

Theory and Landscape (Barcelona, 25-26 Feb 10)

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INTERNATIONAL SEMINAR

THEORY AND LANDSCAPE: INTERDISCIPLINARY PERSPECTIVES

Barcelona, 25th and 26th of February 2010

The aim of this seminar is to bring together experts and scholars from different disciplines and professional backgrounds - from aesthetics and art history to landscape architecture, urban planning and geography. "Landscape" is here considered as an interdisciplinary category that cannot be reduced to the theoretical and epistemological framework of one particular discipline. Its meanings and the analysis of it benefit from the hybridizing space of the plural discourses of different disciplines and social or political practices.

The seminar will raise issues such as:

- the epistemological and methodological debate on the concept of landscape and its theoretical and material applications,
- the discussion of the research on the idea and the representations of landscape, in particular those generated during the last two decades, for example: emotional landscapes, experiential landscapes, landscapes as projects and as processes
- the suitability of the interdisciplinary approach in the development of those new ways of thinking and interpreting the notion of landscape,
- the inflation of the use of landscape in contemporary discourses and the trivialization of its meaning and content,
- the place of landscape in contemporary artistic discourses and in art production

Seminar Program:

1) Thursday, February 25th

9:00 - Registration and distribution of the seminar materials

9:30 - Opening Session with José Juan Moreso (President of the Universitat

Pompeu Fabra), Jordi Ibañez (Head of the Humanities Department, UPF) and Estela Ocampo (Director of the Institute of Culture, UPF)

Presentation of the Seminar by Isabel Valverde and Antoni Luna, members of the Scientific Committee, and funders of the SIIP (Interdisciplinary Research Seminar on Landscape, UPF).

10:00 - Jean Marc Besse, UMR Géographie-cités, CNRS-Paris I-Paris VII :
"L'espace du paysage. Considérations théoriques."

10:45 - Joan Nogué, Universitat de Girona and Observatori del Paisatge de Catalunya : "Paisaje y comunicación: el resurgir de las geografías emocionales."

12:00 - Francesc Muñoz, Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona : "Paisajes in vitro."

13:00- Roundtable Discussion, chaired by Antonio Luna, UPF

16:00 - Michael Jakob, Haute École du paysage, d'ingénierie et d'architecture (hepia) Genève and École Polytechnique Fédérale de Lausanne (EPFL) : "L'omni-paysage ou trop de paysage tue le paysage. "

16:45 - Daniela Colafranceschi, Università Mediterranea di Reggio Calabria:
"Arquitectura y paisaje. Geografías próximas."

18:00 - Roundtable Discussion, chaired by Isabel Valverde, UPF

2) Friday, 26th February

9:30 - Javier Maderuelo, Universidad de Alcalá y Centro Arte y Naturaleza (CDAN), Huesca: "Lugar del Paisaje en el Arte Contemporáneo."

10:15 - Federico López Silvestre, Universidad de Santiago de Compostela:
"Paisajes abiertos. Una teoría de la compensación."

11:30 - Malcom Andrews, University of Kent: "Landscape: An Aesthetic Ecology."

12:15 - Roundtable Discussion, moderated by Isabel Valverde, UPF

13:00 - Closing Session and Seminar Conclusions by Isabel Valverde, Antoni Luna and Joan Nogué

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