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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
- 2010 – 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
- 2008 – 2010      **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 – 2008      **HELMUT LANG - ASSISTANT DESIGNER, MENSWEAR - NEW YORK**  
Transfer of the Helmut Lang archives to the company 'Theory Holdings Co.'  
Reporting to Helmut Lang
- 2007      **MAISON MARTIN MARGIELA - JUNIOR DESIGNER, EXHIBITION - PARIS**  
Reporting to Martin Margiela and creative team
- 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**  
Professor in the area of vision and creative thinking systems  
Department of Fashion Design / MA and BA
- 2019 – 2022      **RAFFLES MILANO ISTITUTO MODA E DESIGN - MILAN**  
Visiting professor in the area of future-oriented fashion design strategies in context of  
craft, digitalization and sustainability  
Department of Fashion Design
- 2023      **SEOUL NATIONAL UNIVERSITY - SOUTH KOREA**  
Guest professor in the area of new design strategies and sustainability  
Department of Fashion and Textiles
- 2023      **HONGIK UNIVERSITY SEOUL- SOUTH KOREA**  
Guest professor in the area of new design strategies and textile development  
Department of Textil Art & Fashion Design
- 2020 – 2021      **STATE ACADEMY OF FINE ARTS - STUTTGART**  
Substitute professor in the area of material and space concepts including new media  
Department of Sculpture

2009 **OTAGO POLYTECHNIC - SCHOOL OF FASHION - DUNEDIN, NEW ZEALAND**  
Lecturer in the area of innovation in textile design  
Teaching position as part of a designer-in-residence program  
Department of Fashion Design

#### AWARDS / EXHIBITIONS

2016 **CEM CAKO - DEBUT COLLECTION, MENSWEAR - PARIS**  
Exhibition: "Extended Situation I (Une Première)"  
Presentation at Palais de Tokyo - Paris Museum of Modern Art

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

2008 **OTAGE POLYTECHNIC AWARD - DUNEDIN, NEW ZEALAND**  
For showing innovation in the use of materials and methods  
Offered by Otago Polytechnic in Dunedin, New Zealand

2008 **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

2004 - 2007 **ROYAL ACADEMY OF FINE ARTS - ANTWERPEN**  
Honorary BA of art and design  
Department of Fashion Design

2014 - 2016 **STATE ACADEMY OF FINE ARTS - STUTTGART**  
Honorary diploma in material & space concepts including new media  
Department of Sculpture

2017 - 2019 **UNIVERSITY OF STUTTGART**  
Lecturer qualification for aesthetics, ethics and technological culture  
Department of Philosophy