

# BANU AKSEL GÜRÜN

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Banu Aksel Gürün (1974, Ankara) completed her secondary education at TED Ankara College in 1992 and received her bachelor's degree in City and Regional Planning from Middle East Technical University (METU) in 1997. She graduated from METU's Urban Design Master's program in 2000 with the designation of Urban Design Specialist and began her doctoral studies in the same department, which she completed in 2009. During her doctoral studies, she spent one year at the University of Kent, England, as a visiting trainee. Between 1998 and 2005, she worked as a research assistant at METU, after which she co-founded BC Tasarım Co. Since 2024, she has been continuing her professional practice independently through ESKİZLER Co., which she established. Over the past two decades, she has contributed to numerous urban design and architectural projects, design briefs, guidelines, and strategic spatial plans as an urban planner and design expert. She also lectures part-time at METU and Bilkent University.

## Education

Ph.D., Department of City and Regional Planning, Middle East Technical University, Faculty of Architecture, (2009).

*Visiting Trainee*, Social Policy, Sociology & Social Research, University of Kent at Canterbury, UK. (2003-2004)

M.Sc., Urban Design Graduate Program, Middle East Technical University, Faculty of Architecture (2000).

B.Sc., Department of City and Regional Planning, Middle East Technical University, Faculty of Architecture (1997).

Secondary & High School, TED Ankara College (1992)

## Areas of Interest & Research

Urban Design Theory & Methodology, Urban Morphology, Theory of Urban Form & Representation, Design Process Management & Supervision, Sustainable Urban (Re-)Development of the Built Living Environment, Strategic Spatial Planning, City Centres & Consumption Spaces, University & Industrial Campuses.

## Awards

2nd Prize (Zone4), İstanbul is Yours, Haliç Coasts Design Competition, İstanbul Metropolitan Municipality (2020)

Selcuk Municipality Student Project Award (1994), İzmir, Turkey

## Books

"*Cumhuriyet'in 100. Yılında Planlama*", (Estimated Year of Publication; 2024), İdeal Kent Yayınları, Ankara (edited with Çobanyılmaz P.)

"*Erken Cumhuriyet Dönemi Kent Planları*," (Estimated Year of Publication; 2025), (with Keskinok Ç., Karakaya Alp E.)

## Documentary

"*BEDESTENDEN AVM'YE*" (Belgesel TRT Turkish Radio and Television Corporation, Turkey, Duru, C. (Producer) & İrken, C. (Director), (2014)

## Academic Publications

"Türkiye'de Değişen Tüketim Mekanları ve Alışveriş Merkezleri", TMMOB Chamber of Architects of Turkey, Ankara Branch, Dosya 22, January 2011

"Alışveriş Merkezlerine Karşı Kent Merkezi", Journal of Planning, TMMOB Chamber of City Planners, 2005/1

"Ankara Kent Merkezinin Çözülme Süreci", METU Scientific Research Project (BAP) , 2004

"Alışveriş Merkezlerine Karşı Kent Merkezlerini Savunmak", International 14th Urban Design and Implementations Symposium, 2003

## Publications

Meram Urban Design Guidelines, 3 Books (2021), Ministry of Environment, Urbanization & Climate Change

Mesa Cemil Molla Mansion Design Brief (2012), MESA Housing Industries Inc.

Ankara Saraçoğlu Neighbourhood Urban Rehabilitation & Revitalization Design Brief (2012), MESA Housing Ind. Inc.

İstanbul Theme Park Master Plan Proposals (2011), MESA Housing Industries Inc.

İstanbul Theme Park Design Brief (2011), MESA Housing Industries Inc.

Baykan Günay, Erhan Acar, Adnan Barlas, Banu Aksel, Cansu Canaran, Troia Museum Studies. "Competition Brief / Museum of Troia", (2007), Coordinator; S. Özkan, Ağ Yeni Medya Yayın Danışmanlık San. ve Tic. A.Ş., İstanbul

## Forum/ Symposium/ Workshop

*Kentsel Tasarım Konuşmaları* 03, MUD Master of Urban Design, METU, 2017

*International Workshop:De Olifantenkooi / Fil Kafesi*, Ankara - Breda, 2014-2015

Projects that Transforms Ankara 6/10: Keyark/ Out of City Shopping Malls, TSMD, Turkish Association of Architects in Private Practice, (2014), Ankara

