

Dr Adriana Portella has over 20 years of professional research experience, with a successful track record in coordinating international projects, administrative work and teaching in academia.

She has experience in leading research funded by international agencies (ESRC) and Brazilian federal government bodies (CAPES, CNPQ, FAPERGS). From 2016 to 2019 she was the Coordinator in Brazil of the project funded by the British agency ESRC - Place-Making with Older People: Towards Age Friendly Communities (<https://wp.ufpel.edu.br/placeageproject/en/>), for a total of 808,289 sterling pounds, being a partnership between Brazil and the United Kingdom. For this project, she led a research team of 43 people in Brazil. Adriana was also a researcher partner, from 2018 to 2022, in another ESRC-funded project - Ageing Well in Urban Environments: Developing Age Friendly Cities and Communities, in a partnership with the United Kingdom and India, for a total of 404,827 sterling pounds. From 2019 to 2023, she was Coordinator of the Brazilian project funded by CAPES-PRINT, Centre for Studies on Healthy Cities, Ageing and Citizenship at the Federal University of Pelotas, which involves research with Brazil, the United Kingdom, Argentina, Chile and France. Since 2016, she is a member of the Director Board of the International Association IAPS (https://iaps-association.org/about-iaps/iaps_board/) Since 2021, Adriana is also a CNPQ Productive Researcher Fellow, level 2, linked to the Postgraduate Program in Architecture and Urbanism at School of Architecture and Urbanism of Federal University of Pelotas, Brazil. This is a prestigious position for the most productive researchers in Brazil.

Her research interests are interdisciplinary, covering urban design, urban planning, architecture, environmental psychology and health geography, studying climate justice, social inequalities, health and well-being, global ageing, sense of place, resilience and historical heritage. Her research is supported by a participatory structure, involving communities as co-researchers. She has significant experience in developing and applying innovative qualitative methods, including photo diaries and participatory mapping. She also specializes in quantitative research based on non-parametric statistical analysis. She has worked alongside vulnerable groups, including residents of favelas and gentrifying areas in Rio de Janeiro. In 2018, Adriana went to the UN in Geneva as a guest to present her work - The Olympic Legacy of Rio 2016: a City for Whom. Adriana works with knowledge mobilization and public engagement in all her research, translating project findings into public policies, working alongside local community organizations, government and other stakeholders to ensure maximum impact from the results obtained.

She holds a PhD in Urban Design from Oxford Brookes University, UK, and a post-doctorate in Urban Planning from The Bartlett School of Planning, UK. Since 2008, she has held a permanent position in Brazil as Associate Professor level 4 at the School of Architecture and Urban Planning, of Federal University of Pelotas (UFPEL). She was Head of the Department of Architecture and Urban Planning at the School of Architecture and Urban Planning for four years, 2016-2020. Her leadership experience also includes the role of Coordinator of the Master's Course in Architecture and Urbanism at UFPEL (PROGRAU) for four years, 2009-2013. She was also the founder and coordinator of the Laboratory of Behavioural Studies (LabCom) at UFPEL for six years (2016-2023). Now, she is currently working as a Researcher Fellow in the laboratory. During her career, she published four international books: Visual Pollution Advertising, Signage and Environmental Quality; Insights into favelas; Place-Making with Older Adults Towards Age-Friendly Cities and Communities; and Ageing in Place.

Since 2003, she has maintained close relations with the United Kingdom in the area of global ageing studies. In 2022 she was a Visiting Professor for six months at the Urban Institute of Heriot-Watt University, in the area of global ageing, with a scholarship from CNPQ, Brazil. In addition to being a professor at the Postgraduate Program in Architecture and Urbanism at the School of Architecture and Urban Planning of UFPEL and a Researcher Fellow at LabCom, both in Brazil, she develops research and teaching activities with the Urban Institute at Heriot-Watt University, UK.

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