

Curriculum Vitae

Ignacio Urbina
2025

Education

1990 – 1993

Master in Product Engineering

Thesis: "Ergonomic aspects of Banking
Automatization with a User Interface approach"
School of Production and Systems Engineering
Federal University of Santa Catarina, UFSC
Florianopolis, Brazil

Scholarships / Researcher at LBDI
Coordination for the Improvement of Higher Education
Personnel (CAPES), Ministry of Education of Brazil
The National Council for Scientific and Technological
Development (CNPq), Brazil

Fundación Instituto de Ingeniería, Venezuela

1983 – 1987

Industrial Design Degree

Instituto Antonio José de Sucre
Caracas, Venezuela

Other Courses

1995

Workshop: Museum and Museography

Prof. Arq. Josep María Montaner / 40 hours
Museo de Arte Contemporáneo
Caracas, Venezuela

1991

Color in Products

Prof. Petra Kellner / 40 hours
Brazilian Laboratory of Industrial Design LBDI
Florianopolis, Brazil

1990

Design Management

Prof. Federico Hess / 40 hours
Brazilian Laboratory of Industrial Design LBDI
Florianopolis, Brazil

1989

Rendering and Models

Prof. Jorge Gomez Abraham
Specialization / 100 hours
Brazilian Laboratory of Industrial Design LBDI
Florianopolis, Brazil

1988

Bionics Applied to Design

Prof. Fabricio Van den Broeck
Specialization / 200 hours
Brazilian Laboratory of Industrial Design LBDI
Florianopolis, Brazil

Academic and Teaching Experience

2022 – Present

Chairperson

Industrial Design Department
School of Design - Pratt Institute
Brooklyn, New York

2011 – 2022

Full time Faculty / Tenured Professor since 2017

Undergraduate Studios Instructor / GID seminar
Special projects / Sponsored Studios / Workshops / MID
Master of Industrial Design
Industrial Design Department
School of Design - Pratt Institute
Brooklyn, New York

MID Thesis advisor in:

(2023)

Mary Lempres

Reef Rocket: oyster reef structure grown from bio-cement,
designed to promote citizen science monitoring and ma-
rine ecosystem restoration

Luo Shengbai

FlexLight Nesting Tables: Social engagement

Zihao Wang

Movy: The Mover Friendly Furniture

(2022)

Chenqi Zhang

Zero: body measurements for training

Elira Duro

Jemi Nje : We Are One / Digital immigrant facilitator tool

Guanbo (Bert) Liang

Bamboo Ready: A Furniture Formula

Ross Cameron

Wetwork: emergency system for floods in basements

Tengbo Rong

Tree detection tool for children

Yiting Liu

Muu: Comprehensive system for solitary bees in cities

(2021)

Naixin Kang

Remote Mourning & Online Funeral

Asad Jawed Ahmed

Pause and Reflect: Religion and Sustainability

Nan Zhou

Story "Characters", Chinese Language outside China

Yiming Ding

Desk Organizer System

Sophia Yimeng Sun

Watchya: Home Office motivation Tool

Jared Dalcourt

The Neu Normal CBD:

Alleviating Anxiety in the Post Pandemic Environment

(2020)

Alex Thompson

You Are Here: Navigating a City's Narrative

Angie Weixue Zhang

Embarrassment in Gynecology: Redesigning Orientation Kit

Jane Wei Chen Shih

Fresh Food Favor

Logan Good

Sustainable Way:

Cigarette Receptacles Supporting Sustainable Behavior

Martin Sombathy

CMC* Machinery: Creative Construction for Kids.

Tina Haiqi Yu

Phone-lift

(2019)

Alejandro Moyano S.

Empowering the Latin Undocumented Community

Through Design

Xinwei Tang

Sexual Violence: Re-approaching the Rape Kit

Josh Bird

Urban Showers: Hygiene In the Shared Economy

Brandon Terrier

Protein by fish

(2018)

Paul Gulla

Design for Parkinson.

