

SHORT PROFILE OF PROFESSOR NABEEL HAMDI

Nabeel Hamdi is one of the late 20th Centuries great architects whose architectural concepts have had major international resonance over the years.



Nabeel Hamdi qualified as an architect at the Architectural Association in London 1968. He obtained an M Diploma with a Certificate of Tropical Architecture. During the period 1981 to 1990 he was Associate Professor of Housing at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), where he was later awarded a Ford International Career Development Professorship.

In 1997 Nabeel [Nabs] won the UN-Habitat Scroll of Honour for his work on Community Action Planning, and the Masters course in Development Practice that he founded at Oxford Brookes University in 1992 was awarded the Queen's Anniversary Prize for Higher and Further Education in 2001. He is currently Professor Emeritus of Housing and Urban Development, Centre for Development and Emergency Practice (CENDEP), at Oxford Brookes University. In addition to the above, he has received awards such as the 2005 Regeneration Award: International Category awarded to the International Development Projects Office, Oxford Brookes University, for its Malecon 2000 Project in Ecuador of which Nabeel was a Principal Advisor. He also received the American Institute of Architects Education Honours Programme in 1989.

He has consulted on housing and community based urban development and slum improvement projects and programmes in Britain, Egypt, Sri Lanka, Chile, USA, Cambodia, Bangladesh, Sudan, Jamaica, Iraq, India, Somalia, Belize, Ecuador, Philippines, Mexico, Belorussia, Peru, South Africa, Syria and Kenya. He is also a member of the Programmes Committee, CARE UK International, and he is on the Board of Trustees for the International NGO Training and Research Centre (INTRAC). His clients for sponsored research have included the Norwegian Research Council, Economic Development Institute of the World Bank, the British Council, Massachusetts Housing Partnership, Government of Sri Lanka, Swiss Agency for Development Co-operation (SDC), the Rowntree Memorial Trust and others.

His major publications have had immense influence on architects concerned with broadening the role and the impact of the profession and giving it a more human face. His concepts have become the standard way of approaching housing and community projects in developing and poverty stricken contexts. He has been able to do this through publications such as *Urban Futures* (2005); *Small Change: about the art of practice and the limits of planning in cities* (2004); *Action Planning for Cities - a Guide to Community Practice*; *Housing without Houses: Flexibility Participation, Enablement* (1991); *Educating for Real: the Training of Professionals for Development Practice* (1996); *Making Microplans: a community based process in programming and development* (1988) as well as various papers in international journals including *Architectural Review*, *Progressive Architecture*, *Habitat International*, *Urban Design International* etc.