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## Biography

Nicole Kalms is an Associate Professor in the Department of Design and founding director of the Monash University XYX Lab which leads national and international research in Gender and Place. Nicole is the Deputy Associate Dean of Research. Nicole has a PhD in Architecture from Monash University. She obtained her Bachelor Degree in Architecture from RMIT and practiced architecture for several years before undertaking a Masters degree in Landscape Architecture (RMIT). Nicole is a full-time member of Monash University's Faculty Art, Design and Architecture where she is focused on cross-disciplinary research.

Dr Kalms' scholarly contributions include the edited book *Contentious Cities: Design and the Gendered Production of Space* (Routledge 2021), the monograph *Hypersexual City: The Provocation of Soft-Core Urbanism* (Routledge 2017) examining sexualized representation and precincts in neoliberal cities. Her forthcoming monograph *She City: A Design Handbook for Challenging Inequity in Cities* (Bloomsbury) will draw on interdisciplinary research and case studies from gender scholars, design practitioners, and feminist activists to update the significant research on gender and the city. The innovation of Kalms' research is the examination of digital, experiential, political and material interventions collated to articulate both the shared and conflicted struggles of minoritised communities internationally. Her praxis repositions design as a strategic tool for challenging inequity.

Dr Kalms regularly writes for a diverse non-academic audience, and is frequently invited to speak to the public about identity and urban space at major national and international cultural institutions. Kalms has been interviewed on BBC World TV (2018) and France 24 TV (2019). Kalms was the keynote speaker at the Planning Institute of Australia Congress (2019) and the Autonomy Mobility Summit in Paris (2019). Dr Kalms serves on a variety of advisory boards, committees and panels in relation to public policy, urban safety and placemaking.

## Qualifications

High Performance Leadership, High Performance Leadership, University of Oxford  
Award Date: 12 May 2023

Architecture, PhD, *Hypersexual City: The Provocation of Soft-Core Urbanism*, MONASH UNIVERSITY  
3 Mar 2011 → 5 May 2017  
Award Date: 30 May 2017

Landscape Architecture, Masters (Research), *After Landscape*, RMIT University  
Award Date: 25 May 2006

Architecture, Bachelor (Hons), RMIT University  
Award Date: 17 Mar 1998

## Employment

**Associate Professor**  
Department of Design  
MONASH UNIVERSITY  
1 Jan 2016 → present

**Monash Data Futures Institute**  
MONASH UNIVERSITY  
1 Sept 2020 → present

## Research output

**'Consenting Cities' - SM - No Vacancy Gallery**  
Bowden, G., Kalms, N., Berry, J., Webb, I. & Hwang, I., 2023

### **Consenting Cities**

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### **Inclusive transport for all: Addressing the needs of women and people with disabilities in South Sulawesi's railway stations**

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### **Not neutral: Diverse and inclusive public spaces**

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### **Streets after dark: the experiences of women, girls and gender-diverse people**

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### **Housing for Women Over 45: A best practice report on housing types for women at risk of homelessness in Melbourne**

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### **Perceptions of safety in cities after dark**

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### **Portfolio: Unequivocal Women's Housing: A post-occupancy study of housing types for women over 45 at risk of homelessness in suburban Melbourne**

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### **Contentious Cities: Design and the Gendered Production of Space**

Berry, J. (ed.), Moore, T. (ed.), Kalms, N. (ed.) & Bawden, G. (ed.), 2021, Oxon, UK: Routledge. 266 p.

### **HyperSext City**

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### **Introduction: Contentious cities**

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### **Keep Running**

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### **Lived experience: participatory practices for gender-sensitive spaces and places**

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### **Unwanted Sexual Behaviour and Public Transport: The Imperative for Gender-Sensitive Co-design**

Matthewson, G. & Kalms, N., 2021, *Advancing a Design Approach to Enriching Public Mobility*. Coxon, S. & Napper, R. (eds.). Cham Switzerland: Springer, p. 53-67 15 p. (Intelligent Systems Reference Library; vol. 198).

### **YourGround: Your Sport, Your Leisure, Your Play, Your Place, Your Victoria**

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### **YourGround: Mapping a safer Victoria for women and gender-diverse people**

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### **'Unsafe in the City' - SM - 'Disruption and Design: Crowdmapping Young Women's Experience in Cities'**

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### **Exploring gender-sensitive design**

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### **Merri Creek Coburg Safety Survey Report**

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### **Portfolio: TramLab Toolkits**

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### **Toolkit 1: Gender-Sensitive Communication Campaigns: Improving the Safety of Women and Girls on Public Transport**

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### **Toolkit 2: Gender-Sensitive Placemaking - Improving the Safety of Women and Girls on Public Transport**

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### **Toolkit 3: Gender-Sensitive Data - Improving the Safety of Women and Girls on Public Transport**

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### **Toolkit 4: Gender-Sensitive Training - Improving the Safety of Women and Girls on Public Transport**

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### **What does the 'new normal' look like for women's safety in cities?**

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### **'To design safer areas for women, city planners must listen to their stories' - SM - The Mandarin**

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### **Designing Women**

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### **More lighting alone does not create safer cities. Look at what research with young women tells us**

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### **Portfolio: 'Unsafe in the City: The Everyday Experiences of Girls and Young Women'**

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### **Safety after dark: Creating a city for women living and working in Sydney**

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### **Unsafe on the Streets: Girls' and Young Women's Experiences of Group Harassment**

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### **Urban exposure: feminist crowd-mapping and the new urban imaginary**

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**What does gender-sensitive placemaking look like?**

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**Coburg Townhouses**

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**Crowd-mapping gender equality – a powerful tool for shaping a better city launches in Melbourne**

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**Hypersexual occupations**

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**Provocations of the hypersexualized city**

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**Footscray Nicholson Learning Commons**

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**Manning Cartel**

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**Allens Linklaters**

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**Aviary**

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National institute of circus arts

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### **Suspended landscape**

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AXA

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### **Angle grinder**

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Architecture and feminism

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