Sylwia Karwowska

Street Cart as a Vehicle of Cultural Identity

Sam Cottom

Squandered Sparks

Kim, Richenna

Food on Airplanes

(2017)

Jonathan Roberts

The Helsinki Program:

an Office of American Design initiative

Caitlin McIver

Seeing inside myself:

children understanding leukemia through products

Alyssa Kuhns

Responsive boundaries: activating walls in domestic space

Tom Jamieson

En-gage: a proposal for scaffolding structures in NYC

Loreta Haaker

Tune Out: objects for mindful procrastination at work

Hannah Trimble

Mutualistic Design: Hudson and East rivers

John Jaminson

Luminaries for micro living spaces

(2016)

Seung Min Oh

Design for parents and pediatric

patients in the hospital patient room

Alexis Burstein

Hot Flash: personal experiences in private and public

(2015)

Kate Neely

True to form

Sebastian Jacobo

Sensible geometry: information into physical form

Keith Holser

One moment please: creating unique

moments within user/product interaction

Desireé Guedez

Do not touch: a visual and tactile experimentation

Sean Fogarty

Sight unseen: using anticipation to

create interest in an impending reveal

Megan Czaja

Subtle play: creating a playful adulthood

Woojin Chung

Metonymy design: "products inspired by nature"

(2014)

Sunnie Hwang

Calming distractions: a designer's approach to anxiety

Anthony Villanacci

Consider this: discovering experiential opportunity in

product interactions

Juhi Solanki

On your own time

Alexander Smith

Pattern recognition:

exploring the use of ideal types as a design tool

Jennifer A. Parker

Softening the edges: an exploration of analog aesthetics, communication, and experience in the digital era

Leah Johnstone-Mosher

De-programming: from consumption to engagement

Lisa F. Dudley

Tracing light: capturing natural light's ephemeral

and temporal qualities in the built environment

(2013)

Carolina Pabón-Escobar

Transformational connections

Claudia Carina Meyer

Sweat it out: running apparel for women

Daniel Greifinger

Expression through design:

armor, fashion, and the art of expression

Bonamici Thomas

The cook's dance: the choreography of the domestic

kitchen

Fahmida Aguayo

Small spaces smart solutions

Committees and Service at Pratt Institute:

Member of the Provost Council as ID Chair, 2023

Graduate MID Selection Committee, 2012 - 2023

Elected Senate ID Representative, 2019 - 2022

Global Grad Show attendance Dubai, 2019

Chair, Search Committee Head of the Dept., 2015

Committee of Dismissal, 2015

Chair, Search Committee for Tenure-Track Faculty, 2015 / 19

Selection Student IDSA NYC, 2016

Sophomore New Curriculum Development, 2016

ID Curriculum Committee, 2017 - 2022

Exhibition for NASAD and Middle State NYC, for the

National Accreditation of the ID program, 2015 / 2018

2014

Visiting Professor / Master Curriculum Reviewer

Residence Program - School of Industrial Design

Jorge Tadeo Lozano University

Bogotá, Colombia

2012

Assessment Expert

Design by Experience - PhD Thesis

Methods and Techniques in Industrial and Graphic Design

Doctoral Program - Polytechnic University of Valencia

Valencia, Spain

2011

Expert Collaboration

The Kaleidoscope Project

Engage by Design, Sustainable Design Research

University of Brighton

Brighton, England

2004 – 2010

General Director

Prodiseño

School of Visual Communication and Design

Caracas, Venezuela

2010

Visiting Professor

Design Studio / Master in Product Development.

Industrial Design School of Los Andes University

Mérida, Venezuela

Polytechnic University of Valencia

Valencia, Spain

2007

Visiting Professor

Senior Course: Biomimetics

Industrial Design School of Los Andes University

Mérida, Venezuela

1996 – 2010

Professor

Junior Design Studio Design, 1996 - 2010

Senior Capstone Studio, 2000 - 2010

Advisory Board Member, 2010 - Present

Member of the Director's Board, 1999 - 2010

Prodiseño - School of Visual Communication and Design

Caracas, Venezuela

Work Experience. Selected Projects

2024

Wearable Device

Visiting Expert / Interwoven

Brooklyn, US

2022

Cocuy Glass Bottle

Collaboration Magno Cocuy

Caracas, Venezuela

2018

Betterbin Design Competition

Collaboration with Combo Colab
New York City, US

2016 – 2018

Head of Design / Advisor

Design for Elderly Products
Nuverzs
Miami, US

2014

Independent Industrial Designer

Scopio. FotoCheck USB, Product Design
T&T International Group
Caracas, Venezuela
Miami, US

