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# Niloufar Vadiati, PhD



## EDUCATION

2014-2018

-Dr. rer. pol. (Economics and Social Science)

**HafenCity University Hamburg (hcu-hamburg.de)**

Department of Urban and Regional Economy

Research Topic: "Employment Legacy of London Olympic Games 2012 among Local East Londoners"

2009-2010

-MSc of International Planning, accredited by the RTPI (Royal Town Planning Institute)

**University College London (UCL.ac.uk)**, London, UK

Department of the Bartlett School of Planning

2004-2008

-BSc of Urban Planning &Design, GPA: 17.10/20

**University of Tehran (ut.ir), Tehran, Iran**

Department of Fine Arts

1997-2004

-High School Diploma of Mathematics and Physics

**NODET (National Organisation of Exceptional Talent), Iran**

## **POST-DOCS**

From Sep 2022 to present      Research lead for DFG project: “Grassroots Digital Urbanism, Reshaping Urban Space and Governance in Berlin”

March to Sep 2022      Research fellow for LUV: Participatory Planning Strategies for Urban Air Mobility in Hamburg

## **FREELANCE CONSULTANCY**

**(Urbanistic Legacy GbR)**

Apr to Aug 2017      **Konsalt GmbH**

-Energetic renovation in Bergedorf Sued (Citizen participation)  
-MySMARTLife, funded by Horizon2020 (Stakeholders moderation)

Dec 2018 to Jun 2019      **Drees&Sommer GmbH**

-HSV-Quarter in Volkspark (Masterplan)  
-Hamburg Bid Book for UEFA Euro 2024 (Legacy Planning)

June 2019-January 2020      **Ruhr-Rhein 2032**

-bidding concept for hosting the Olympic Games 2032 in Rhine-Ruhr metropolitan region

## **Full-time Care**

Nov 2020 to March 2022      Motherhood

## MAJOR PUBLICATION LIST

### Peer Reviewed Book

-Vadiati, N. (2020). *The Employment Legacy of the 2012 Olympic Games, A Case Study of East London*. 1st ed. Springer Nature.

### Peer Reviewed Article

-Fraske, T., Rose, F.M. and Vadiati, N., 2024. Legitimation strategies in emerging ecosystems: The case of advanced air mobility in Hamburg. *Progress in Economic Geography*, p.100025.<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.peg.2024.100025>

-Vadiati, N. (2022). Alternatives to smart cities: A call for consideration of grassroots digital urbanism. *Digital Geography and Society*, 3 (2022), 100030. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.diggeo.2022.100030>

-Vadiati, N., Chiappini, L., & Bangratz, M. (2025). (En) coding care into digital urbanism: Vignettes of collective practices. *Digital Geography and Society*, 8, 100120.<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.diggeo.2025.100120>

-Vadiati, N. (in press). *Grassroots speculation in computational cities: Practicing hope around Berlin's digital turn*. *Urban Studies*, Special Issue on Ordinary Urban Speculation.

### Commentary Article

-Vadiati, N. and Mehran, N. (2024) 'Cities in Custody: Urban Development as Spatial Proxy of Ideological Coloniality', *Berliner Gazette*. doi: <https://berliner-gazette.de/cities-in-custody/>.

-Vadiati, N., & Mehran, N. (in press). *Smart mandate in Iranian cities: From digital sovereignty to the automated oppression of everyday life*. *Dialogues on Digital Society*, Special Issue on Authoritarianism in the Digital Age.

### Editorial:

Vadiati, N., & Voigt, M. L. (2024). *Refusal and the Computational City - From (de)coding the machine to (en)coding care* [Call for papers]. *Digital Geography and Society*. [https://www.arl-international.com/system/files/attachments/2023-09/CfA\\_Refusal%20and%20the%20Computational%20City\\_092523.pdf](https://www.arl-international.com/system/files/attachments/2023-09/CfA_Refusal%20and%20the%20Computational%20City_092523.pdf)

Vadiati, N., & Singh, S. (2025, May 20). *Digital Platforms as Urban Infrastructure* [Call for papers]. *Urban Matters* Journal. <https://www.iuresearch.se/call-for-abstracts-urban-matters-special-issue-digital-platforms-as-urban-infrastructure/>

## EDITORIAL EXPERIENCE

Associate Editor	-Journal of Digital Geography and Society
Special Issue Editors	-Journal of Digital Geography and Society
	-Urban Matters Journals

## GRANTS and HONOURS

2022 -Walter Benjamin DFG(German Research Association), 2 years

2018 -Travel Grant from DAAD for participating in 14th International Symposium for Olympic Research, held in London, Canada

2014 -Two-years PhD Scholarship from HafenCity University (HCU Pro-Pro Stipendium)

2013 -One-year PhD DAAD-Scholarship (GSSP Award)

## TEACHING

Oct 2023-Present -Leuphana University Lüneburg, Germany  
Lecturer of Digital Urbanism Seminar

April 2024-Present -HafenCity University Hamburg, Germany  
Lecturer of History and Theory of Digitalisation

## COMMONING and ACTIVISM

**DiskursDisco Collective** -Co-creating academic space based on re:mixing methods and hacking the academia (<https://majaleevoigt.de/diskursdisco/>)

**Abadi Research Network** -For SWANA-based early career scholars

**Berliner Gazette e.V.** -A non-profit team of researchers, artists and coders, for experimenting and analysing emerging cultural and political practices in metropolitan cities, based in Berlin

**Shaltzentrale, Hallo e.V.** -A self-organised cultural centre for connecting arts and experimental approaches to urban development in Hamburg