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Foreward

PRESENTAZIONE

La Biennal Europea de Paisatge ha estat, des de ja fa 6 edicions, un dels instruments més rellevants en la consolidació del paisatge com a coneixement, coma disciplina i com a recurs comú dels ciutadans.

Cal agrair a tothom que ha fet possible l'edició d'enguany, que afronta les dificultats conjunturals amb la determinació d'un projecte sòlid i madur capaç d'adaptar-se al present mentre va definint també el futur.

Lluís Comerón i Graupera

Degà del Col·legi d'Arquitectes de Catalunya

Europa és una realitat diversa, ja sigui pel que fa a les seves cultures, llengües o estils de vida, entre d'altres. I també en els seus paisatges, síntesi de natura i cultura. Això no treu que els elements comuns siguin molt poderosos i puguin arribar a conformar una identitat europea des de la pluralitat. George Steiner escrivia que Europa es reconeixia per l'existència d'un tret definidor del paisatge de moltes ciutats: la presència de cafès. Llocs de socialització i d'intercanvi d'idees, tot i la tendència uniformitzadora de la globalització, els cafès perviuen en un paisatge urbà híbrid; llocs on s'acumulen elements que ens fan singulars al costat d'altres que ens fan globals. Al cap i a la fi, el paisatge és un llibre obert on contínuament s'escriu i es reescriu.

En aquesta Biennal Europea del Paisatge podreu ser testimonis de múltiples expressions que tenen el paisatge com a protagonista. Catalunya és un país que destaca per les seves polítiques paisatgístiques. Sempre oberts a la modernitat i alhora orgullosos de la nostra història, els paisatges catalans, per bé que extraordinàriament diversos i en moviment, ens defineixen com a cultura i com a col·lectiu humà. Talment com la mateixa Europa, units en la diversitat i encara en construcció.

Lluís Recoder i Miralles

Conseller de Territori i Sostenibilitat

Para la Universidad Politécnica de Catalunya es motivo de orgullo y de satisfacción poder colaborar año tras año en la organización de la Bienal Europea del Paisaje.

La Bienal, desde su primera convocatoria y dada la trayectoria seguida y la repercusión del Premio Europeo de Paisaje Rosa Barba, es una referencia reconocida en el ámbito de la comunidad europea que cada vez va más allá de sus fronteras, como se muestra en la espléndida exposición de los trabajos de las Escuelas de Paisajismo de todo el mundo que participan en el evento.

La UPC es consciente de la importancia de la disciplina del Paisaje en un momento especialmente sensible de demanda de la sociedad hacia aquellos temas que hacen referencia y plantean alternativas válidas para el desarrollo de una macroeconomía con estímulos de inversión verde.

Por todo ello, una vez más, adelante y enhorabuena a todos.

Antonio Giró Roca

Rector de la Universidad Politécnica de Catalunya





Liquid landscapes

PAESAGGI LIQUIDI

Los paisajes devienen líquidos, al mismo tiempo que nuestras convicciones, nuestras costumbres o nuestras seguridades.

Nuestros paisajes se adaptan, cambian de formas, de argumentos, de lógicas e incluso de sentido. Estos mismos paisajes se fragilizan, temen, tiemblan, vibran y se tensan, convirtiéndose en distintos, fascinantes, irreconocibles y contemporáneos. Sobre esta idea la VI Bienal de Paisaje de Barcelona quiere transmitir, mediante un "leit motiv" de connotaciones baumannianas, la necesidad de inducirnos a pensar que los modelos aprendidos están caducando, que las referencias paisajísticas necesitan revisarse y que ciertos métodos de proyección y gestión no volverán a repetirse.

Todo ello aunque indigesto en primera instancia, es apasionante como reflexión intelectual, como alternativa proyectual y una gran oportunidad de relanzamiento de una disciplina, relativamente joven, que basa sus valores en la agilidad de respuesta, en la facilidad de reacción o en encontrar una cierta confortabilidad en el desarrollo de procesos de proyección complejos desde el rigor en el conocimiento de lugares y técnicas.

El destino nos depara una "chance".

Desde la tercera edición de la Bienal de Paisaje, ahora hace unos diez años, se empezó a hacer notar un impulso claro, a partir de la intensificación de la crisis ambiental planetaria, para resolver ciertas cuestiones ligadas al territorio a través de proyectos substancialmente conectados con las leyes naturales y resolviendo la conflictualidad del crecimiento con las armas y mecanismos que las técnicas, coordinadas con los objetivos bien intencionados, nos ofrecían.

