

Mary Anne Ocampo

Mary Anne Ocampo is a Principal at Sasaki, a multidisciplinary firm with an integrated planning and design philosophy, and an Associate Professor of the Practice of Urban Design and Planning in the Department of Urban Studies and Planning at Massachusetts Institute of Technology. She practices as an urban designer, working on international and domestic institutional and urban projects, leading teams with strategic planning and a commitment to design excellence. Mary Anne's research focuses on urban design and cultural identity; socio-ecological urban design approaches to urban resilience; and planning and design for higher education. Shifting across scales and contexts, Mary Anne's recent work includes: a campus framework plan for Syracuse University and Virginia Tech, an urban design vision for the Texas State Capitol District in Austin, Texas, and an urban design framework for the capital city of Kabul, Afghanistan, where she led studies on informal development and women in the city. In her academic research practice, she has collaborated with the World Bank on citywide development approaches for communities vulnerable to flooding in Metropolitan Manila and has recently worked with the Università Iuav di Venezia on urban design strategies for post-MOSE (flooding infrastructure project) land reclamation sites within the Venice Lagoon. At MIT, she co-created an online course with Gary Hack, called *Site Planning Online*, focusing on sustainable urban design practices.

She serves as the Chair of the board for the Hideo Sasaki Foundation (with a mission focused on design and equity) and is affiliated faculty at MIT's Leventhal Center for Urbanism. Mary Anne's design work has been recognized with awards from the American Planning Association (APA), American Society of Landscape Architects (ASLA), Society of College and University Planning (SCUP), Boston Society of Architecture, and the Boston Society of Landscape Architecture. She has also been recognized by the American Institute of Architects (AIA) for her contributions to urban design thinking as a recipient of the 2016 National Associates Award, the highest honor given to individual associate AIA members. She was educated as an architectural and urban designer at the University of Kentucky, Cornell University, and Harvard University.

More information:

- Kabul Urban Design Framework with Sasaki: <http://www.sasaki.com/project/472/kabul-urban-design-framework/>
- Hideo Sasaki Foundation: <https://www.sasakifoundation.org/>
- MIT Link: <https://www.edx.org/course/site-planning-online>
- MIT Metro Manila Research: <https://dusp.mit.edu/cdd/project/muntinlupa-matters-addressing-informality-metro-manila>