2010 – 2013

Invited Designer / Advisor

Industrial Design Projects.
Mobility + Advanced Design Expertise [MADE]
Buenos Aires, Argentina

2014

Design Consultant

Industrial design and ergonomic aspects, as part of
a semiotics study for a product.
Space Doctors
London, England

2007 – 2023

Member and Founder / Advisory Committee

Iberoamerican Design Biennial.
Madrid, Spain

2002 – 2007

Founder and Co-editor

www.objetual.com
Venezuelan Design Network
Caracas, Venezuela

2005 – 2010

Industrial Design Coordinator

National Architectural and Design Museum
National Museums Foundation - Ministry of Culture
Caracas, Venezuela

2002

Industrial Design Advisor

Caracas Science Museum
Caracas, Venezuela

1999 – 2011

Founder, Partner, and Project Director

Metaplug Design Studio and Product Development
Caracas, Venezuela

Selected Projects:

Signage Systems, UCV - Edelca.
Newspaper Kiosks, Bigott.
Habitacles Petroleum Traveling Exhibition, Pdvs.
Restaurant Design: SOMA Café, Destefano Café.
Public and street market trucks and display.
Urban Display:
Scientific Exposition, Science Museum of Caracas.

1993 – 1997

Independent Industrial Designer

Selected Projects in Collaboration:

Signage System and Exterior Surfaces, 1997
Collaboration with Arch. Marcel Erminy
Hydroelectrical Complex Macagua II,
Edelca - Corporación Venezolana de Guayana [CVG]
Puerto Ordaz, Venezuela

Surveillance Cabin System, 1996

Experimental Construction Institute of Construction
Development [IDEC]
Universidad Central de Venezuela
Unesco World Heritage - Architecture
Caracas, Venezuela

Newspaper Kiosk Concept, 1996

Urban Furniture Competition for Coro and La Vela
Unesco World Heritage - Cities
Collaboration with Arch. Marcel Erminy
Runner-up
Caracas, Venezuela

Exhibition, 1995

'Behind the objects: Venezuelan Industrial Design'
Curation and Exhibition Design
Co-Curator Arq. Alberto Sato
Collaboration with Arch. Marcel Erminy
Centro de Arte La Estancia - PDVSA.
Caracas, Venezuela

Signage System, 1993

Caracas Botanical Garden
Fundación Jardín Botánico de Caracas
Sponsored: Fundación Empresas Polar
Caracas, Venezuela

1987 – 1993

Designer - Researcher

Brazilian Laboratory of Industrial Design - LBDI
National Council of Research and Development
Florianopolis, Brazil
Activities: Product design and development,
Design Research, design events organization.
Selected Projects:
Automatic Newspaper Seller, Children Plates Kit,
Integrated Communication System (Resp. Gui
Bonsiepe Competition "Design The Future" Japan 1991),
Odontologic Chair, Urban Furniture, Research on artisanal
boats from southern Brazil, Protection Gear and Equipment,
Wood tools, etc.

1990 – 1992

Thesis Advisor / Expert

Master of Mechanical Engineering
Laboratory of Prototypes. Prof. Nelson Back
Santa Catarina Federal University UFSC
Florianopolis, Brazil

Selected Lectures, Talks

2024

At the Edges of Industrial Design

Industrial Design Graduate program UNAM
CDMX, Mexico

The Future of Objects

Design Academy. Ucab/Prodiseño
Caracas, Venezuela

Standing While Seated: Notes on Context, Process, and Narratives in Furniture Design

THREE: Furtinure Competition / Fundación Espacio
Caracas, Venezuela

2023

At the Edges of Industrial Design

Industrial Design Graduate program UNAM
CDMX, Mexico

Ecology of products, Techno-nature, and Bio-narratives

DAE Diseño Argentino Exponencial
British Council and Fundación Bunge y Born
Buenos Aires, Argentina

