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Dunja Karcher's work focuses on resilient design and applied research. As an architect and educator she emphasizes the holistic view, which may range from urban planning scale to building detail; from genius loci to social and economic boundary conditions.

She lays importance on mediation of judgmental capacity in the aesthetic perception. She endeavors to provide students with a sense of appropriateness in their actions, and to consider human scale as the main focus of their work.

## Education

Prof Dunja Karcher graduated in architecture from the Technical University of Munich (TUM) in 1993. She holds a Ph.D equivalent in Green Building Design from the Technical University Munich (TUM), under the supervision of Professor Hermann Schroeder.

## Work

Member of the Bavarian Chamber of Architects

Since 1997 she acted as leading architect for the planning team Karcher/Jammernegg/Kohman Architects GbR. in Munich, in the Office for Architecture and Interior Design, Landscape and Urban Planning: Housing, Schools, Healthcare and Industry Projects.

From 2011 to 2016 she held both a professorship in Architectural Design and Mentoring, as well as a professorship in Architectural Design and Building Construction (from 2009 to 2010) - these at the Munich University of Applied Sciences (MUAS) in Germany. From 2004 to 2008 she performed in numerous lecturing, visiting professorship and cooperative positions, these in several German and international universities.

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2020 – present: External Consultant for the excavations in Asswan, Egypt  
DAI The German Archaeological Institute Cairo.

2017 – present: Research projects, consulting and workshops within the Institute Make-Contact e.V. - Institute for Cooperation in Design Process - Promoting university-collaboration between Germany and the Middle East

### **Research Interests**

- Forward-looking housing and settlement concepts; sustainable construction and social housing; resilience strategies for architectural design and building construction.
- Vernacular architecture and building development, planning and building with clay and natural materials.
- Learning from the spontaneous; informal settlements.
- Utilization of unused urban space, urban resilience strategies.
- Lifelong learning; development of "new" sustainable impulses for studying, learning and teaching.

### **Selected Research**

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