14th International Urban Design & Implementations Symposium, Mimar Sinan University, (2003), İstanbul

Sarıyer Urban Redevelopment Project (2012), Volunteer Involvement, Organisation: Destek Platformu

## Scientific Researches

METU BAP 2003-07-02-00-14, 2003, Project Coordinator. Prof. Dr. H. Çağatay Keskinok, "Gelişmekte Olan Ülkelerin Kent Merkezlerinin Çözülme Sürecinin Ankara Kent Merkezi Üzerinde İncelenmesi", PhD Student Researcher

## Administrative Duties & Memberships

*Member of the Audit Board*, Keskinok Sanat Vakfı, (2024- )

*Board Member*, Keskinok Sanat Vakfı, (2015-2024)

*Organizing Committee Member*, International Symposium on Urban Design, Designing Urban Design: Towards a Holistic Perspective at METU, Ankara, (2016)

*Ankara Branch, Board Member*, TMMOB Chamber of City Planners (2010- 2012)

*Headquarters Board Member*, 24th Term, TMMOB Chamber of City Planners, (2006-2008)

*Supervisory Board Member*, METU Association of Faculty Members, (2000-2005)

Turkish Education Association

METU Graduates Association

TED Ankara College Foundation Schools Alumni

## **Professional Experience**

### **Founder & Director of the Company**

#### **ESKİZLER Co., Architecture- Urban Design- Consultancy (May 2024- Present Time)**

B.C TASARIM Limited Co., Architecture- Urban Design- Consultancy (May 2005- Present Time) (Co-Founder)

### **Part Time Instructor (2005-Present Time):**

*Bilkent University, Faculty of Architecture, Department of Urban Design & Landscape Architecture (Sept 2023- )*

LAUD 201 Design Studio I

LAUD 401 Design Studio 7

LAUD 471 Urban Sociology

LAUD 372 Analysis of Urban Environment

*METU, Faculty of Architecture, Department of City & Regional Planning (2005- )*

CRP 201 Planning Studio III

CRP 202 Planning Studio IV

*TEDU, Faculty of Architecture, Department of City & Regional Planning (2018-2022)*

CITY 201 Planning Studio I -

CITY 202 Planning Studio II

CITY 213 Regional and Urban Geography

### **Research Assistant (1998- 2005)**

*METU, Faculty of Architecture, Department of City & Regional Planning (1998- 2005)*

CP 101-102 Basic Design Studio

CP 401-402 Planning Studio

CP 201-202 Planning Studio

Computer Aided Design and Applications

Geographic Information Systems (GIS) Applications

### **Consultancy**

TPAO, *Temporary Container Settlements Master Plans*, Adiyaman, Turkey (2023)

Embassy of Italy, *Italian Design Days: SUSTAIN-IT* (2022)

Ministry of Environment, Urbanization & Climate Change, *Urban Design Guidelines Technical Specification Manual*, Konya/ Meram (2021)

Ministry of Environment, Urbanization & Climate Change, *Brief Instruction on Urban Design*, Ankara (2021)

Ministry of Environment, Urbanization & Climate Change, *Notes on Urban Design Education & Training*, Ankara (2021)

### **Expertness**

Ankara District Administrative Court, Urban Planning Court Cases (1999- 2000)

Adana District Administrative Court, Urban Planning Court Cases (1999- 2000)

### **Refereeing**

Journal of the Faculty Architecture - METU, (2010- )

### **References & List of Selected Projects:**

ROKETSAN Ankara Design & Construction Project , Turkey (2023), Employer: ROKETSAN Missile Industries Inc.

WORLD BANK - Integrated Urban Water Management Plan - IUWM - for the Selected Area(s), Kahramanmaraş (2022), Employer: DOLSAR Engineering A.Ş.

Teknopark İzmir South Campus Conceptual Design & Master Plan, Invitational Design Competition, İzmir Teknoloji Geliştirme Bölgesi A.Ş., İzmir (2022)

ROKETSAN Kırklareli İğneada Tesisi UFM Projesi Campus Master Plan & Urban Design Guidelines, Turkey (2021), Employer: ROKETSAN Missile Industries Inc

Meram Urban Atlas, Konya (2021), Employer: EGEPLAN Planlama Ltd. Şti.