Después de aquel Solo con naturaleza se observó un cierto estancamiento de las respuestas proyectuales que se sucedieron, sin poder certificar lo que, simplemente quizás, entendíamos como punto de despegue del paisajismo involucrado con la modernidad, con la ciencia más responsable y con las ideas mas evolutivas y arriesgadas. Esta generalización encontraba magníficas y honrosas excepciones.

Es definitivamente después de la edición de Paisaje:Producción cuando intuimos que nuestros temores se convertían en certezas y sugerimos aquel optimista grito de alerta, que denominamos románticamente Tormenta e ímpetu , esperando

que la revisión de ciertas seguridades y modelos era parte de nuestra aportación a una situación no especialmente halagüeña, ni para la imaginación ni para soñar como ya no lo era para la profesión ni el entorno en Europa. Es por ello que insistimos en encontrar respuestas, en el diálogo y en la discusión desde las diferentes realidades europeas y acercándonos a países que nos podían aportar visiones de distinto calado a la cuestión abierta (E.E.U.U., China, etc...).

Es en esta edición, Paisajes líquidos, cuando se constata una situación de cambio, de crisis evidente y es por lo que parte de la inquietud y del interés del paisajismo se ha desplazado hacia expertos de otras disciplinas mas ágiles (Sociología, Filosofía o Antropología) que aparentemente están en una mejor situación para dar con las claves de futuro de nuestra sociedad, convirtiéndose en mensajeros de unas nuevas ideas que entendemos como esenciales para nuestro cometido próximo.

El objetivo del encuentro ha sido el debate sobre la contemporaneidad de nuestros paisajes en su indispensable liquidez.

El futuro ha de corroborar esta adaptación.

