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CORE COMPETENCES

Architecture	Design / Research	Project Development	Project Management
Complexity	Data / Program Management	Sustainable Cities	Informality / Urban Management
Entrepreneurship	Leadership / Strategy	Non-Profits / Ethnography	Team Player / Co-ordination
Communications	ArchiCAD / Revit / Visualizations	BIM / GIS / LIDAR / Adobe CC	HTML / CSS / Python / Javascript

PROFILE

Architect and Urbanist with more than 8 years of professional experience in design, project development, and project management. Currently, researching on emergent dynamics and self-organization processes of spatial productions in rapidly growing sub-Saharan African cities, and simultaneously building tools towards sustainable urban futures.

QUALIFICATIONS

PhD (in view)	Architecture / Urban Design	KU Leuven, Belgium	2021
Post Graduate (Predoc)	Urban Projects / Urban Cultures	KU Leuven, Belgium	2017
Post Graduate (M.Eng)	International Project Management	HFT Stuttgart, Germany	2016
MA	Architecture	HS Anhalt, Germany	2014
BSc	Architecture	Imo State University, Nigeria	2005

LANGUAGES

English - native	Igbo - native	German - fluent	Dutch - intermediate
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EMPLOYMENT SUMMARY

IRO Doctoral Researcher	KU Leuven, Belgium	2017 - 2021
MA Architect	Reutter Architekten BDA, Germany	2017
Founding Director	Studio-CVC Limited, Nigeria	2009 - 2012
Project Architect	Günter Retzler International Consulting Limited, Nigeria	2009 - 2012
BSc Architect and National Service	Federal Capital Territory Administration, Nigeria	2008 - 2009

CURRENT EMPLOYMENT

IRO Doctoral Researcher	03/2017 - 02/2021
Department of Architecture, KU Leuven, Belgium	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Conducted field and desk research, managed data, prepared strategic reports, obtained grants, and presented findings in conferences and peer-reviewed publications.Taught graduate design studios, elective courses, and organized research seminar series on architecture and urbanism discourses. Focus on ephemeral spatial productions and urban markets.	

PAST EMPLOYMENT	
<p>MA Architect</p> <p>Reutter Architekten BDA, Stuttgart, Germany</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Design and preparation of approval documents for mixed-use development in the commercial district of Stuttgart, and comprises “workplace of the future” office spaces, and energy efficient facade systems. (GFA of 3,600m²) 	07/2015 - 07/2016
<p>Founding Director</p> <p>Studio-CVC Limited, FCT-Abuja, Nigeria</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Project lead for a high-rise, mixed-use project in central business district of FCT-Abuja. (GFA of 33,000m²). 	03/2009 - 08/2012
<p>Project Architect</p> <p>Günter Retzler International Consulting Limited, FCT-Abuja, Nigeria</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Project lead for a transit oriented, high-rise, mixed-use project along the light rail corridor stops in central business district of FCT-Abuja. (GFA of 75,000m²). 	04/2009 - 08/2012
<p>BSc Architect (National Service)</p> <p>Federal Capital Territory Administration, FCT-Abuja, Nigeria</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Design, budget preparations, monitoring, and supervisions of primary health care centers for the 6 Area councils in FCT-Abuja; at Inspectorate, Planning, and Monitoring department, Area Councils Services Secretariat, FCTA , Abuja. 	02/2008 - 02/2009

VOLUNTARY / NON-PROFIT	
<p>Founding Director</p> <p>CVC Foundation, Orlu, Nigeria (Not-for-Profit)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Developed, designed, and managed the construction of contextualized bus stop prototype, proposed for Nigerian streets. Pilot in FCT-Abuja. Managed programs on public infrastructure improvement, wash facilities, and youth/women empowerment projects (focus on ICT education delivery) in Imo State, Nigeria. 	06/2006 - 08/2012

TEACHINGS / DESIGN CRITIC / SEMINARS	
Tutor - Graduate Studios / Research Electives	
2019	Ephemeral Urban Productivities I, Faculty of Architecture, KU Leuven, Belgium
2018	Ephemeral Urban Productivities II, Faculty of Architecture, KU Leuven, Belgium
2017 - 2020	Research Electives, Faculty of Architecture, KU Leuven, Belgium
Design Critic - Graduate Studios	
2019	Urban Prototypes Design Studio, Urban Think Tank, Chair of Architecture, ETH Zurich, Switzerland.
2018	Thesis Defense, Master of Science in Human Settlements, KU Leuven, Belgium
2017 - 2020	Theses Defense, Master of Science in Architecture, KU Leuven, Belgium
2017	Thesis Defense, Master of Arts in Architecture, DIA, Hochschule Anhalt Dessau, Germany
2015	Thesis Defense, Master of Arts in Architecture, DIA, Hochschule Anhalt Dessau, Germany
2014	Oil Sands Design Studio, Chair of Landscape Architecture, Leibniz Universität Hannover, Germany
Seminars	
2020	Atelier Sud Seminar, Faculty of Architecture, KU Leuven, Belgium
2018	Urban Markets in Emerging Cities Seminar, Faculty of Architecture, KU Leuven, Belgium
2017 - 2019	Beyond Urban Projects Seminars, Faculty of Architecture, KU Leuven, Belgium
2017 - 2019	Fieldwork Research Seminars, Department of Architecture, Imo State University, Nigeria