Meram Strategy Document, Konya (2021), Employer: EGEPLAN Planlama Ltd. Şti.

Meram Urban Design Guidelines, Konya (2021), Employer: EGEPLAN Planlama Ltd. Şti.

Atatürk Boulevard Revitalization Project, (2019), Employer: MESA Housing Industries Inc.

Bayramoğlu Mixed-Use Development Project, Çayıröva, Kocaeli (2017), Employer: MESA Housing Industries Inc.

MESA – Mixed Use Development Project Design Brief, Antalya (2017), Employer: MESA Housing Industries Inc.

MESA – Mixed Use Development Project, Antalya (2017), Employer: MESA Housing Industries Inc.

MESA – Beach Front Exclusive Resort Design Brief, Bodrum (2016), Employer: MESA Housing Industries Inc.

ROKETSAN Elmadag Campus Master Plan & Urban Design Guidelines, Turkey (2014), Employer: ROKETSAN Missile Industries Inc.

ROKETSAN Lalahan Campus Master Plan & Urban Design Guidelines, Turkey (2014), Employer: ROKETSAN Missile Industries Inc.

TTOPCO Permanent Main Camp Master Plan & Architectural Design Development & Construction Projects, Taq Taq, Erbil, Iraq (2013), Employer: TEPE Construction Industry Inc.

ROKETSAN Campus Master Plans (*different locations/ restricted*) & Architectural Projects (2013-2014-2015), Employer: ROKETSAN Missile Industries Inc.

Siirt University New Campus Area Master Plan & Urban Design Guidelines, Siirt, Turkey (2013), Employer: Siirt University

TTOPCO Permanent Main Camp Master Plan, Taq Taq, Irak (2012), Employer: TTOPCO

Antakya Shopping Mall Architectural Design Project, Antakya, Turkey (2013), Employer: ANTA GROUP Construction Industries Inc.

Ankara Saraçoğlu Neighbourhood Urban Rehabilitation & Revitalization Design Brief, Ankara, Turkey (2012), Employer: MESA Housing Industries Inc.

MESA Cemil Molla Mansion and Environs Design Brief, İstanbul, Turkey (2012), Employer: MESA Housing Industries Inc.

Malatya Province 1/25.000 Scale Strategic Development Research & Planning Studies, Malatya, Turkey (2012), Employer: Malatya Greater Municipality and the Governorship of Malatya

Malatya Province 1/25.000 Scale Conducting Analysis Studies with Geographic Information Systems & Establishing a Database, Malatya, Turkey (2011), Employer: Malatya Governorship and Malatya Greater Municipality

Villa Demirci Architectural Design Project, Ankara, Turkey (2012), Architectural Design Development & Construction Projects, Employer: Cengiz Demirci

Asia Minor Mining Office Building Architectural Design Project, Ankara, Turkey (2012), Architectural Design Development & Construction Drawings, Employer: Asia Minor Mining Industries Inc.

İstanbul Theme Park, Master Plan Proposals, Project Catalog, İstanbul, Turkey (2011), Employer: MESA-KANTUR-AKDAŞ-ARTAŞ-ÖZTAŞ Developer Consortium

İstanbul Theme Park, Design Brief, İstanbul, Turkey (2011), Employer: MESA-KANTUR-AKDAŞ-ARTAŞ-ÖZTAŞ Developer Consortium