Industrial Design at Pratt Institute

Escuela de Diseño
Universidad Católica de Chile
Facultad de Arquitectura, Arte y Diseño
Universidad Diego Portales
Santiago, Chile

At the Edges of Industrial Design:

Industrial Design and Space

Diplomado "La Arquitectura como Profesión Hoy
STA / FAU - UCV
Caracas, Venezuela

2022

Humanless Objects

Posthumanism Lecture Series
Columbia University
New York, US

Objects in the Hacienda: Vision and Future

Hacienda la Trinidad Parque Cultural
Caracas, Venezuela

The body, objects, and space

Design School
UCAB - Universidad Católica Andrés Bello
Caracas, Venezuela

2021

Singular Insipience

Notes on Industrial Design in Venezuela
The Bartlett School of Architecture / UCL
London, UK

El Proyecto y la Emergencia:

Notas sobre Futuro y Diseño

Inaugural Conference
Isthmus University, School of Architecture and Design
Panama City, Panama

2020

Design, Emergency and Future

dRD Inaugural Conference of the Design Biennial
Sto Domingo, Dominican Republic

2019

Design for the Context or Critical Form

FAU-UCV / Hacienda la Trinidad Parque Cultural / Prodiseño
Caracas, Venezuela

2018

Design Issues

TEC de Monterrey Campus Guadalajara
Guadalajara, Mexico

Design Tensions

Design School ARTEDIEZ
Iberoamerican Design Biennial BID18
Madrid, Spain

5 atractores del Diseño en la Ciudad

Challenge de Once a Once
Iberoamerican Design Biennial BID18
Madrid, Spain

Industrial Design in Tension

School of Architecture FAU
Universidad Central de Venezuela - UCV
Caracas, Venezuela

El Diseño Industrial y la Innovación en lo cotidiano

IESA Instituto de Estudios Superiores de Administración
Caracas, Venezuela

Territorio de las Ideas en lo Cotidiano

EXPOMODII 2018
Panama City, Panama

2016

Design Attractors

ESNE University of Design, Innovation and Technology
Madrid, Spain

Territories of Design

Centro de Arte Los Galpones
Caracas, Venezuela

2015

Design Scenarios

School of Industrial Design, EAFIT University
Medellín, Colombia

The Territory of Ideas

School of Architecture, Art, and Design
Rafael Landívar University
Guatemala City, Guatemala

Territories of Industrial Design

School of Architecture
TAMU Texas A&M University
Texas, US

Design Spaces

Dual Residences - Lecture Series
MAD The Museum of Art and Design
New York, US

2014

The Territory of Ideas

School of Design
Catholic University Asunción
Asunción, Paraguay

Territory of ideas

School of Design
Jorge Tadeo Lozano University
Bogotá, Colombia

The Field of design ideas

Architecture Week - Intermittent Realities
School of Architecture
Simón Bolívar University
Caracas, Venezuela

2013

Spaces of Design

Elisava School of Design
Barcelona, Spain

Living Design

Organization and Scientific Committee
Isthmus University, School of Design
Panamá City, Panamá

Spaces for Design

World Industrial Design Day Lectures - WDO / ICSID
Antonio José de Sucre Technological Institute
School of Industrial Design
Caracas, Venezuela

2012

Design: Practice, Teaching and Promoting

Morphogenesis Congress
School of Industrial Design - Veritas University
San José, Costa Rica

2011

Critical Scenarios for Design

A+D Conecta Design
School of Architecture and Industrial Design
Pereira Catholic University
Pereira, Colombia

Design Practice

CEDIM SummerStars
Centro de Estudios Superiores de Diseño de Monterrey
School of Industrial Design
Monterrey, Mexico

2010

Doing Design: Industrial Design in Venezuela

School of Arts and Humanities - Industrial Design
Pamplona University
Pamplona, Colombia

