

## PERSONAL PROFILE

My writing, research and teaching investigate the interface between architecture, democracy and the city, making an original contribution to the Academy and translating complex theoretical concepts to a mainstream audience. My two acclaimed books, *Ground Control* (Penguin 2009/12) and *Big Capital* (Penguin 2017) blend multi-disciplinary research, policy and politics with a journalistic approach, bringing to light the relationships between different disciplines and areas of policy. *Ground Control* brought the privatisation of public space to national attention and *Big Capital* investigated the underlying causes of the housing crisis. Between 2012-14 I was the Royal Commission for the Great Exhibition of 1851 Fellow in the Built Environment. My work with politicians and policy makers, across parties, which is reflected in my teaching as Programme Leader on UEL's MRes Architecture, demonstrates consistent impact. I am a contributor to the Guardian, a frequent conference speaker and appear regularly on TV and radio.

## EMPLOYMENT

- 2013 – Reader in Architecture, University of East London  
Programme Leader MRes Architecture: Reading the Neoliberal City
- 2021- Honorary Professor at the Bartlett School of Sustainable Construction
- 1994 - Contributor to the Guardian. See my Guardian profile page here:  
<http://www.theguardian.com/profile/anna-minton>

## EDUCATION

- 2020 PhD by Publication, University of East London  
Thesis title: From *Ground Control* to *Big Capital*: Understanding the contemporary theoretical and policy approaches framing the study of critical urbanism
- 1989-92 The Queen's College, University of Oxford  
MA (Oxon) Modern History

## SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

### AUTHORED BOOKS

*Big Capital: Who is London for?* (2017) Penguin.

*Ground Control: Fear and Happiness in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century City* (2009/12) Penguin.

### EDITED BOOKS

Duman, Alberto, Hancox, Dan, Miles, Malcolm & Minton, Anna (eds) (2018) *Regeneration Songs: Sounds of investment and loss*. Repeater Books.

### CHAPTERS IN BOOKS

*The Place of Housing in Modern Life*, in (eds Whitworth, A) (2019). Bridging the Gap between Geography and Social Policy: Towards a spatial social policy. Policy Press.

### ARTICLES

Minton, A. *Policy Paralysis, Financialisation and the Politics of Facadism: Housing policy post-Grenfell*. *The Journal of Architecture*, Vol 27, Issue 1, 2022

Minton, A. *From Gentrification to Sterilization: Building on Big Capital*. *Architecture & Culture*, Architecture & Culture, Vol 10, Issue 2, 2022

Bernstock, P, Brownill, S, Davis, J, Melhuish, C, Minton, A & Woodcraft, S. *State of the Legacy: Reviewing a decade of writing on the regeneration promises of London 2012*. UCL, Oxford Brookes University, Cardiff University, University of East London. 2022

Minton, A. *Coda: reflections on public and private space in a post-Covid world*. *Urban Geography Special Issue on Public Space*, Vol 43, Issue 6, 2022

Minton, A & Watt, P. (2016) *London's Housing Crisis and its Activisms* in *City 20* (2) Special Feature

Minton, A, Pace, M & Williams H. (2016) *The Housing Crisis: A Visual Essay* in *City 20* (2) Special Feature

### REVIEWS

*Review of The New Enclosure by Brett Christopher*, in *The American Association of Geography Review of Books 2020*, *Review Symposium*

### EDITED JOURNALS

Co-editor of *London's Housing Crisis and its Activisms* (2016) *CITY 20* (2) Special Feature on the housing crisis.

## **AUTHORED REPORTS:**

*Scaring the living daylight out of people: The local lobby and the failure of democracy* (2013) SpinWatch.

*Common Good(s): Redefining the public interest and the common good* (2013) How To Work Together, a collaboration by the Chisenhale Gallery, The Showroom and Studio Voltaire.

*Fortress Britain: High security, insecurity and the challenge of preventing harm* (2013) The New Economics Foundation.

*What Kind of World are we Building? The privatisation of public space* (2006) RICS.

*Generation Squalor, National Inquiry into the Housing Crisis* (2005) Shelter.

*Northern Soul* (2003) RICS & Demos.

*Building Balanced Communities: The US and UK Compared* (2002) RICS.

## **PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT & MEDIA**

In 2022 I gave evidence to the House of Lords Built Environment Committee Inquiry on Meeting Housing Demand and the London Assembly Housing Committee. I am a member of Southwark's Land Commission, a manifesto commitment proposed by my former MRes student who is Southwark's Cabinet Member for Sustainability and which emerged from the thesis he wrote on the subject. I am asked to speak by all parties, sharing platforms with politicians including former Shadow Chancellor John McDonnell and James Murray, former deputy mayor for housing at the Greater London Authority and Conservative politician Lord Moylan, advisor to Boris Johnson when he was Mayor of London.

