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Born in 1977
Lives and works in Stuttgart and Florence
Professor at Polimoda in Florence

WORK ACTIVITIES

- 2013 – current **ATELIER CEM CAKO - STUTTGART**
Atelier for new men's tailoring and design
- 2016 **CEM CAKO - DEBUT COLLECTION, MENSWEAR - PARIS**
Exhibition: "Extended Situation I (Une Première)"
Presentation at Palais de Tokyo - Paris Museum of Modern Art
- 2009 – 2013 **THRIVE L.A. – CREATIVE DIRECTOR, WOMENSWEAR - LOS ANGELES**
Fashion house founded in the Silicon Valley by technology innovator Rob Meadows
Thrive collections presented during New York and Paris Fashion Week
- 2007 – 2009 **TIM HAMILTON - ASSOCIATE DESIGNER, MENSWEAR - NEW YORK**
Collections created in this period received the CFDA/Swarovski Award for men's
fashion Reporting to Tim Hamilton
- 2007 **HELMUT LANG - JUNIOR DESIGNER, MENSWEAR - NEW YORK**
Transfer of Helmut Lang's archives to the company's Link Theory Holdings Co.'
Reporting to Helmut Lang
- 2004 – 2007 **DRIES VAN NOTEN – TRAINEE PROGRAM - ANTWERPEN**
Assisting and fitting the show collection for the défilés in Paris
Reporting to the creative team

TEACHING ACTIVITIES

- 2019 – current **POLIMODA - FLORENCE**
Professorship in the field of vision and creative thinking systems
Department of Fashion Design
- RAFFLES MILANO ISTITUTO MODA E DESIGN - MILAN**
Visiting professor in the field of future-oriented fashion design strategies in the context
of craft, digitization and sustainability
Department of Fashion Design
- STEINER SCHOOL KRÄHERWALD - STUTTGART**
Technical teacher for handwork and bespoke tailoring
Department of Craft Education in Adolescence
- 2021 **STAATLICHE AKADEMIE DER BILDENDEN KÜNSTE - STUTTGART**
Substitute professorship in the field of material and space concepts including new media
Department of Sculpture
- 2009 **OTAGO POLYTECHNIC - SCHOOL OF FASHION - DUNEDIN, NEW ZEALAND**
Lecturer (designer-in-residence program) in the field of textile innovation and design
Department of Fashion Design

AWARDS

- 2009 **EMERGING DESIGNER AWARD - DUNEDIN, NEW ZEALAND**
For the best interpretation of a men's fashion collection
Offered by ID Dunedin Fashion Institute in Dunedin, New Zealand
- 2008 **MASTER OF LINEN AWARD - MILAN**
For the best interpretation of a garment realized in linen
Offered by Centro Lino Italiano in Milan, Italy
- OTAGE POLYTECHNIC AWARD - DUNEDIN, NEW ZEALAND**
For showing innovation in the use of materials and methods
Offered by Otago Polytechnic in Dunedin, New Zealand
- BEST UPCOMING BELGIUM FASHION DESIGNER AWARD - ANTWERPEN**
For the best interpretation of a collection in the spirit of Belgian fashion design
Offered by the Goethe-Institute in Brussels, Belgium
- 2007 **SHIRT AVENUE PRIZE - MILAN**
For the best interpretation of a men's shirt
Offered by Consorzio Italiani Tessuti per Camiceria in Milan, Italy

EDUCATION

- 2017 - 2019 **UNIVERSITY OF STUTTGART**
Lecturer qualification for aesthetics, ethics and technological culture
Department of Philosophy
- 2014 - 2016 **STAATLICHE AKADEMIE DER BILDENDEN KÜNSTE - STUTTGART**
Diplom Fine Arts (2021): Body, Aesthetics and the Poetic of a Garment
Department of Sculpture
- 2004 - 2007 **KONINKLIJKE ACADEMIE VOOR SCHONE KUNSTEN - ANTWERPEN**
Honorary Bachelor Art & Design
Department of Fashion Design