Areas of Action and Fields of Design

Diarquitec Congress
Innovation and Sustainability
Margarita, Venezuela

2009

Everyday Complexity

Live Innovation Forum - Design Avenue ICSID - TEC
School of Industrial Design
Monterrey Institute of Technology
Monterrey, Mexico

2008

Venezuelan Design

Round Table - Iberoamerican Design Biennial
Madrid, Spain

2007

Social Design: Three Areas in Venezuela

Social Design International Forum
Instituto D'Amanha
São Paulo, Brazil

Virtual Objects: A path of the Atoms to Bits

I National Meeting of Research in Architecture, Graphic
Design and Urbanism - Universidad del Zulia
Maracaibo, Venezuela

2006

Virtual Objects | PD 15

Latin American Congress on Design Education
Palermo University
Buenos Aires, Argentina

Deciding on the table:

Experiences on negotiating design projects

1st. Meeting for the Industrial Designer
School of Industrial Design - Los Andes University
Mérida, Venezuela

Practice of Industrial Design

CIEM Encounter of Science and Industry
Eureka Foundation
Caracas, Venezuela

2005

Industrial Design in Venezuela Facing the XXI Century

'We are the Best' Congress
El Carabobeño Newspaper
Valencia, Venezuela

Virtual Objects

Inter-institutional Meeting of Industrial Design
Industrial Design School of Los Andes University
Mérida, Venezuela
Polytechnic University of Valencia
Valencia, Spain

2003

Industrial Design Portafolio Venezuela

INTEC Technological Institute of Santo Domingo
St. Domingo, Dominican Republic

2001

From Object to Interface

Design Congress - Universidad del Zulia
Maracaibo, Venezuela

Is it possible to do Design?

Innovation and Product Design
Conindustria - National Confederation of Industries
Caracas, Venezuela

Participation in Workshops, Panels, Boards, Reviews

2024

Conference: What's Around Design?

Member of the Scientific Committee
Portimão, Portugal

2nd Forum Research / Design

Leader of the Strategic Committee
Ibero-America Designs
Madrid, Spain

2023

12th International Conference Senses & Sensibility'23, Design and Complexity

Member of the Scientific Committee
Málaga, Spain

Round Table

Design: WHERE ARE YOU GOING?

Design Schools - Universities
SaloneSatellite / Salone del Mobile
Milano, Italy

Curriculum Reviewer

Industrial Design Program
Otis School of Art and Design
Los Angeles, US

Expert Reviewer

Revista 180
Universidad Diego Portales
Santiago, Chile

2021

Event Opening Words

Innovation Round Table Moderator

Member of Scientific Committee
9th Education and Design Summit
Iberoamerican Design Biennial
Madrid, Spain

Design of Our World Series

A conversation between 3 Design School

Coordinator Pratt Institute / NYC, US
ENSCI Les Ateliers / Paris, France
PUCPe / Lima, Peru

Member of the External Career Council

School of Industrial Design
Pontificia Universidad Católica de Perú - PUCPe
Lima, Peru

DeSigno Magazine

Scientific Committee Member
Universidad de los Andes
Mérida, Venezuela

2020

Challenge: Design for the Elderly

A project with 35 design schools
Coordinator. Iberoamerican Design Biennial BID20
Madrid, Spain

Proyecta56 An Industrial Design Journal

Scientific Committee Member and Advisor
Universidad de Cádiz
Malaga, Spain

Practice, Education and Dissemination

Advocacy in Design
Pratt Virtual Scholars Panel organized by the School of Design for the 15th International Conference on Design Principles & Practices
Brooklyn, NY

2019

Workshop: Biofutures

School of Design / School of Engineering
TEC de Monterrey, Campus Toluca
Toluca, Mexico

2018

Workshop: Academic Leaders Program

School of Architecture, Art, and Design
TEC de Monterrey Campus Guadalajara
Guadalajara, Mexico

Taller del Mar

International Workshop

Isthmus University, School of Design
San Blas Kuna indigenous community
Panama City, Panama

2018

Dialogues - Round Table

Design of Sustainable Solutions
Spain Embassy
Havana, Cuba

Hyper Hybrid

Invited Professor / Co-Teach w/ Constantin Boym
WantedDesign's Design School workshop
forceMAJEURE - Industry City
Brooklyn, US

