

# Dhruv Saxena

*design, art, & foresight*

## EXPERIENCE

### **Coordinator, BA Product & Industrial design**

Central Saint Martins, University of the Arts

London, UK (March - June 2023)

Delivering assistance in leadership and management of the BA Product and Industrial Design Course, including the maintenance and enhancement of standards and responsibility for the design, development and delivery of the curriculum.

### **Speculative design, project-based mentorship**

**Mentor @ Experimental Realism,**

Remote (Jul 2021 - Dec 2022)

Mentorship in the scopes of speculative and critical design.

ExRe is a six month graduate program with a speculative design practitioner, conceived by Gem Barton @OSSD, Royal College of Arts.

### **Artistic research, critical futures, foresight**

**Resident Artist & researcher @ Khoj Intl. Artist's Association**

Delhi, IN (Jul 2021 - Dec 2021)

Co-created artistic research and exhibit, Pixelated Elephants, exploring critical futures of media consumption and dissipation in India, through participatory research and speculative world-building, as a part of "un-stacked" curatorial.

### **Alternative futures, participatory research, speculative design**

**Artist and researcher @ Swiss Arts Council Prohelvetia**

Delhi, IN (Sep 2020 - Jan 2021)

Co-produced Idée Fixe, a critical exercise to envision alternative and provocative futures of craft-cultures in India, as a response to the stagnated identities of craft practices and ecosystems

### **Design research, new media, creative code**

**Co-founder @ A4.Achaar**

Delhi/Jaipur, IN (Sep 2020 - present)

A4 is a collective which explores scopes of new media, speculative futures, participatory design, critical, and speculative schools of thought in the Indian context.

### **Coordination, mentorship & teaching**

**Asst. Prof. @ JK Lakshmipat University,**

Jaipur, IN (Dec 2019 - Jan 2023)

Curating the post graduate design program in Product & Interaction design. Coordinating & managing the Product design discipline.

### **Teaching, mentorship and learning design**

**Faculty @ Pearl Academy,**

Jaipur, IN (Aug 2018 - Dec 2019)

Creating learning modules for the design foundation, interior, and product disciplines. Workshop mentorship in TEDx creators summit.



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## **Social**

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## **Education**

**Product Design**

**Domus Academy**

Master course

2015, Milan, IT

**Craft Design**

**Indian Institute of  
Crafts and Design**

Graduate Diploma

2014, Jaipur, IN

## **Capabilities**

Learning Design

Critical/Speculative Design

Strategic Foresight

Participatory Research

Generative programming

UX Research

## **Tools & Technologies**

Figma, Miro,

Touchdesigner, Rhino,

Adobe suite, Autocad,

Shapr3d, (learning)P5js

## **Research Interests**

Participatory design,

decolonisation & design,

crafts & cultures,

critical futures,

speculative fiction.

## **Languages**

English (native)

Hindi (native)