GeoAdaptive Welcomes Practice Coordinator Maria Ignacia Arrasate to Sustainable Infrastructure Area

GeoAdaptive is pleased to announce that Maria Ignacia Arrasate has joined the company as Practice Coordinator in our Sustainable Infrastructure Area.

Maria Ignacia has over 10 years of experience in sustainability, working in architecture and planning as well as serving as advisor for the Chilean government. Maria Ignacia is based in our Boston office, and will focus on increasing GeoAdaptive’s presence worldwide, helping to drive the continued expansion of our business.

“Maria Ignacia is a key addition to our Sustainable Infrastructure Area at GeoAdaptive,” said Juan Carlos Vargas, Principal at GeoAdaptive. “Her depth of experience complements the skillset of GeoAdaptive’s team. Maria Ignacia’s significant accomplishments demonstrate her commitment to clients, and she aligns well with our core value of doing what it takes to make a robust product. Please join me in welcoming Maria Ignacia to GeoAdaptive.”

Maria Ignacia has extensive experience working on a diversity of academic cross disciplinary projects and a broad range of scales, from architectural design to master planning. In addition, she has significant experience in public policy, with a key role as public officer conforming part of the team of the Housing and Urban Reconstruction Program in Chile after the earthquake and tsunami of 2010. She is the co-author of several publications about the Chilean reconstruction program and has continued to be actively involved in debates about approached to risk and resilience.

Maria Ignacia has lectured on the topic sustainability and resilience in several countries, including US, Japan, Peru, Chile, and Colombia. Her work addresses a multidimensional perspective to the field of infrastructure development to confront the growing complexity of delivering infrastructure. Climate change, environmental concerns, and social equity and inclusion conform the drivers of her work. She aims to add sustainability value into projects, collaborating with our clients to develop the appropriate frameworks, technical knowledge, and capacities required to achieve this goal.

Maria Ignacia received her Architecture degree at Pontificia Universidad Catolica de Chile, a Master of Science at Columbia University of New York, and a Master in Design Studies, in Risk and Resilience concentration, at Harvard University.