2016

Bicycle Alive

12 International Design Workshop
Isthmus University, School of Architecture and Design
Panama City, Panama

2015

International workshop

Innovation: nature and Design
Department of Engineering and Product Design
School of Engineering
EAFIT University
Medellín, Colombia

Biomimicry Workshop

School of Design and Architecture
Rafael Landívar University
Guatemala City, Guatemala

2014

Nature in Design Workshop

School of Design
Catholic University of Asunción
Asunción, Paraguay

Organization / Member of Scientific Committee

Iberoamerican Design Biennial BID
Madrid, Spain

2013

The Container, International Workshop

Isthmus University, School of Architecture and Design
Panama City, Panama

Biomimicry Fundamentals

Elisava School of Design
Barcelona, Spain

2012

Biomimicry and Design

Morphogenesis Congress
Veritas University, School of Design
San José, Costa Rica

2009

Invited Project Leader

Design Avenue - Interdesign MTY '09
WDO - World Design Organization (former ICSID)
School of Architecture, Art, and Design
Tecnológico de Monterrey
Monterrey, Mexico

Jury Member. Exhibition Curatorship

2024

BDA Brasil Design Award: Designed in Brasil

International Jury Member
São Paulo, Brazil

THREE: Furniture Competition

International Jury Member / Fundación Espacio
Caracas, Venezuela

2021

NoMATERIA 2020: Balance

Curation, Organization and Design
Venezuela Industrial Design Exhibition
Brooklyn, US

2021

Terium Caracas Competition:

Buildable ideas to park bicycles at FAU - UCV
Member of the Jury
Caracas, Venezuela

2019

BID_ve2019

Traveling Exhibition - Iberoamerican Design Biennial

Curation, Organization
Hacienda la Trinidad Parque Cultural
Caracas, Venezuela

2017

NoMATERIA 2012 - 2017: Build the Future

Curation, Organization and Design
Venezuela Industrial Design Exhibition
Pratt Institute / Brooklyn, US
7 al Cubo Store / Caracas, Venezuela

New World Exhibition:

Visions through the Ibero-American Design Biennial 2008 - 2016

Selection Board Member
MUDE Design and Fashion Museum
Lisbon, Portugal

2014

Observateur du Design Awards

International Expert Jury
National Design Awards
APCI Agence pour la Promotion de la Création Industrielle
Paris, France

2012

NoMATERIA Exhibition

Museo de la Estampa y el Diseño Carlos Cruz-Diez
Design Exhibition / Curator
Caracas, Venezuela

“Caracas a Pedal”

Member of the Jury
Ideas for the use of bicycles in Caracas
Mayor of Caracas Office
Caracas, Venezuela

2007 – 2010

Competition “The young industrial designer”

Member of the Jury
Eureka Foundation.
Caracas, Venezuela

2002 – 2007

Design Excellence Brazil 2010

Selection Board Member
Curitiba, Brazil

2001

Pulso Design Selection

An inventory of Design made in Venezuela
Printed and on-line publication
Complot Magazine / www.objetual.com
Caracas, Venezuela

1998

Student Competition “The product of the Millennium”

Member of the Jury
BP / PDVSA
Caracas, Venezuela

Published Articles, Selected Texts

2023

Talleres de trabajo experimental en Biomimética en Pratt Institute

Book: MAP RESEARCH BIONICS Transdisciplinary Ecosystems in Bionics, Biodesign and Biomimicry: Scientific and technological aspects for a design culture. Edited by Amilton Arruda / Blucher
São Paulo, Brazil

Design in the Posthuman

Papel Literario
El Nacional newspaper
Caracas, Venezuela

2022

Narrative, form, interdiscipline and future in design teaching

Design and Creation Observatory
School of Architecture and Design
Jorge Tadeo Lozano University
Bogotá, Colombia

2019

Social design as a Relevant Discourse

‘Unfolding: Education and Design for Social Innovation’
Publication by University CENTRO
Mexico City, Mexico

