

IRIS TJOA

all about the creative.

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About

I consider myself a multi-religious feminist and pacifist. I balance at the junction between design and the humanities and I am a passionate yogi, chef and outdoors adventurer.

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Experience

writer & designer

IRIS TJOA CREATIVES | January 2020 - Present | The Hague, The Netherlands

Creative writer of short stories, articles and poetry for a number of clients. Author of the poetry novel *laten we liefde*, published in April 2020. In *laten we liefde* I write about love in an era that is marked by modern challenges. As a scholar of religious sciences I am invested in conflict studies in the field of religion and I am particularly involved in Indonesian history and colonial discourse. My ideologies have sprung from my own sex, mixed race and spiritual convictions. I am committed to actively contribute to a society that listens to repressed voices and strives for human rights equality. Decolonisation therefore, is a central theme in my writings and inquiries. I deem self-reflexivity a highest good and aim to facilitate an academic space in which all positions are taken into consideration.

As an architecture graduate, I have always beheld a fascination for creativity and design. The designer is the translator between the imagined and the depicted, and carries out research through design. It is a continuous tension in unraveling the ends of the customer - whether a private individual, a municipality or an NGO - and offering the means. Visualisation and aesthetics play an undeniable role in the conviction of an audience - what I wish to achieve is my work to appeal to the imagination. I am employed in graphic design, interior, webdesign, film and the arts.

Visionair

EMOENA | January 2021 - Present | Amsterdam, The Netherlands

Employed by Emoena's program. Currently redesigning and rewriting Emoena's vision, marketing strategy, website and graphics. Emoena is a platform that facilitates interreligious dialogue and that offers traineeships for religious leaders to help build bridges between the secular and the interfaith realm.

architect

TU DELFT | 2016 - 2017 | Delft, The Netherlands

Stylos Pavilion Project, celebrating 175 years of TU Delft; a pavilion was designed by a dreamteam of 9 students, set on campus. I was the working architect on the project.

model & hostess

HSU, LOCAL HEROES, STREETMODELS, MODELS AT WORK, VAN KLEYN & GROOT CASTING, VOSSE ENTERTAINMENT, MAX MODELS, CALVIN KLEIN, ANF ETC. | 2006 - 2020

I worked from childhood on as a model for the fashion, f&b and event industry. I have modeled for, organised and





Software

adobe

Photoshop _____
Lightroom _____
Indesign _____
Illustrator _____

affinity

Designer _____
Photo _____
Publisher _____

autodesk

Revit _____
Autocad _____

rhino

Rhinoceros _____
Grasshopper _____

wordpress

Wordpress _____
Elementor _____

other

Sketch-up _____
Logic X Pro _____
Vyond _____
V-ray _____

hosted extraordinary events all over the world.

human resources manager

UWV, ANF LONDON, PARIS AND AMSTERDAM | 2012 - 2015

I have worked as a manager in the field of human resources conducting job interviews, traveling to other branches to evaluate work ethics, initiate coaching for employees, and managing the accountants office and salaries.

Education

peace, trauma & religion

MRES MASTER | Faculty of Theology & Religious studies | 2020 - Present | Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam

Religion is often used to incite violent conflicts, but at the same time, it is one of the strongest ethical and spiritual resources for conflict resolution and transitional justice. This Master's programme explores and teaches the knowledge, skills and insights in the growing field of peace and conflict studies. Courses in Hermeneutics, Peace, Trauma, Mindfulness and Classic theology, and Reconciliation. My writing method entails mainly post-colonial theory and gender logics and focuses on diasporic minorities in the Netherlands.

architectural engineering

MSC MASTER | Faculty of Architecture & The Built Environment | 2018 - 2020 | Technical University Delft

The Architecture track draws on the rich architectural culture of the Netherlands from Berlage to Koolhaas. Teaching encourages students to develop creative and innovative building projects that use design as a means to deal with the technical, social and spatial challenges encountered in the built environment. Courses in Architectural Philosophy, Sustainability, Design, Modernity, Architectural Heritage, the STIJL-movement. Thesis on *DE STIJL - music as a Modern art*, focus on the relations between creative disciplines, with emphasis on architecture and music.

architecture, urbanism & building sciences

MSC BACHELOR | Faculty of Architecture & The Built Environment | 2014 - 2018 | Technical University Delft

Courses in Architectural history, Design, Project Management, Building Engineering, Landscape Architecture and Urbanism. Thesis on *defining adaptive capacity in buildings and design as an academic discipline*.

automotive design

BACHELOR MINOR | Faculty of Industrial Design | 2017 - 2018 | Technical University Delft

Courses in Human Mobility, Automotive Styling, Automotive Technology, Mobility Systems Design, and Automotive Skills.



cambridge advanced english

CAE PROFICIENCY LEVEL C2 | British Council Amsterdam | 2019

human resources

MINI MBA | London School of Excellence | 2013

Languages

Dutch	_____
English	_____
French	_____
German	_____
Italian	_____

Extracurricular

chair

FACULTY STUDENT COUNCIL | Faculty of Religion & Theology | 2021 - 2022 | Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam

The Faculty Student Council focuses on influencing the faculty's policy-making. The council is permitted by Dutch law to monitor the quality of education, student-related difficulties, to propose change and to advise the Dean's office, representing all students of the entire faculty.

volunteer

MAPPA MONDO | Red Cross Foundation | 2014 - 2018 | Rijswijk

Hotel for children both mentally and physically impaired that require round the clock medical care and supervision. I helped for years as a volunteer taking care of the children in weekends and during summer.

chair

EDUCATION COMMITTEE | Faculty of Architecture & The Built Environment | 2016 - 2017 | Technical University Delft

The Education Committee facilitates the dialogue between professors and their students, and organises events that provide an extension related to architecture, apart from the actual course.

volunteer

TRAVEL TO TEACH | 2012 | Bali, Indonesia

Volunteering job abroad, during the summer. Teacher in subject 'English' for both middle and high school students.

