

Practice Profile

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1. Presentation

Rui Castro is an architect with a philosophy of cultural approach supported by a strong efficiency.

Since 1990 his experience extends from urban design through architecture to interior and furniture design.

His idea of the architect activity searches the interpretation of situations to provide global answers to people's needs. He believes in a close relation to the circumstances of each commission, while designing, in order to express their meaning.

The practice's work deals in a similar way with the urban and environmental context. In each project he strives to develop a particular architectural identity, one which embodies and entails cultural values valid beyond their setting.

His approach to comply with criteria like cost, safety or comfort is trying to develop ideas that articulate these issues in a positive manner. Careful and thorough experimentation in the design stages is crucial as a method to arrive at simple, safe and effective technical solutions, both from an immediate point of view as well as a long-term and broader one.

The cultural bias of his activity is combined with a concern for irreprehensible efficiency. His philosophy is one of unconditional commitment to architectural quality, supported by the experience, the consultants expertise and the office rigorous organisation.

2. Curriculum

Rui Castro has gained a valuable experience working in projects of a diverse nature for both private and institutional client. He has an experience of more than 50.000 sqm in working drawings phase and site assistance to works of high architectural standard. He also has developed activity in design debate.

Born in Vila Nova de Gaia, Portugal, in 1968. Graduated in architecture in 1993 at the ESAP. Since 1988 worked in Oporto as collaborator for several architects: with José Paulo dos Santos, worked in the Reichstag competition; with Luís Casal, collaborated in a housing and retail scheme; from 1992 to 2000, with the Álvaro Siza, where he worked as project architect for the Portuguese Pavilion for the World Exhibition of Lisbon in 1998. From 2000 to 2005 worked in “Casa da Música” as project supervisor. In 1994 he opened his own office and since then has been developing several private projects. Since 2006 teaches architecture in Universidade Lusófona do Porto and collaborates with the Architects Association in formation courses.

Personal data

Full Name Rui Manuel Moura Castro
Born in Vila Nova de Gaia, 1968

Qualifications

1993 Graduation in Architecture at the ESAP, with the final mark of 14 out of 20
2011 Master in Architecture at the ESAP, with the final mark of 18 out of 20

Professional experience

Construction management

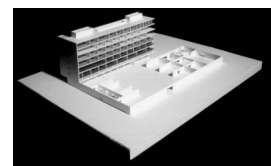
2000_05 Supervisor of the project and work of Casa da Música, Oporto



Casa da Música

as project architect (with Álvaro Siza)

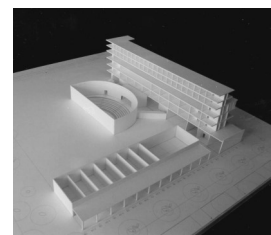
2000 Library for the Faculty of Humanities, University of Salamanca, Spain
preliminary design



Cabo Verde National Bank

1999 Penafiel City Hall
preliminary design

1998 Ministries Council building, Lisbon
preliminary design



Rectory for the University of Valencia

1998 Cabo Verde National Bank, Cidade da Praia, Cabo Verde
preliminary design

1998 Rectory for the University of Valencia, Spain
preliminary design

1995_98 Portuguese Pavilion for the World Exhibition in Lisbon'98

built

with Álvaro Siza (*as collaborator*)



Portuguese Pavilion

1994_95 Renovation of *Grandella* building, at Chiado burnt area, Lisbon (working drawings)

built



Grandella building

1992_94 Urban arrangements at Chiado burnt area, Lisbon (working drawings)

built

1993 St. Mary's church, Marco de Canavezes (working drawings)

built

with José Paulo dos Santos (*as collaborator*)



St. Mary's church

1992 Competition for the German Reichstag, Berlin

third price

1988 Competition for Portuguese Pavilion at the International Exhibition Sevilha'92

not awarded

with Álvaro Siza and José Paulo dos Santos (*as collaborator*)



Cultural Center for Defence

1990 Cultural Centre of Defence, second stage of the design competition, Madrid

first price

with Luis Casal (*as collaborator*)

1990 Competition for the Polytechnic Institute: students residences, Coimbra

not awarded

1990 Three residential and retail building in Oporto (working drawings)

built

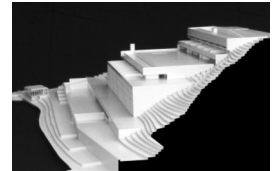
Teaching, seminars and workshops

- 2006... Since 2006 teaches architecture in a private university in Oporto.
- 2005... Since 2005 has been the responsible for the course “Coordenação de Projectos e Especialidades” integrated in the stage for the Architects Association.
- 2005 Guest speaker in the cycle of architecture conferences organized by Universidade Moderna, Lisbon
- 2004 Guest speaker in the cycle of architecture conferences organized by Escola Superior Gallaecia, Vila Nova de Cerqueira
- 2002 Attendance in the Third Meeting of Portuguese and Spanish Architecture in Salamanca, organized by Álvaro Siza and Rafael Moneo
- 2001 Invited architect for the first “Architectural Workshop” organized by Ove Arup / AFA, London
- 2000 Attendance in the First Meeting of Portuguese and Spanish Architecture in Salamanca, organized by Álvaro Siza and Rafael Moneo
- 2000 Invited as a monitor for the international workshop of architecture and urban design “Porto|Roterdão 2001”, Oporto
- 1999 Member of the jury of the Iberian competition “Soluções Pladur” for students, Madrid

