

With a master's degree in Advanced Architectural Design from Columbia University and over five years of industry experience in New York, Istanbul, and Europe, I am an architectural designer dedicated to pushing the boundaries of design. My portfolio, available at www.sedaoznal.com, showcases the breadth of my work and reflects my passion for exploring diverse projects, strategies, materials, methods, and theories in architecture.

Education

- May 2017-May 2018 **MS. Advanced Architectural Design | Columbia University**
- Graduated with Honor Award for Excellence in Design
 - Studios by: Nahyun Hwang + David Moon [NHDM], Mabel Wilson, Sarah Dunn + Martin Felsen
 - Classes by: Enrique Walker, Mark Wigley, Steven Holl, Mary Mcleod, Troy Therrien
- Sep 2012-Jun 2016 **Bachelor of Architecture | Istanbul Bilgi University**
- Granted Academic Achievement Scholarship
 - Graduated with High Honour Student [Ranked 1st amongst 120 students]
 - GPA: 3.80

Work Experience

- May 2023-present **Architectural Designer | Populous, London**
- Sep 2020-May 2023 **Architectural Designer | Self-employed, New York and Istanbul**
- Currently working on exhibition, publication, UX design and interior design projects
 - Curated and designed an online exhibition for Glitched Archives
 - Designed the interiors of The Jam Nest NYC, music studio
- Jul 2019-May 2021 **Senior Architectural Designer | Solomonoff Architecture Studio, New York**
- Led projects and administrated construction; coordination with clients, contractors and consultants
 - Oversaw construction and documentation of residential projects in NY, PA and CA
 - Designed the current office space and website, set drawing standards for office future use
- Oct 2018-Jun 2019 **Junior Architectural Designer | Solomonoff Architecture Studio, New York**
- Worked on residential and institutional projects from design concept to construction
 - Executed construction documentation
- May 2016-May 2017 **Junior Architect + Participant | Future Anecdotes Istanbul, Netherlands**
- Designed the exhibition spaces for a permanent exhibition lasting 5 years at Van Abbemuseum
 - Orchestrated the architectural typologies inventory research
 - Developed the project across all phases from conceptual design to construction documentation
- Aug-Sept 2015 **Intern | Mimarlar + Han Tumertekin, Istanbul**
- Operated in 6 different projects of various scales and produced scale models
 - Composed and improved 3D models using Rhino and Revit

Teaching Experience

- Sep 2021-Aug 2022 **Instructor | Istanbul Bilgi University, Istanbul**
- Conducted Computation Based Basic Design studio as the section coordinator (1st year studio of B.Arch/B.Ind.Dsn./B.Int. Dsn. programs)
 - Lectured in Introduction to Urban Design (3rd year seminar of B.Arch program)
- Sep 2018-present **Guest Critic | Columbia University, New York**
- Participating in reviews of M.Arch and MS.AAD students
- May-Sep 2018 **Teaching Associate | Columbia University, New York**
- Advanced Architectural Design Studio with Nahyun Hwang and David Moon, with direction of Andres Jaque
 - Conducted teaching sessions, tutorials, and design critiques individually
 - Provided course materials and logistical support or coordination as needed for coursework

Other Experiences

- Oct 2022 **Artist | Odalık Series, Mamut Art Project, Istanbul**
- Exhibited three art works; a carpet, a wallpaper and a tablecloth
 - Mamut Art Project is the biggest art event and first fair in Istanbul dedicated to providing a dynamic platform for independent & emerging artists since 2013

- Nov 2021 **Writer** | "What Odalık Embodies", Awham Magazine, Berlin
- Published article, a clash of a therapy transcript and a research abstract
 - Awhâm is an anti-orientalist, queer, feminist platform, dedicated to creating a space for decolonized points of view
- Aug 2021-present **Participant** | Digging Collective, Europe based
- Deep reading critical texts and conducting discussions periodically
 - Digging Collective is a virtual theory salon, based in Europe led by K. Soraya Batmanghelichi
- Jun-Aug 2021 **Student** | Feminism and Islam, Brooklyn Institute of Social Research, New York
- Course by K. Soraya Batmanghelichi
 - Explored the intersection of feminism and Islam through a study of their shared history and the discourses interlinking them in modern and contemporary contexts
- 2019 **Writer/Researcher** | "Socio-Spatial Exposure of Odalık's Body", Women, Design and Space, Istanbul
- Research to be published as a book chapter
- Panel Speaker** | Women, Design and Space Symposium, Istanbul Technical University, Istanbul
- Lectured on self-conducted research "Socio-spatial Exposure of Odalık's Body"
 - Pioneering symposium that is held in Turkish when debates over social gender and female figure have been re-intensified in Turkey
- 2018 **Interviewee** | "SHE", KooZA/rch
- Published article on the project SHE, speculated megastructure celebrating Japanese women
- 2016 **Student** | Tectonic Symbiosis, AA Istanbul Visiting School, Istanbul
- Attended workshop by Elif Erdine + Alexandros Kallegias
- Editor and Writer** | "Brief Encounters", Design Publishing, Istanbul
- Published book w/Asli Altay and D.P students
- Artist** | Babel: "Menhir", NY Outsider Art Fair, New York
- Exhibited work, curated by Leah Gordon
- 2015 **Student** | Cellular Re-Visions, AA Istanbul Visiting School, Istanbul
- Attended workshop by Elif Erdine + Alexandros Kallegias
- Writer** | "Interfaces of a City", Match-up Mag, Istanbul
- Published writing about mosaics on the façades of a housing project in Istanbul, 1950s
- 2014 **Student** | Civic Engagement, BILGI Vernal Workshops, Istanbul
- Attended workshop by Justin Mcguirk + Can Altay
- 2013 **Student** | Augmented Structures, BILGI Vernal Workshops, Istanbul
- Attended workshop by Refik Anadol + Alper Derinbogaz

Awards

- 2023 **Top 3, Architecture Category** | World Campus Masters (WCM), China
- Top 10, Kohler Bold Design Rising Star** | World Campus Masters (WCM), China
- 2018 **Honor Award For Excellence in Design** | Columbia University, USA
- 2016 **Short Listed** | Archiprix, Turkey
- Honorable Mention** | Communal Kitchen, Istanbul Bilgi Uni., Turkey
- 2nd Prize** | "New Ideas For Office Design", Business Istanbul, Turkey
- 2015 **3rd Prize** | Natural Stone Design Competition, IMMIB, Turrkey
- 2013 **Jury's Special Award** | Architectural Edu. Ins. Turkey
- 1st Prize** | Void By Subtraction, Istanbul Bilgi Uni., Turkey

Interests/Skills

Interests

- Gender and Sexuality in Architecture
- Politics/Poetics of Space
- Rhetorics of Space
- Design Fiction
- Spaces of/for Art

Technical Skills

- AutoCad
- Rhinoceros 3D [grasshopper + vray]
- Revit
- Sketchup
- Adobe Creative Suite [ps + ai + in]
- MS Office [doc + exl +pp]

Languages

- Turkish [native]
- English [fluent]
- French [limited working proficiency]