2017

Tension in the Borders

Commissioned text for the catalog of the exhibition
New World - Visions through the Ibero-American
Design Biennial. 2008-2016
MUDE Design and Fashion Museum
Lisbon, Portugal

2014 – 2015

Design articles - Collaborator

Proyecto 56 - Design Magazine
Pratt: The Forms of the Things, 2015
The DIY: From protest to disruptive design, 2014
Málaga, Spain

2014

Visible Territory

Commissioned text for the catalog of the exhibition
Iberoamerican Design Biennial BID14
Madrid, Spain

2013

NoMATERIA: the value of industrial design

Disclosure experiences in digital media
Journal of Communication N°157 - Indexed Publication
Venezuela Studies of Communication
Caracas, Venezuela

Design Articles - Associated Editor

Too much “less is more”
Territory of the idea
Ecology of artifacts
Design: the future container
MONO - Art and Design Magazine
Caracas, Venezuela

2012 – 2014

Articles - Collaborator

The Sugar Lab:
3D Print and geometric dosage of sugar. 2014
Flare Line:
Space Engineering in the design of pots and pans. 2014
Industrial Design: NoMATERIA. 2012
Paladares - Gastronomic Magazine
Margarita, Venezuela

2012

Know and Calculate the Reality: 5 Points

DNI18 - International Design Magazine
El Clarín Newspaper
Buenos Aires, Argentina

Teaching Design: Actions in Real Time

4to. Meeting of Teaching and Design
Iberoamerican Design Biennial Catalog
Madrid, Spain

2011

Decalogue

75 Decalogues from Latino-American Designers
Proyecto Diseño - Design and Architectural Magazine
Bogotá, Colombia

Design articles - Collaborator

Miniaturization: design operations
Topography of objects
Interfaces: space for design
Experimenta Design Magazine
Madrid, Spain

2008

Design to the Limit

¿What is Industrial Design?

City of Sun Magazine ISSN: 1856-8297
Articles - Editorial Committee Member
National Architectural Museum
Caracas, Venezuela

2006

Virtual objects. A path of the atoms to Bits

Proceedings of Design ISSN 1850-2032
1st. Latin American Design Meeting
Palermo University
Buenos Aires, Argentina

2002 – 2004

Articles - Collaborator

Visual Communication and Objects. 2004
Profession: Industrial Designer. 2003
The Curves in Design. 2002
Logotipos - Design Magazine
Caracas, Venezuela

1996 – 1997

Articles - Collaborator
Venezuela hidden behind the industrial design. 1996
Graphics on Products. 1997
Estilo - Art and Design Magazine
Caracas, Venezuela

1994 – 1997

Editorial Committee Member / Collaborator

Architecture and Design Section
Economy Today - National Newspaper
Caracas, Venezuela

Selected articles:

Industrial design and product semantics, 1994
Tomás Maldonado: Design in the Third World, 1994
Rethinking the environment is also a design task, 1994
Industrial Design in Brazil, 1994
Bionics: rescue of natural systems, 1994
Ergonomics takes a new direction, 1994
Yellow Pages Endeavour: Floating Mill, 1994
Diversity is not Adversity, 1994
Where is the traffic light?, 1994
Research and design:
an experience of Applied Bionics, 1994
Curves of Design, 1995
Piracy, 1995
Hot Air, 1995
Industrial design: a multidirectional aspect, 1996
Small Objects, 1996
Street furniture: some considerations, 1997

Selected Media, Press

2024

Episode 31: Ignacio Urbina

Interview with Inés Espinal
Luz Es Lo Que Se Ve
Dialogue about industrial design, design in Ibero-America, Pratt Institute, and design in Venezuela.
Caracas, Venezuela

Q&A with Biomimicry Expert Ignacio Urbina Polo

Interview with Rebeccah Pailles-Friedman & Meghan Day
Insight / Interwoven Design Group
Brooklyn, NYC

2023

Pratt Shows 2023:

Pratt Institute Graduates at New York
Design Week by Luján Cambariere
Experimenta Magazine
Madrid, Spain

2020

Let's humanize "the user"

Interview by Fanny Krivoy
Project Inclusion series by Studio Analogous
New York, US

