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True to her ongoing activism for a high quality Baukultur, Oana Bogdan anchors the work of BOGDAN & VAN BROECK in the ongoing public debate and questions the traditional role of the architect. Oana was a guest lecturer in Architecture and Urbanism at KU Leuven, member of the jury for the Flemish Culture Prize 2007, the Architecture and Design Evaluation Commission of the Flemish Government, Royal Commission on Monuments and Sites, Flemish Community, and the Unesco Expert Committee for the city of Bruges, State Secretary for Cultural Heritage in Romania, and co-founder of the Romanian political party PLUS (Renew Europe). She is also a member of the Board of Directors of A+ Architecture in Belgium and of the Council of the International Union of Architects (UIA), chairman of the jury for the Rotterdam Architecture Prize 2021, ambassador for Wiki Women Design and Women in Architecture in Belgium.



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Hilde Heynen, architect and professor at KU Leuven who has been investigating the social role of architecture in the 20th century, modernity, power and gender for more than three decades, puts it this way:

"The entanglement of the role of the architect with masculinity seems permanent and difficult to change. This mysticism is reinforced time and again in the communication of architecture to a general public, and to his own students and practitioners. It is a crucial aspect of the professional ethos that underscores the reputation and credibility of architecture as a discipline".

Catching up with female role models and an accompanying increased attention to gender balance and inclusiveness is therefore the order of the day.

Since Wikipedia is one of the most visited online encyclopedias in the world, registering and accessing information about women in architecture on Wikipedia can certainly contribute to a more realistic, inclusive view of Belgian architectural history and a more correct representation of women in the field of architecture.

As a female architect with both feet firmly on the ground, Wiki Women Design, initiated by the Flanders Architecture Institute, is a project that I very much like to support.