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David Calas is an architect, urbanist, educator, and founder of the multidisciplinary firm “Studio Calas” based in Vienna. His professional and academic work navigates the intersecting realms of sustainable architecture, urban transformation, rural revival, socio-cultural dynamics, and participatory design, embracing multiscale interventions.

Prior to this position, he was a guest professor at the Free University of Bozen-Bolzano, Italy, within the Master of Eco-Social Design program from 2021 to 2023. He was involved as a visiting lecturer at the German University Cairo/Campus Berlin (2020-2021) and as a lecturer at the Technical University of Vienna – Faculty of Architecture and Planning (2011-2019).

## Education

MA (hons), Architecture and Planning, TU Vienna, 2008  
Doctoral Thesis (hons), TU Vienna, 2019

## Work

Member of the Austrian Chamber of Architects  
Auditor for sustainable building certification ÖGNI/DGNB  
Leading position in international architectural offices (2008-2016)

## Research Interests

The theory-based, research-driven but practice-oriented modus operandi focuses on sustainable strategies, eco-social transformation, socio-cultural understanding and the reflection of the built impact on our perceived and non-perceived natural environment. Current research interests revolve around the topics of affordable housing, socio urbanism and conscious urban food production.

## Selected Research

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