Lù Chén
designer and artist

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EDUCATION

2020 – now
Aalto University, Finland
New Media (MA); Design (BA), Minor in Information Design; Bachelor's thesis "From Workshops to Civic Life: Participatory Design in Supporting Immigrants' Civic Engagement in Finland"

2012 – 2016
National University of Singapore, Singapore
Bachelor of Computing (Honours), Information Systems; Thesis "E-commerce Websites' Accessibility for Visually Impaired Users"

2015, Spring
Sabancı University, Turkey
Erasmus Programme, Computer Science and Visual Arts

WORK EXPERIENCE

2023 – now, Espoo, Finland
Research Assistant at Aalto University
• Design and develop an interactive visualisation for the Nokia Design Archive, a collection of artefacts created from research to prototyping in Nokia Design Center across two decades.

2023, Helsinki, Finland
Space and Visual Design for Startup Refugees
• With the concept of "Urban Oasis", Diana Lisitsa and I designed a tent for entrepreneurs with immigrant backgrounds to test out their business idea at the Flow Festival 2023.

2022, Helsinki, Finland
Research Assistant at ATARCA EU
• Designed and produced short animation video "Food futures – Learning by Doing," shortlisted for World Commons Week 2022 Teaching Video Contest.

2016 – 2020, Singapore
UX Designer at Titansoft Pte Ltd
• Led and built an internal git-based design system to improve knowledge management across 3 offices;
• Participated in the new generation product development project, including research, design, front-end development, and user evaluations.

2015, Fuzhou, China
Editorial Internship at "Homeland(家园)" Magazine
• Assisted in conducting interviews, archiving media material regarding local lifestyle and cultures

HONOURS & AWARDS

2023
Long Listed
Information is Beautiful Awards 2023

2022, Espoo
Top 5 Projects
of Solve the SDGs Hackathon, Aalto Ventures Program

2018, Singapore
Best Design Experience Award & People's Choice Award
of Adobe x General Assembly Creative Jam "Create Thriving Neighbourhoods in Singapore"

2015, Singapore
1st Prize (Youth Category)
of Montage Photography Award

2011, Singapore
Lianhe Zaobao News Gold Award
of Singapore Tertiary Chinese Literature Awards

EXHIBITION

2015, Turkey
Group Exhibition "Studies on Photobook" at Mixer Gallery, Istanbul, Turkey
Artist book project "Echo / 回响" joined the group exhibition (as a coursework from "VA 329/547 Photography & Expression" in Sabanci University)

LANGUAGES

- Chinese
- English
- Japanese (*JLPT N2*)
- Finnish (*elementary*)