

## Director



Dr. Kayvan Karimi is an architectural and urban designer with more than sixteen years of professional and international experience. He received his PhD in Architectural and Urban Morphology (1993-98) from University College London (UCL). During this period, he joined Space Syntax, where he is a Director now.

Kayvan has worked extensively on a wide range of projects, including: strategic city planning, city centre redevelopments, urban regeneration, large-scale urban masterplanning, urban conservation/historic centers, 'slum' upgrading, major commercial/retail developments, public realm design, pedestrian movement planning and complex buildings. His work experience spans from the East, where he originates, to the West, where he has practiced for most of his professional life.

By combining his professional, academic and international experience, Kayvan offers a distinct expertise in architecture, urban design and strategic design. In recent years, Kayvan has been leading a number of large-scale strategic planning projects, among them Jeddah Strategic Planning Framework is quite prominent.

Kayvan maintains his research and lecturing activities in parallel to his main role in leading consultancy projects. He regularly lectures at UCL, where he also has an Honorary Senior Researcher status. He is a visiting lecturer at LSE and Oxford Brooks University.

### Education, Awards & Appointments

- 2007 Steering Group, International Space Syntax Symposium
- 2006 Jury, International Competition, Jabal Khandama, Mecca
- 2005 Design Review Critic, CABE
- 2004 Senior Advisor, Agora, European Union Research Initiative on Public Space
- 2001 Honorary Senior Researcher, the Bartlett, UCL
- 2000 Associate Professor, The Graduate Faculty of Environment, Tehran University
- 1998 PhD in Architectural and Urban Morphology, UCL
- 1992 Registered Architect, Institute of Iranian Architects (IIA)
- 1990 Top rank among all master degree graduates in Architecture, Tehran University
- 1990 MArch in Architecture, Tehran University
- 1987 BSc in Architecture, Tehran University
- 1983 Top rank in the Comprehensive Entry Exams for Higher Education