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Architect Universidad Católica de Chile 1992, independent professional practice since 1994. Studied history and theory in Istituto Universitario di Architettura di Venezia (1992-93). Visiting Professor at Harvard University between 2000 and 2005. Professor at the Universidad Católica since 1994. Since 2006 he is the Elemental Copec Professor at UC and Executive Director of ELEMENTAL.

Author of various books, among them, *Los hechos de la arquitectura* (Architectural Facts. (Ed. ARQ 1999, 3rd. Edition 2007), *El Lugar de la Arquitectura* (Ed. ARQ 2002) y *Material de Arquitectura* (Ed. ARQ 2003).

In 1991, obtains special mention in the Venice Prize of the Venice Biennale. In 2000, is chosen as the best Chilean architect under 40 by the Chilean architects association. In 2004, Architectural Record chose him Design Vanguard architect as one of the 10 most promising architects in the world. That same year, Harvard University held a retrospective exhibition on his work. In 2006 he was distinguished with the Erich Schelling Architecture Medal 2006 (Germany).

His work has been published in *A+U* (Japan), *Casabella*, *Lotus*, *Abitare* and *Domus* (Italy), *Architectural Record*, *Harvard Design Magazine*, *Dwell* and *Praxis* (USA), *Arquitectura Viva* and *VIA* (Spain), *ICON* (UK), *Monitor*, *Projekt Russia* and *Projekt International* (Russia), *Azure* (Canada), *C3* (Korea), *Space*, *Vision* and *Interior Design*, *HomeIdea* and *DI* (China), *Egg* (Hong Kong), *IW* (Taiwan), *Mark* (Netherlands), *Arquine* (Mexico), *Projeto* (Brazil), *Summa+* (Argentina), *ARQ* and *CA*(Chile), *Phaidon*; *World Atlas of Contemporary Architecture*, Phaidon *10x10 Vol.2.*, Phaidon; *21st Century Architecture* and *Phaidon World Interiors* and lately in Kenneth Frampton's "*Modern Architecture; a critical history*".

He has lectured and taught extensively in Colegio de Arquitectos de Cataluña, Archilab 2001 Paris, IUAV de Venezia, America's Society NY, the World Bank and the IDB in Washington among other places.

His professional work includes the Mathematics School at UC (Mies van der Rohe Award finalist, XII Santiago Biennale 1st. Prize), the Medical School at UC, the Architecture School at UC, the Siamese Towers at UC, the Huelquen Montessori School, the sculptor's House, the Pirehueico Lake house and the Quinta Monroy Social Housing (XV Santiago Biennale Grand Prix). In 2006 he was chosen as the architect for the new facilities of St. Edward's University in Austin, Texas.