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### About

Professor Yunying Ren focuses her academic research on two aspects: the first concerns the history of the early modern city and city planning in China; the second concerns the theories and methods of city planning, especially the sustainable development of the historical city and its spatial transformation and adaptation. She is engaged in working out effective measures to resolve the conflict between historical and cultural protection and sustainable development, with particular reference to society, economy and environment in Northwest China. Professor Ren is currently responsible for two research projects sponsored by the National Natural Science Foundation of China. In respect of planning practices, she has chaired and taken part in more than 40 planning and architectural design projects, especially focusing on county towns located on the loess plateau of Northwest China.

She was awarded third prize of the 2011 Annual National Outstanding Achievements of Urban and Rural Planning and Design. She was also awarded third prize of the Outstanding Achievement of Urban and Rural Planning and Design in Shaanxi Province in 2009. Meanwhile, she and her group had been awarded the 1st prize of Xi'an region within the Alluvial plain of Weihe River Vernacular Features of Rural Residential Building Design Competition, sponsored by Xi'an Urban and Rural Construction Committee.

### Qualifications

Doctor of History

### Biography

#### Professional Experience

Sep 2006 - Professor of Architectural History, Xi'an University of Architecture and Technology  
Sep 2001 - Oct 2006, Associate Professor, Xi'an University of Architecture and Technology  
Sep 1995 - Oct 2001, Lecturer, Xi'an University of Architecture and Technology  
Mar 1992 - Oct 1995, Assistant Professor, Xi'an University of Architecture and Technology  
Jul 1990 - Mar 1992, Assistant Engineer, Municipal Engineering Management Bureau, Lintong District, Xi'an, Shaanxi Province

### Research

#### Research interests

Theories and Methods of Urban Planning and Design, Urban Morphology, Historical Geography