3. Works and projects

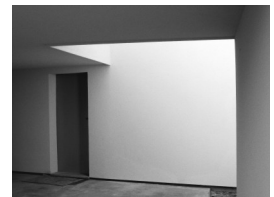
Equipment buildings, private housing, interior design and furniture design.

2010_... Five stars hotel in Baião, Portugal
in progress



Hotel in Baião

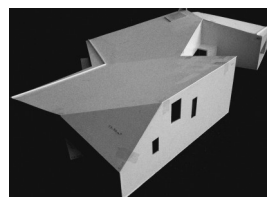
2007_09 Branca Costa house, Vila Nova de Gaia, Portugal
built



Branca Costa house

2006_09 Renovation of Fátima Costa house, Vila Nova de Gaia, Portugal
built

2006_10 Manuel Alves house, Vila Nova de Gaia, Portugal
built



Manuel Alves house

2006_07 José Augusto Castro warehouse, Vila Nova de Gaia, Portugal
built

2005_09 Lino França house, Esmoriz, Portugal
not built

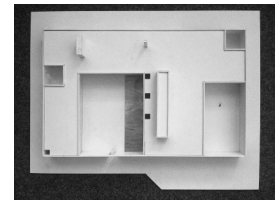


José Augusto Castro warehouse

2003_... José Pedrosa house, Vila Nova de Gaia, Portugal
under construction

2002_2006 Tea house Tarte de Canela, Vila Nova de Gaia, Portugal
built

2001_07 Miguel and Susete Oliveira houses, Vila Nova de Gaia , Portugal
built



Lino França house

2002 Raquel Castro house, Vila Nova de Gaia, Portugal
preliminary design

2000_04 Alexandrino Faro house, Penalva do Castelo, Portugal
built



José Pedrosa house

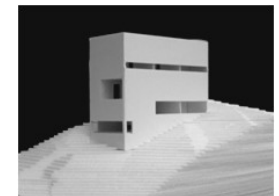
1999 Hugo Silva House, Vila Nova de Gaia, Portugal
not built



Miguel and Susete houses

1999_2002 Renovation of Pedro Barreto apartment, Oporto, Portugal
built

1997 Joaquim Moreira house, Vila Nova de Gaia, Portugal
preliminary design



Raquel Castro house

1997_99 Renovation of António Correia house, Vila Nova de Gaia, Portugal
built

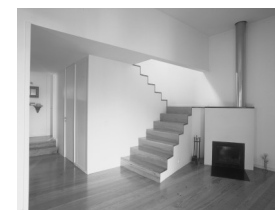
1995_97 Renovation of Paulo Costa house, Vila Nova de Gaia, Portugal
built



Alexandrino Faro house

1995_96 Blue Café, Vila Nova de Gaia, Portugal
built

1994 Apartment building on Avenida Fernão de Magalhães, Oporto, Portugal
preliminary design



Paulo Costa house

1994 Renovation of the ballroom of Clube dos Fenianos do Porto, Oporto, Portugal
built

Competitions

2012 Library in Grândola, Portugal. *With Telmo Castro*
not awarded



Serlachius museum

2011 Serlachius Museum, Finland. *With Telmo Castro*
not awarded

2009 Multipurpose pavilion in V. F. de Xira, Portugal. *With Luis Pacheco*
not awarded



Multipurpose pavilion

2005 Nasca observatory, Peru
not awarded

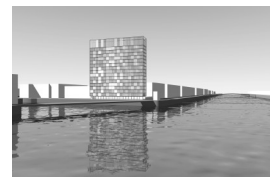


Nasca observatory

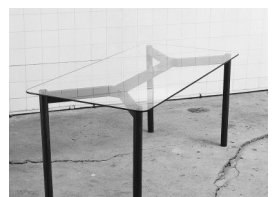
2003 Landmark tower and U2 studio, Dublin. *With António Campello*
not awarded

2002 Renovation of a museum in Lamego, Portugal. *With António Campello*
2nd price

2000 Mobilis 2000, Paços de Ferreira, Portugal
4th price



Landmark tower



Mobilis 2000