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EXCHANGES IN  
EUROPEAN LANDSCAPE  
DESIGN, 1945-1975

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PROGRAM

DONAUPARK, VIENNA INTERNATIONAL GARDEN EXHIBITION, WIG 64, 1964.  
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The symposium *Exchanges in European Landscape Design, 1945–1975* assembles a group of leading scholars from Europe and North America and asks them to examine the relations and transferences that influenced the course of landscape architecture in the postwar period. The causes and aftermath of the Second World War firmly established that life in the twentieth century was truly global, and that no nation today can exist in isolation.

In many countries the principal task facing landscape architects was the reconstruction and recovery from the deprivations resulting from the war. In other countries, providing access to green space for play and recreation, and the shift to suburban living, acquired increased prominence. Among many others the key questions for landscape architects were: How to best shape the rebuilding of cities and the form of suburban development—in particular, how to address the acute need for housing? How can landscape architecture positively affect the health and lifespans of its citizens? And in what way should old manners of garden and landscape design be superseded or discarded in favor of aesthetic ideas adopted—and adapted—from painting, sculpture, architecture, and engineering, to embody a new relationship between designed and natural environments? To these must be added the impact of international exchange through education and training, garden expositions, and professional conferences and societies such as the International Federation of Landscape Architects founded in 1948.

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**Information and registration :**

**<https://landscapedesign.sciencesconf.org/>**



## Thursday 20 June 2024

**13:00 – 13:45: Registration**

**13:45 – 14:00: Opening and welcome messages**

**14:00 – 18:00: Session 1: Overview, Belgium, France, The Mediterranean**

*Moderator: Marco Martella (Institut Européen des Jardins & Paysages)*

- **Modern Landscape Architecture: Definitions & Exchanges**, Marc Treib (University of California, Berkeley)
- **Of Park Systems and Minigolfs, From Athens to Anderlecht**, Ursula Wieser Benedetti (CIVA, Brussels)
- **Brussels at the center of the World: The gardens of 1958 Universal Exhibition**, Eric Hennaut (CIVA, Brussels) [in French]

*Coffee break*

- **Postwar Housing in France: Landscapes for Living and the Evolution of a French Landscape School**, Bernadette Blanchon (ENSP, Versailles) [in French]
- **Art and Ecology: Exchanges in the Landscapes of Francisco Caldeira Cabral and Roberto Burle Marx**, Cristina Castel-Branco (Lisbon University)

*Discussion*

**18:00: Reception « verre de l'amitié »**



## Friday 21 June 2024

**9:00: Registration**

**9:15 – 13:15: Session 2: Netherlands, Austria, Germany**

*Moderator: Iris Lauterbach (Institut Européen des Jardins & Paysages)*

- **Nature in the Neighborhood: Designs for Dutch Housing Landscapes**, Imke van Hellemond (Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam)
- **Austrian Landscapes in the Post-War Years. Vienna International Garden Show 1964**, Lilli Lička (BOKU, Vienna)

*Coffee break*

- **Letting the Dust Settle: Postwar Housing Landscapes in East and West Germany**, Sonja Dümpelmann (LMU Munich)
- **Franco-German Relations in Landscape Architecture**, Lars Hopstock (University of Kaiserslautern)

**13:15 – 14:30: Free time for lunch**

**14:30 – 17:15: Session 3: Britain; Scandinavia; IFLA**

*Moderator: Marc Treib (University of California, Berkeley)*

- **Post-war European Influences on British Landscape Architecture**, Jan Woudstra (University of Sheffield)
- **Northern Exchanges in Landscape Design: Denmark and Sweden**, Anna Jakobsson (SLU Alnarp)
- **Organizing Landscape Architects: the case of IFLA**, Dorothée Imbert (The Ohio State University)

*Discussion*

**17:15: Closing of the Conference**

**17:15: Reception**



**Saturday 22 June 2024**

**8:30 – 17:30:** Visit of the Park system in Anderlecht (Brussels) and Meise Botanic Garden (10 km from Brussels Center) - Transport by coach



Donaupark, Vienna International Garden Exhibition, WIG 64, 1964.

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