

**Burak Pak / Professor**

Burak Pak is Professor of Architectural Collaborative Design, Collective Spaces and Digital Media at KU Leuven Faculty of Architecture.

He holds a PhD from ITU Faculty of Architecture. After working at Carnegie Mellon University School of Architecture and Texas A&M University VIZLab as a Visiting Scholar, he worked as a post-doctoral research fellow (INNOVIRIS) at KU Leuven Faculty of Architecture on “Alternative Urban Projects for the Brussels Capital Region”. He is the co-founder of the Altering Practices (Alt_Shift) Research Group. He is currently teaching design studio courses and running several international and national research projects in Brussels and Ghent Campuses.

Burak Pak's research covers an interdisciplinary area between architecture and urban design, participation and digital spatial media. The two main and complementary focus points are exploring and enabling bottom-up participation {in} and {through} reflexive research and design practices. His research focuses on enabling inclusion in and through design. Co-creation and co-design plays a central role in the research projects he participates in through which he aims to integrate social design practices, education and research. Examples of the research projects he is involved in are: “Networked Practices for Placemaking” (EC Co-create), “Co-creating & Building Solidary Housing for Homeless” (INNOVIRIS Co-create) and “Incubators of Public Spaces” (JPI-Urban Europe).