

Storefront for Art and Architecture

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Participating Local Experts:

Mite Nishio

Mite is a System Engineer with more than 20 years of experience in telecommunications, eGovernment and eCommerce. Has worked as an ICT consultant for international organizations such as the World Bank, the Interamerican Development Bank and the United Nations Development Program. He is a former President of the Convergence Commission of the Hispanic-American Association of Telecommunications Companies (AHCJET).

Mite is the Senior Director of Orange Labs, representative of the telecom sector in the National Commission for the Information Society (CNSIC) and board member of the Society of Telecom Professionals of the Dominican Republic (Prodetel).

Natalia Ortega Gamez

Born in Santo Domingo, in 1980, Natalia studied Interior design at Altos de Chavon the school of Design. She moved later to NYC to studied Product Design at Parsons School of Design, with a Major in Furniture Design. Her work is inspired by nature and experimenting with materials and processes.

Carmen Ortega Gonzalez

Born in Dominican Republic, Carmen obtained a degree in architecture from the Universidad Nacional Pedro Henríquez Ureña (1984) and realized courses of Dominican Architecture in Universidad Católica de Santo Domingo. She was a consultant for the Organization of American States in the Plan Cuna de America for the Colonial City of Santo Domingo. Since then, she has been a practicing architect and present heads her own firm. Since 1996 she has been coeditor and columnist of the architectural magazine *Arquitexto*. She has participated in major editorial projects, making a significant contribution towards enriching the professional debate on architecture and urbanism.

Carlos Miranda Levy

Levy is a serial Social Entrepreneur, Relief 2.0 and Technologies for Human Development innovator with over 15 years of field experience in Latin America, the Caribbean and Asia. He is the founder of Civil Innovation Lab, Relief 2.0, Socinfo, Educar.org, CIVILA and other initiatives. Levy is the Curator of TEDxPortauPrince and co-curator of TEDxSantoDomingo, and has been named among "established (latino) leaders" in Silicon Valley (Forbes); Six Emerging Leaders Scholars and Entrepreneurs (NMC, MIT); "20 Latin American Leaders of the Internet" (CNN). He has been a social Entrepreneur in Residence, National University of Singapore, a fellow at Stanford University, an on-board educator at Peace Boat, and was awarded the Google Developing World Scholarship and Gates Foundation TEDxChange Scholarship.

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Alex Martínez Suárez, M.Arch.

Suárez is a Dominican architect, researcher and educator who graduated from Universidad Iberoamericana [UNIBE] in Santo Domingo, with a Master in Advanced Architecture at Berlage Institute, Rotterdam, Netherlands. He has participated in various biennales and international competitions and holds several fellowships awards and research grants. He is currently a columnist and member of the Editorial Board of Arquitecto Magazine and collaborates on other editorial projects. He also conducts research with important architecture organizations like the Dominican Docomomo and the Erwin Walter Palm Foundation. He is an adjunct professor at the School of Architecture at UNIBE and has led its graduate program in Sustainable Design. He has taught at the Master of Tropical and Caribbean Architecture at Universidad Nacional Pedro Henríquez Ureña [UNPHU]. He is a principal at Estudio Forma [Architecture and City].

David Fernando Meyreles Vicioso

Vicioso was born in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic in 1975. He holds a Bachelor of Science from the Georgia Institute of Technology in Atlanta and a Master in Architecture from Columbia University in New York. He is now principal at Meyreles&Ramos Arquitectos in Santo Domingo. Nature has always been his love and inspiration and the environment has become a strong concern and an ever more present theme in our work. His team is trying to gear their practice towards innovation in sustainable systems as well as the reinterpretation of traditional sustainable design techniques and materials, which is a particular challenge in the Dominican Republic. He is interested in science and nature as sources for possible architectural solutions.

Harry Troncoso Parady

Poeta. Vagabundo a medio tiempo. Escritor de relatos breves y canciones. Adicto a los sentidos, sobre todo, al tacto. Autor, junto a Frank Ulloa y Mario Bergés del poemario "Garabato" (2006); y de "La Rebelión de los Lagartos" (Ediciones La Galera, 2010). Algunos textos incluidos en la antología de poesía hispanoamericana del s.XXI "Barcos sobre el agua natal" (Ediciones Leteo & Editorial Proyecto Literal 2012), así como en publicaciones artesanales y revistas diversas.

Melissa Vargas Rivera

Melisa Vargas Rivera is an architect and urban planner from the Dominican Republic with a Bachelor in Architecture, Universidad Iberoamericana (UNIBE) a MArch-Urb from the Berlage Institute and a M.A. in Research Architecture from Goldsmiths College. She has published in MoNU, in AAA magazine (co-editor 2009-2011) and Arquitecto. She is head of research for the Master in Sustainable Design at UNIBE. Her research regarding the Haitian-Dominican border was published as "Traded Space" (1st prize, Theory and Research, Architecture Biennale, Santo Domingo, 2012). She has worked for Wiel Arets Architects; DSDHA; Sanchez&Curiel; and is currently a Regional Planner for the Ministry of Tourism of Dominican Republic.

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Lourdes Fernanda Meyreles

Lourdes Fernanda Meyreles was born in the Dominican Republic and is a sociologist with a Masters Degree in Gender and Development Studies. She is an associate Researcher at the Latin American Social Science Faculty, FLACSO, Dominican Republic Program where she coordinates the Social Studies of Disaster Risk Project, which carries out research and education on disaster risk and vulnerability, specifically gender vulnerability, in the Greater Caribbean region. She is an Associate Professor at the Instituto Tecnológico de Santo Domingo INTEC. She is co-author of the GDN's Gender and Disaster Sourcebook <http://www.gdonline.org/sourcebook/>, and of the Training Manual on Gender and Climate Change. IUCN, UNDP, GGCA. 2009, among other publications and work on disaster risk, gender and disasters and gender and climate change.

Bichara Fernando Khoury

Arquitecto dominicano graduado de la Universidad Autónoma de Santo Domingo, donde impartió docencia por más de 30 años. Su práctica profesional la desarrolla en Bichara Khoury & Asociados del cual es Director General. Miembro fundador del Grupo Arquitectura y Medio Ambiente (GAMA). En la actualidad es Presidente de la Sociedad de Arquitectos de la República Dominicana y labora para la Oficina de Cooperación Internacional del Ministerio de Educación de la República Dominicana.