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Patricia holds a degree in Architecture and Urbanism from the Federal University of Rio Grande do Sul, Brazil, a masters degree in civil engineering from the same institution, and a PhD from the University of Salford, UK. She is a Professor of Integrated Design, Head of Department for Design and Built Environment and Director of the Innovative Design Lab research center at the School of Arts and Humanities, University of Huddersfield, UK. In her role she provides strategic direction and oversees teaching and research development across the department.

Patricia's research for the past 20 years focuses on different aspects of design and the build environment. Her interests cover Design Management, Lean Design and Construction, Value generation, Building Information Modelling, Social Housing and the design of healthcare facilities. She has delivered a number of research projects examining the design process, including front-end design, requirements capture and management, Evidence Based Design, participatory design approaches, Building Information Modelling in the retrofit of social housing, code checking in healthcare design, between others. Patricia has been an active member of the International Group for Lean Construction since 1998, having served as reviewer and editor. Patricia is currently the vice-president of the CIB – International Council for Research and Innovation in Building and Construction.