NoMATERIA

The wide range of Venezuelan industrial design
Cinco8 Journal
Caracas, Venezuela

2019

Interview to Ignacio Urbina Polo

Interview by Nelson Rivera
El Nacional newspaper
Caracas, Venezuela

2018

Curatorship, Art, and Design (II): NoMATERIA

by Humberto Valdivieso
El Nacional newspaper
Caracas, Venezuela

Opening Reception

NoMATERIA 2012-2017 / Build the Future
Pratt Institute News
Brooklyn, US

2017

HyperHybrid Workshop

The 2017 WantedDesign International
Student Workshop
core77.com
New York, US

2015

Interview: Designing with Limited Resources

Inset: Health up Today. El Nacional Newspaper
Caracas, Venezuela

Interview: The beauty of the useful

Sunday Magazine. El Nacional Newspaper
Caracas, Venezuela

2014

Interview: Dissident

Proyecto Diseño - Design and Architectural Magazine
Bogotá, Colombia

2013

Review: NoMATERIA, Mapping of Design and National Industry

Habitat Plus - Design Magazine. Vol. 6 - N°51
Caracas, Venezuela

2012

Interview: An art in a career

Habitat Plus - Design Magazine. Vol. 5 - N°44
Caracas, Venezuela

2011

Interview: From industrial design impetus to the rise of objects author

Spaces Inset. El Nacional Newspaper
Caracas, Venezuela

2010

Elastic design: Portfolio 2010

Brilliant minds
Club Magazine Vol. 10 N°48
Valencia, Venezuela

Ignacio Urbina: Innovative Prototype

CG Latin Magazine
Caracas, Venezuela

Interview: Design to Live Better

Inset: Health up Today. El Nacional Newspaper
Caracas, Venezuela

Interview: Ignacio Urbina from Venezuela

Latin American Design Network by Jorge Montaña
Bogotá, Colombia

2007

Iberoamerican designers share a common space for dialogue Iberoamerican Design Biennial

Logotipos - Design Magazine
Caracas, Venezuela

2005

Interview: When the design looks in an absolute way

analitica.com portal by Nayrobis Rodríguez
DecoNews - Design and Architecture Magazine
Caracas, Venezuela

2002

Magazine Kiosk

Projects by Metaplug
DecoNews - Design and Architecture Magazine
Caracas, Venezuela

2001

Metaplug: a Venezuelan Industrial Design Studio

Logotipos - Design Magazine. Vol. 1 N°5
Caracas, Venezuela

Professional Membership Affiliations

Since 2023

ID Ibero-American Design Association

Founder member

Since 2019

IDSA - Industrial Designers Society of America

Other Activities

2009 – Present

www.di-conexiones.com

Founder and Principal Editor
A resource platform for industrial design
Caracas, Venezuela / Brooklyn, US

2006 – 2009

Piano Classes

Instructors:
Jazz pianist Antonio Mazzei
Academic pianist Adela Barreto
Caracas, Venezuela

2004 – 2007

Musical Theory, Harmony, and Assembly Courses

Caracas Jazz School / Taller de Jazz Caracas
Caracas, Venezuela

2004 – 2005

Saxophone Theory and practice courses

IUDEM. Superior Institute of Musical Studies
Instructor:
Saxofonist Pablo Gil
Caracas, Venezuela

Languages

Spanish: Native language

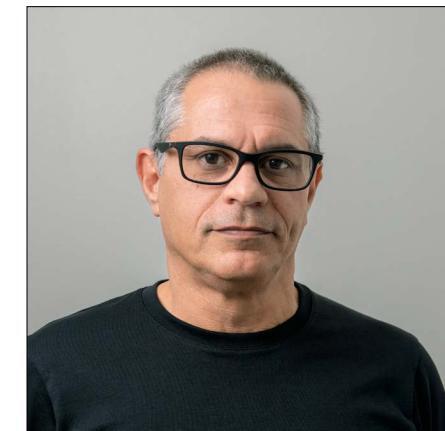
English: Fluent

Portuguese: Fluent

Italian: Limited working

French: Limited working

German: Elementary



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