

Letter of recommendation

My acquaintance with architect Elisa Andretti started in 2011 when she was a student in our two Systems thinking courses at Aalto University, Master's Program in Creative Sustainability; a program where I have been affiliated as a responsible teacher from the very beginning of the program. As a student Elisa was an active member of the group performing talent in all assignments.

Two years later Elisa contacted me for asking a topic for her master's thesis. I was happy to become her tutor and able to employ her as a research assistant in our research team in YTK, Land Use Planning and Urban Studies Group at Aalto University. We are working on urban planning and design processes and developing collaborative methods for complex multi-stakeholder situations. Elisa's work "Otaniemi Walks" was part of a research program Energizing Urban Ecosystems EUE, funded by the Finnish Funding Agency for Innovation and a large consortium of Finnish building and construction industries. It was also a pioneering project in our new digitally supported research platform ABE, Aalto Built Environmental Lab. With her inspiring and highly artistic work Elisa supported the Otaniemi campus development process and facilitated the large stakeholder network to find a shared vision for the area.

Elisa Andretti has performed all her duties extremely well. She has acted as a responsible colleague bringing her talent and creativity to enrich the working of our research team. Her both written and verbal communicative skills, as well the ict skills are excellent. The way of carrying the thesis forward was goal-oriented and very professional. Additionally, she was capable to work independently and in flexible schedules.

Working in a multidisciplinary team is a demanding context for a researcher. You are expected not only to explain and discuss your own concepts but also to be open-minded to other approaches and ways of thinking. Elisa has shown great maturity and ability to cooperate in diverse professional and scientific configurations. Her charming personality has been a pleasure for all collaborators.

I am very pleased to support Elisa Andretti's career as an architect and I am convinced of her talent and competence as a professional in the field. I wish all the best for her future plans.

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In Otaniemi, February the 2nd, 2015

Sincerely,



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