İstanbul Theme Park Consultancy, İstanbul, Turkey (2011), Employer: MESA Housing Industries Inc.  
Atakent Theme Park, Conceptual Master Plan, İstanbul, Turkey (2011), Employer: MESA Housing Industries Inc.  
Bahçeşehir Housing Development Project, İstanbul, Turkey (2011), Employer: MESA Housing Industries Inc.  
Benghazi Housing Development Projects, Benghazi, Libya (2011), Employer: ARSEL Construction  
Sivas Shopping Mall, Sivas, Turkey (2008), Employer: Sivas Real Estate Investment  
Siirt University Faculty of Engineering & Architecture Architectural Design Development & Construction Projects, Siirt, Turkey (2010), Employer: Siirt University  
Siirt University Faculty of Education Architectural Design Development & Construction Projects, Siirt, Turkey (2010), Employer: Siirt University  
Siirt University Faculty of Science Architectural Design Development & Construction Projects, Siirt, Turkey (2010), Employer: Siirt University  
Siirt Governor's Office Building, Siirt, Turkey (2009), Employer: Siirt Governorship  
Resneli, Housing Development Project, Küçükçekmece, İstanbul, Turkey (2008), Employer: Prometheus Consultancy  
Kayabaşı Housing Development Project, Küçükçekmece, İstanbul, Turkey (2008), Employer: Prometheus Consultancy  
Hasankeyf Archaeological Park & Open Air Museum Pre-Programming of the Strategic Plan, Hasankeyf, Turkey (2009), Employer: ENCON Consultancy  
Alaçatı Golf Course, Master Plan, İzmir, Turkey (2009), Employer: Alaçatı Tourism Investment & Management Inc.  
Kayabaşı Eco-City Project Küçükçekmece, İstanbul, Turkey (2008), Employer: Prometheus Consultancy  
Siirt University Campus Master Plan & Urban Design Guidelines, Siirt, Turkey (2008), Employer: Siirt University  
Almaty, Housing Development Project, Almaty, Kazakhstan (2007), Employer: MESA Housing Industries Inc.  
Degtyarsk, Urban Design & Development Strategies Preliminary Studies, Russia (2007), Employer: Ural Plastic Construction Industries Inc.  
Aliyev University Campus Master Plan, Baku, Azerbaijan (2006), Employer: Medcon Consultancy  
American University in Sulaimani (AUIS) Campus Master Plan, Iraq (2006), Employer: Medcon Consultancy  
KOYA University Campus Master Plan, Koysancak, Iraq (2005), Employer: Medcon Consultancy  
Çamlıhemşin Town Center Regeneration Project, Rize, Turkey (2005), Employer: Çamlıhemşin Municipality

#### **List of Scientific Researches**

METU 2018-2854, 2018, Asst. Prof. Burak Büyükcivelek, "Yaratıcı Sınıfın Kent Kullanım Pratikleri Üzerine Bir Araştırma: Ankara Teknokent Çalışanları Örneği"  
METU YÖP-202-2018-2850, 2019, Assoc. Prof. Burcu Özdemir Sarı, "Ankara Kentsel Alanında Konut Stoku Boşluk Oranlarının İncelenmesi"  
TUBİTAK 113K026, 2015, Prof. Dr. Serap Kayasü, Mahalle Dönüşümündeki Uygulamalar ve Politikalar  
METU BAP-07-03-2015-010, 2016, Prof. Dr. Tarık Şengül, "Mahalle Sakinlerinin Kentsel Dönüşüm Dinamiklerine Yaklaşımının Değerlendirilmesi: 100.Yıl Mahallesi Örneği"  
METU BAP-02-02-2014-001, 2014, Assoc. Prof. Bahar GEDİKLİ ve Assoc. Prof. Osman BALABAN, "İklim Değişikliği İle Mücadele Ve Uyum Konusunda Kent Yönetimlerinin Etkinliğinin Arttırılması"  
METU BAP-07-02-2012-101-93, 2013, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Nil UZUN, "Change in Tourism Planning Approach in the case of South Antalya Tourism Area"  
TUBİTAK 111K577 2012, Prof. Dr. Murat BALAMİR & Prof. Dr. H. Çağatay KESKİNOK, "Adapazarı Örneğinde İşyerlerinin Afet Sonrası İyileşme Sürecinde Aldıkları Yer Seçim Kararları"  
METU BAP-02-02-2010-02, 2010-2012, Prof. Dr. Çağatay KESKİNOK, "Türkiye'de Erken Cumhuriyet Dönemi Kent

Planlarının İncelenmesi Ve Belgeliğinin Oluşturulması”

METU BAP-08-11-DPT.2010K121500-2, 2011, Assoc. Prof. Bahar GEDİKLİ, “Tatlısu Ekosistemleri Araştırması”

METU BAP 2008-02-02-02, 2008, Prof. Dr. Murat Balamir, “Konut Stokunda Geçmiş Hareketliliklere ilişkin Verilerin Sayısallaştırılması”

METU BAP-08-11-DPT2002K120510, 2006, Assoc. Prof. Serap KAYASÜ, “Ankara Kentinin Tarihsel Kalkınma Süreci Sonrasında Oluşan Mevcut Kentsel Dinamiklerinin İncelenmesi”