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## Applicant

Creative and motivated postgraduate researcher, specialising in art history and conservation, due to embark on a PhD on plastics in postwar British architecture in September 2021.

## Education

- 2013 - 2015 MA in Architectural Conservation 1.2, Hochschule Anhalt, Dessau, Germany
- 2011 Certificate in English Language Teaching to Adults (CELTA), ISE, Hove
- 2007 - 2011 BA History 2:1, University of Sussex, Falmer, East Sussex
- 2007 - 2009 Erasmus Exchange Programme, University of Warsaw, Warsaw, Poland
- 2005 - 2007 Three A-Levels (Grade A) and one AS-Level (Grade B), Colyton Grammar School, Colyford, Devon
- 2000 - 2005 Eleven GCSEs (Grades A\* - A), Colyton Grammar School, Colyford, Devon

## Work history

- 03.2020 - Present **English Teacher**  
*Centre for Modern Languages, HTW-Berlin, Berlin*
- Taught credited English classes for BA Engineering students.
  - Created original course materials, from worksheets to lecture slides.
- 09.2017 - 01.2020 **Freelance Writer and Editor**  
*Bauhaus-Dessau Foundation and Bauhaus Verbund 2019, Dessau*
- Wrote and edited articles on the Bauhaus.
  - Collaborated with editors to determine subjects for features.
  - Proof-read and fact-checked German translations of my articles.
- 04.2015 - 08.2017 **English Teacher**  
*Centre for Modern Languages, Hochschule Anhalt, Dessau*
- Taught credited English classes for university students in BA Design, BA Architecture, and MA Conservation.
  - Developed my own courses, from objectives to classroom activities, as well as setting assignments and holding assessments.
- 08.2014 - 09.2014; **English Teacher (fixed-term Summer contract)**  
08.2015 - 09.2015 *INTO UEA, University of East Anglia, Norwich*
- Taught international students critical thinking and study skills, along with basic principles of English for academic purposes.
- 04.2015 - 07.2015 **Academic Assistant**  
*Jasper Cepl, Professor of Architectural Theory, Hochschule Anhalt, Dessau*
- Helped with preparing lecture and research material and worked on translations of German-texts for English-speaking audiences.
- 10.2011 - 10.2013 **English Teacher**  
*Various private language schools, Berlin*

- Planned and taught business and technical English classes.

04.2012 - 10.2013

### **Tour Guide**

*Sachsenhausen Memorial and Museum, Oranienburg*

- Developed and delivered tours at Sachsenhausen concentration camp.

## **Published work**

12.2021

### **“Between Thatcherism and Third-way Politics: British Architecture in Germany and Political Change in the 1990s” (Forthcoming)**

*C20 Journal: Twentieth Century Architecture*, no. 15 (2021)

- Journal article on British architects working abroad in the 1990s.

12.2021

### **“Plastic Rubbish and Fatima’s Future Career: Architectural Plastics, Deskillling, and Deindustrialisation” (Forthcoming)**

*Cities, Crisis and Change: Urban History Group Conference 2021.*

University of Warwick, Coventry. June 9-11, 2021

- Conference paper on architecture and economic change.

04.2018

### **“Enclosing the Styrofoam Dome”**

*Construction Historian: The Magazine of the Construction History Society*, no. 01 (2018)

- Magazine article on Dow Chemical’s patented building system.

01.2017

### **“Publicising Plastic and Plasticising Public in Ralf Schüler and Ursulina Schüler-Witte’s Indapt System (1970-72)”**

*e-plastory: The Journal of Plastics History*, no. 01 (2017)

- Journal article on unbuilt housing scheme for West Berlin.

11.2016

### **“Moulding the Future”**

*C20 Magazine: The Magazine of the Twentieth Century Society*, no. 3 (2016)

- Magazine article on plastics buildings from Trolit to James Stirling.

11.2016

### **“Ephemera: Alan Pendry’s the Shape of Plastics, 1962”**

*C20 Magazine: The Magazine of the Twentieth Century Society*, no. 3 (2016)

- Magazine article on Pendry’s industrial film for plastics industry.

## **Skills**

- Independent **research** and **fact-checking**
- **Experienced writer** with an **established profile** in architectural history
- Extensive knowledge of **MS-Office** and the **Adobe suite**
- Good command of **German to C1 level**

## **References**

### **Prof. Dr. Jasper Cepl**

Professor for Theory and History of  
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