

FG LANDSCHAFTSPLANUNG UND LANDNUTZUNG ONLINE SEMINAR

Landscape Architecture in Europe: Concepts of Landscape

Landscapes are the physical manifestation of manifold forces and processes. Geology and climate shape them as well as changing human uses, regulations and values. In order to be able to develop visions and concepts for future landscapes, we need a well-grounded understanding of these different forces and their correlation.

This online seminar aims at exploring some of these aspects. The international setting of the seminar will give additional insight in possible cultural similarities and differences of values, approaches and goals of landscapes and their development.

Beside readings and guest lectures about different theories and concepts, the students will analyse the landscape of their university town. All groups will follow the same assignments and format in order to get comparable results and discuss possible similarities and differences.

The seminar will add to a critical understanding of crucial aspects of landscape architecture. Along different assignments and interactive tools, the students will practice and enhance their methodological skill set and train communication and team work competences. The specific learning environment offers opportunities for an intercultural exchange with peers.

Participating universities:

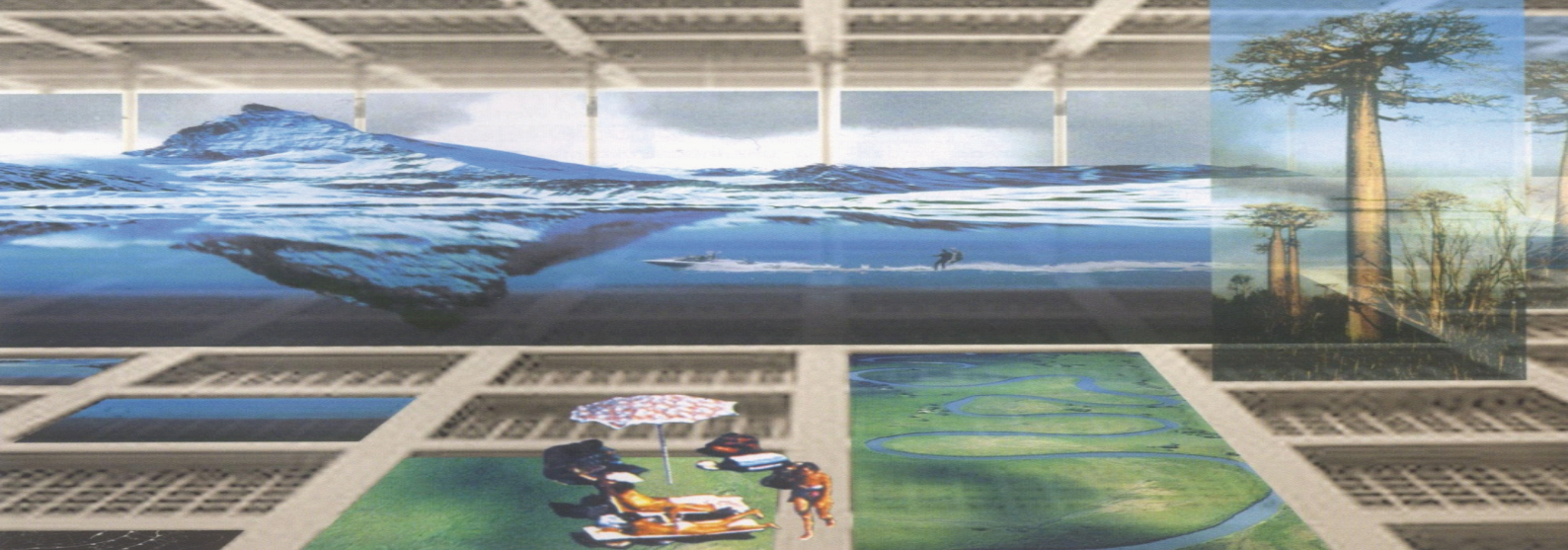
- Clemson University, USA // Department of Planning and Landscape Architecture
- Universitario BIOS, Uruguay // Faculty of Design, Art and Communication
- Estonian University of Life Sciences, Tartu // School of Landscape Architecture
- Wageningen University // Landscape Architecture Group
- University of Applied Sciences Nürtingen, Germany // International Master of LArch. (IMLA)
- Kassel University, Germany // School of Architecture, Urban Planning and Landscape Architecture

This seminar has a scope of 3 ECTS. The course language is English. Efficient skills in both speaking and writing are presumed. Good levels of independence and willingness to work in a group are expected.

Dates: Tuesdays, October 19, 2010 - February 08, 2011, 6.00 - 8.00 pm CET

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Assignment 1: Pictures of our Landscapes

When we want to develop adequate concepts and designs for the future of a landscape, we first have to examine its status quo and indentify specific problems and potentials. We have to understand the natural and human processes and forces which led to the recent shapes, functions, and meanings of a certain landscape.

This first assignment aims at introducing the landscapes of our university towns/cities to each other. It will address what we can understand when we look at a picture of a landscape we are familiar or not familiar with. The physical appearance we see can gives us several hints about a landscape's physical, cultural and economic characteristics and history.

Start this assignment with a brainstorming in your group to find out what the most significant aspects of your landscape might be (not each aspect might be something physical but manifests itself in a certain physical appearance). Then go out and make pictures. Select the three you find best to communicate the chosen aspect/s of this landscape to the other participants. Corresponding with the pictures prepare a brief narrative that explains what the three pictures can tell us about this landscape. Also be prepared to give a short (5 mins max.) statement about the chosen pictures in our online class.

Please note: The term "landscape" is not used equivalent to a rural setting but based on an understanding which embraces urban and suburban settings as well.

Deliverables:

- 3 pictures (jpgs) uploaded as demonstrated on the seminar Wiki under "Assignment 1" by Oct. 25
- brief written description of 400-500 words for all three pictures together; uploaded and edited as demonstrated on the seminar Wiki under "Assignment 1" by Oct. 25
- Preparation of an oral statement (5 mins) about the chosen pictures for the session on Oct. 26

Due: Monday, October 25, 2010

Seminar Wiki: http://draco.hfwu.de/~wikienfk5/index.php/Landscape_Concepts_2010

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