FIELD WORKS	
2017 - 2020	PhD Research Project, Onitsha Markets, Onitsha, Nigeria
2018	Streetscape Territories Research project, Merkato Addis Ababa, Ethiopia
2017	Streetscape Territories Research Project, Queens, New York, USA

GRANTS, SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS

2019	FWO grant for research stay abroad, Research Foundation - Flanders (FWO), Belgium
2019	Young Researchers Careers' mobility grant, KU Leuven & Vlaamse Regering, Belgium
2018	DATATHINK! grant for Data Research & Ontology course, EPFL, Switzerland
2018	Junior Mobility grant for research stay abroad, KU Leuven & Vlaamse Regering, Belgium
2016 - 2021	Interfaculty Council for Development Cooperation (IRO) doctoral scholarship, KU Leuven, Belgium
2015	Knödel-Decker Stiftung scholarship, Hochschule für Technik (HFT) Stuttgart, Germany
2014	DAAD Preis for best graduating international student, Hochschule Anhalt, Germany
2013 - 2014	STIBET scholarship, Hochschule Anhalt, Germany
2005	Best graduating student, department of architecture, Imo State University, Owerri, Nigeria

PUBLICATIONS

Book Chapter (peer reviewed)

Chukwuemeka, V., Gantois, G., Scheerlinck, K., Onyegiri, I., Schoonjans, Y. (2019). Embodying local identity as heritage in transition The case study of Onitsha markets, Nigeria. In: K. Fouseki, T. Sneve Guttormsen, G. Swensen (Eds.), *Heritage and Sustainable Urban Transformations*, (55-65). London: Routledge. doi: [10.4324/9780429462894](https://doi.org/10.4324/9780429462894)

Conference Proceeding (peer reviewed)

Chukwuemeka, V., Scheerlinck, K., Schoonjans, Y. (2017). Collective Spaces of Informal and Formal Markets as Drivers of Self-Organization Processes of Urban Growth in Emerging Cities: Learning from Onitsha, Nigeria. In: *PUBLIC SPACES FOR LOCAL LIFE Shared values in diversified urban communities as a foundation for participatory provision of local public spaces*, (51-72). Presented at the PUBLIC SPACES FOR LOCAL LIFE Shared values in diversified urban communities as a foundation for participatory provision of local public spaces, Ljubljana, Slovenia, 24 May 2017-26 May 2017. <http://humancities.eu/story/public-space-for-local-life/>

Abstracts/Presentations/Posters

Chukwuemeka C.V., Scheerlinck, K., Schoonjans, Y., Onyegiri, I. (2019). Forms of Collective Adaptations within Emerging Markets: Insights from Onitsha, Nigeria. *SHARELAND Doctoral Colloquium ONA Oerlikon, ETH Zürich, Switzerland*. 06 April, 2019

Chukwuemeka C.V., Scheerlinck, K., Schoonjans, Y., Onyegiri, I. (2019). Development in Informality: Insights from Collective Spaces of Onitsha Markets in Nigeria. *AFRICAN PERSPECTIVE CONFERENCE +12* Faculty of Architecture and the Built Environment, TU Delft, Netherlands. 27-29 March, 2019

Chukwuemeka C.V., Scheerlinck, K., Schoonjans, Y., Onyegiri, I. (2018). Rights to Collective Spaces and Territorial Appropriations in Self-Organized Wealth: Case of Onitsha Markets, Nigeria. *CITY STREET – 3 International Conference*, Notre Dame University – Louaize (NDU), Beirut, Lebanon. 31 October – 03 November, 2018

Chukwuemeka C.V., Scheerlinck, K., Schoonjans, Y., Onyegiri, I. (2018). Informality Through the Local's Eyes: Why Informality? Rethinking the Informal/Formal Misnomer – Case of Onitsha Markets, Nigeria. *THROUGH LOCAL EYES International Conference*. Addis-Ababa, Ethiopia. 29-31 October, 2018

Scheerlinck, K., Paracchini, M., De Schryver, A., Chukwuemeka, V., Teklegiorgis, Y., Feleke, A., Vandenbergh, M., Ahmed, O. (2018). Streetscape Territories: On Site Research & Real-Life Strategies for Merkato, Addis Ababa. In: <https://www.conferenceaddis2018.com>. *THROUGH LOCAL EYES International Conference*. Addis-Ababa, Ethiopia. 29-31 October, 2018

Chukwuemeka, C.V., Scheerlinck, K., Schoonjans, Y., Onyegiri, I. (2017). Understanding the Use of Collective Spaces of Informal and Formal Market Spaces as Emergent Infrastructure: Possibilities and Constraints – the Case of Onitsha Markets, Nigeria. // *International Conference on AFRICAN URBAN PLANNING*. Institute of Geography and Spatial Planning, University of Lisbon, Portugal. 7 – 8 September 2017

Chukwuemeka, C.V., Scheerlinck, K., Schoonjans, Y., Onyegiri, I. (2017). Reading Collective Spaces and Structures of Spatial Autonomy in Self-Organized Wealth; Possibilities and Constraints – the case of Onitsha Markets, Nigeria. *RGS-IBG Annual International Conference 2017. Decolonizing Geographical Knowledge: Opening Geography Out to the World. "Financial Geographies: Trade, Retail and Markets"* RGS-IBG, London, UK. 29 August – 01 September 2017

PORTFOLIO

<https://chukwuemeka.net/portfolio/>

STUDIO PROJECTS

<https://chukwuemeka.net/teachings/>

HOBBIES

Reading, Cycling, Traveling and Golfing