Urban, port and natural ecosystems on the waterfront of American port cities. The case of San Francisco (USA) and Toronto (Canada).

ZONES PORTUARIES Conference II Porto come Patrimonio e paesaggio condiviso

2020-10-11 | lecture-speech

Source: Fiorella Bellora Medeot

Liquid Fields

PFC Taller Scheps 2003-2018

2020-03-01 I book-chapter

Part of ISBN: 978-9974-0-1838-9

Landscape of Montevideo's bay: Opportunity and transformations

Paisajes sensoriales: Un patrimonio cultural de los sentidos (México-Uruguay)

2020 I book-chapter

Part of ISBN: 978-9974-8772-4-5

Source: Fiorella Bellora Medeot

Paisaje: ciudad, naturaleza y patrimonio

Universidad Católica del Uruguay

2019-09-20 I lecture-speech

Source: Fiorella Bellora Medeot

Energy on architecture: An integrated design process

MED.NET3 RESILI(G)ENCE ADD SCIENTIFIC MEETING: Conference proceedings

2017-09-05 I book-chapter

Part of ISBN: 978-84-941264-6-8

Source: Fiorella Bellora Medeot

Claves Conceptuales del Paisaje como Objeto de Proyecto Arquitectónico

Nobuko

2010-10-10 I book

ISBN: 9789875844414

Source: Fiorella Bellora Medeot

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