I appear regularly on television and radio and was interviewed on *Newsnight* and *Channel 4 News* in the wake of the Grenfell Fire. I have also appeared on BBC 1's *The Big Question*, BBC Radio 4's *Thinking Aloud*, *Archive on 4*, the *Moral Maze*, *Four Thought*, *Woman's Hour*, *Start the Week* and the *Today Programme*. Both my books were critically acclaimed and reviewed in the mainstream media and in academic journals. Journal reviews for *Big Capital* include the *Architectural Research Quarterly* ("incredibly well researched and argued") and *Housing Studies* ("Anna Minton has a talent for producing highly accessible books on important topics in contemporary urban policy"), alongside *The Observer* ("essential reading"), the *Financial Times* ("compelling reading") and the *Evening Standard* ("powerful – a call to imagine what is politically possible"). *Ground Control* was subject to a Review Symposium in the journal, *Sociology* ("eloquent and engaging", "so important") and was acclaimed by *The Observer* ("revelatory"), *The Daily Telegraph* ("A vital book"), *The Financial Times* ("A wonderful, timely analysis") and the *Independent* ("Superb").

## **TEACHING**

I am Programme Leader of UEL's MRes Architecture: Reading the Neoliberal City, a multi-disciplinary MRes at UEL which examines policy, politics and academic theory to enable students to reach conclusions about the contemporary city. The course includes modules on critical urbanism, ethical alternatives to the speculative development model and the digital, post-human city. Collaboration with outside speakers, industry and politicians are a key part of the

course, and regular speakers include James Murray, former deputy mayor for housing at the Greater London Authority and now current Shadow Financial Secretary to the Treasury and Lord Moylan, former advisor to Boris Johnson when he was Mayor.

I have taught across the architecture school at UEL, teaching theory courses on politics and architecture to first and second year undergraduates and I lead two modules on Critical Writing to Diploma and Masters students. A number of my MRes students have gone onto to undertake PhDs under my supervision at UEL.

I have lectured at many UK architecture and urban studies departments including Central Saint Martin's, the Architectural Association, Newcastle University School of Architecture, Planning and Landscape, Cardiff University School of Geography and Planning, York University and Sheffield University.

### **UK and International Lectures**

September 2022	Co-organiser of and speaker at the Olympic Legacy Conference, co-hosted by UCL, Oxford Brookes, Cardiff University & UEL
June 2022	Keynote at 13 <sup>th</sup> International Space Syntax Symposium, Bergen, Norway
November 2020	Keynote at Annual International Conference of the Architectural Humanities Research Association
June 2020	Urban Vision Manifesto Global Webinar, in discussion with Larry Beasley, former chief planner Vancouver
February 2020	In discussion with Leila Farhani, UN Special Rapporteur on Adequate Housing, following UK screening of the film, PUSH
October 2019	The London Journal, Annual Lecture
May 2019	Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development Global Forum, Paris, international panel debate on the housing crisis
December 2018	Keynote lecture to Aviva Property Summit, Dublin, Ireland
November 2018	Creative Time Summit, Miami, USA
October 2018	Public lecture at Newcastle University School of Architecture, Planning and Landscape
June 2018	Guardian Live Event – Grenfell Tower: One Year On
January 2018	University of Oxford Sustainable Urban Development Annual lecture
November 2017	Q&A on the housing crisis with former Labour leader Jeremy Corbyn, on the sixth month anniversary of the Grenfell Fire
April 2017	Tate Modern panel debate with Wolfgang Tillmans

May 2016

Keynote at Public Space: Fights & Fictions, an international conference hosted by the Akademie der Künste & the Goethe Institut

## **AWARDS**

2018: I was long listed for the 2018 Orwell Prize for Exposing Britain's Social Evils for my research and writing on the housing crisis.

2012-2014: Royal Commission for the Great Exhibition of 1851 Fellow in the Built Environment. £30,000 two-year research grant (current value £50,000) which enabled research outputs which fed into *Big Capital*.

## **JOURNALISM**

Between 1992-2002 I spent 10 years in journalism culminating in a staff job on the *Financial Times*. I am a regular contributor to the *Guardian*, *Prospect* and the *Architectural Review*. See my Guardian profile page here: <http://www.theguardian.com/profile/anna-minton>

## **BOARDS**

External Advisory Board for the Bartlett School of Sustainable Construction  
Editorial collective of the Taylor & Francis journal *City*

2016-2021: Chair of Trustees of mental health charity Lambeth & Southwark MIND.