

# Landscape as Architecture

Symposium



Cabo de Gata, photo by João Nunes

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Landscape architecture is a powerful tool for addressing issues that have generally been neglected in architectural research and practice until recently.

Innovative methodological approaches inherent to the multidisciplinary character of landscape architecture involve the consideration of time as a fundamental dimension in its conceptual framing, and a focus on exploring new ways of merging anthropic and natural systems rather than on the creation of new objects.

These characteristics may allow the transformative processes that are part of the continuous construction of human habitats to develop more ethical ways of engaging with and working towards the resolution of global issues.

In both practice and research, landscape architecture has produced new ideas and activated processes that address contemporary challenges in innovative ways, with some exemplary results.

This symposium invites those who as researchers and as professionals in practice, can communicate such experiences.

Moving away from the classical format of presenting practices' work, individual projects or portfolios we invite contributions from designers, planners and researchers reflecting on how landscape architecture addresses the major challenges of our society and contributes to the production of contemporary space.

**The symposium aims to explore the following issues**

- The approach of landscape architecture to climate change
- Energy transition and energy landscapes
- Water quality, availability and distribution
- Social inequalities in access to water, food, space, and knowledge
- Relation between the anthropic and the wild
- Soil erosion and agricultural land abandonment. World hunger and productive capacity.
- Mobility at all scales
- Waste management and environmental contamination
- Territorial continuity

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**13 November 2024**  
**Climate change**

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- 12:00 **Opening**
- 12:10 **Walter Angonese**, Director Accademia di architettura
- 12:20 **Jonathan Sergison**, ISUP Director
- João Nunes, João Gomes da Silva**, Symposium's organizers
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- 12:30-15:30 **Michele Anelli-Monti** (Università La Sapienza, Italy)  
*Landscape is Architecture in The Coming Dark Age*
- Silvia Benedito** (Harvard University, USA)  
*Designing Reciprocities for Warmer climates: Resilient Landscapes and Communities*
- Zaš Brezar** (Ljubljana, Slovenia)  
*Aesthetics Between Ecology and Politics of Public Space*
- Alicia Crespo** (Valencia, Spain)  
*Rising Waters, Losing Land: Lessons from the San Francisco Bay Area for Mediterranean Coastal Metamorphosis*
- Matti Hänsch** (TU Berlin, Germany)  
*extraction & retraction*
- Miquel Peiro** (ENSA Bretagne, France) & **Anna Maria Bordas** (Paris Val de Seine Architectural School, France)  
*Landscape adaptation versus the pathological permanence of the antropocene. Study cases*
- Chiara Pradel** (TU Delft, Netherlands)  
*Monumental Grounds and Material Gardens. Architectures, Construction Sites, Landscape*
- Rafael Stutz** (TU Munich, Germany)  
*„Who is right?“ / „Wer hat Recht?“ - Main issue - The approach of landscape architecture to climate change*
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- 16:30-17:30 **Roundtable**  
**João Gomes da Silva, João Nunes, Martino Pedrozzi, Sascha Roesler**
- 18:30-19:00 **Keynote lecture: Jordi Bellmunt Chiva**  
(Landscape Architect – B2B architects, Barcelona, Spain)
- 19:00-20:00 **Keynote speaker: Henry Bava**  
(Landscape Architect – Agence TER Landscapearchitects Paris/Karlsruhe /Barcelona/Shanghai/Detroit)
- 20:00 Buffet

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**14 November 2024**

**Cityscaping**

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12:30-15:30

**Isotta Cortesi** (Università degli studi di Parma, Italy)

*A Challenge for the Future: the Landscape of Vallone San Rocco, Naples*

**Adriano Dessi** (Università di Cagliari, Italy)

*Towards a new aesthetic of waste*

**Paulina Espinosa** (Austral University of Chile, Chile)

*Urban Wetlands as New City Structure*

**Chiara Geroldi** (Politecnico di Milano, Italy)

*Petroleum Gardens and Parks*

**Caterina Juric** (Politecnico di Torino, Italy)

*Enhancing Urban Representation: Integrating Surface and Subterranean Realms*

**Olivia Longo** (Università di Brescia, Italy) & **Silvia Dalzero** (Università di Brescia, Italy)

*Waste Landscapes. Architectures for Collection and Recycling*

**Alessandro Martinelli** (Chinese Culture University, Taiwan)

*The fitness of landscape architecture methodologies to specific governmentality and environments*

**Francesco Rizzi** (Locarno, Switzerland)

*Città dei Laghi, a landscape that connects territories*

**Hope Strode & Federico De Molfetta** (Lugano, Switzerland)

*Hypernature and the Urban Wild*

**Philip Urech** (ETHZ, Switzerland)

*Designing Urban Ground: conceiving terrain as the biophysical basis of urban landscapes*

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16:30-17:30

**Roundtable**

**Nicola Di Battista, João Gomes da Silva, Michael Jakob, João Nunes, Jonathan Sergison, Elisa Valero**

18:30-19:00

**Keynote online lecture: Lisa Babette Diedrich**

(Landscape Architect; Professor at Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences, Malmö, Sveden)

19:00-20:00

**Keynote online speaker: Kirsten Bauer**

(Landscape Architect, Director Aspect studios, Adelaide/Brisbane/Dubai, Guagzhou/Ho Chi Minh City/London/Perth/Shangai/Sydney)

20:00

Buffet

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**15 November 2024**

**Others landscapes**

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12:30-15:30

**Christian Beros** (Bucharest, Romania)

*Traces*

**Luis Callejas** (Oslo School of Architecture and Design, Norway)

*The forest clearing archetype*

**Chiara Chioni** (Università di Trento, Italy)

*Landscape Ready-Made Model(s). Digital tools for reality-based virtual landscapes*

**Alejandro Morales** (University of Malaga, Spain) & Ventura Blanch Ferran  
(University of Malaga, Spain)

*A contemporary atlas of Sierra Nevada high mountain water landscape*

**Giovanni Multari** (Università di Napoli Federico II, Italy)

*Architecture and Landscape for the Existing: Theoretical inquiry upon the  
Medma territory*

**Andrea Oldani** (Politecnico di Milano, Italy)

*Maintenance as plural and inventive practice for landscape architecture*

**Roberto Sanna** (Università di Cagliari, Italy)

*Alteram naturam. The landscaping agency of farms*

**Sule UZ** (Gezbe Technical University, Turkey) & **Fitnat Cimsit Kos**

(Gebze Technical University, Turkey)

*Co-operation With The Earth As a Landscape Hybrid Formation:*

*The Case of Anatolian Rural*

**Maithily Velangi** (BMS College of Architecture Bengaluru, India)

*From Seen to Unseen. Water quality, availability and distribution*

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**Roundtable**

**Frédéric Bonnet, João Gomes da Silva, Sebastien Marot, João Nunes,  
Muck Petzet, Matteo Vegetti**

18:30-19:00

**Keynote lecture: Martina Voser**

(Landscape Architect, MaVo Landschaften, ETH Zurich)

19:00-20:00

**Final online lecture: Gary Hilderbrand**

(Landscape Architect; Professor at Harvard GSD; Director Reed Hilderbrand  
Landscape Architects, Cambridge, Massachusetts, USA)

20:00

Buffet