Jordi Bellmunt i Chiva





Regeneration

Rigenerazione

3 FINALISTS / 58 projects



R1 The Nansen Park

Parco Nansen

Tone Lindheim
Norway

Entity / Entità
Bjørbekk & Lindheim

Location / Sito
Fornebu, Oslo, Norway

Design date / Progetto
2004

Construction date /
Costruzione
August 2008

Area / Superficie
200.000 m²

Cost / Costo
92,13 euros /m²

Client / Cliente
Statsbygg Town Council

finalist /
finalista





R2

Park of Luna

Parco della Luna

Berrie van Elderen

The Netherlands

*finalist /
finalista*

Entity / Entità

Hosper nl bv

Location / Sito

Heerhugowaard, The Netherlands

Design date / Progetto

1997 – 2003

*Construction date /
Costruzione*

2008

Area / Superficie

170 Ha

Cost / Costo

7,24 euros /m²

Client / Cliente

Heerhugowaard Town Council





R3

The Campus Area of Copenhagen Business School

Campus della Copenhagen Business School

Marianne Levinsen
Denmark

Entity / Entità
Marianne Levinsen Landskab mdh plr

Location / Sito
Solbjerg Plads, Kilevej, Frederiksberg,
Denmark

Design date / Progetto
2002 - 2004

Construction date / Costruzione
2005 - 2007

Area / Superficie
34.020 m²

Cost / Costo
107 euros /m²

Client / Cliente
Copenhagen Business School

*finalist /
finalista*





R4

Insula una facies mille

Insula una facies mille

Lara Riguccio
Concetta Falanga
Italy

Entity / Entitá
Architerra

Location / Sito
Pantelleria, Trapani, Sicilia, Italy

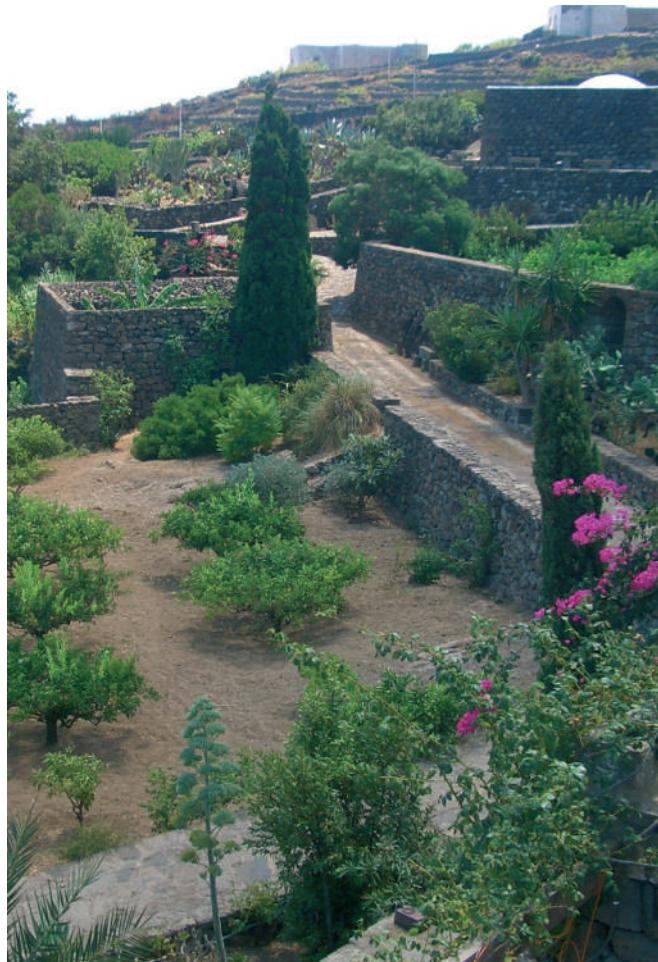
Design date / Progetto
1998

Construction date /
Costruzione
2008

Area / Superficie
40.000 m²

Cost / Costo
25 euros /m²

Client / Cliente
private





R5

Museum and Institutional headquarters of Madinat Al Zahra

Museo e sede istituzionale di Madinat Al Zahra

Fuensanta Nieto
Enrique Sobejano
Spain

Entity / Entitat
Nietosobejano Arquitectos s.l.p

Location / Sito
Recinte Arqueològic Madinat al Zahra, Còrdova, Spain

Design date / Progetto
2001 - 2003

Construction date / Costruzione
June 2008

Area / Superficie
53.897 m²

Cost / Costo
1.507,7 euros /m²

Client / Cliente
Andalucia Government





R6

Redesign of the Roman Quarry for Opera Festivals requirements

Ridisegno della cava romana di pietra per festival d'Opera

Herwig Spiegl
Austria

Entity / Entitá
AllesWirdGut Architektur ZT GmgH

Location / Sito
St. Margarethen in Burgenland

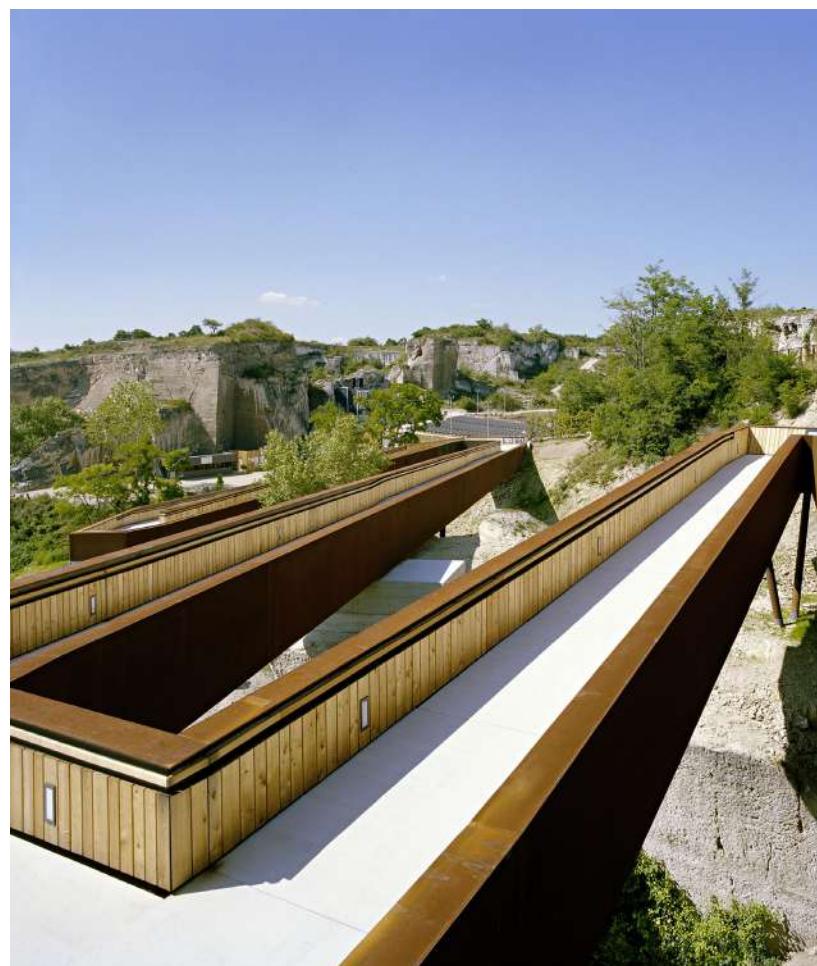
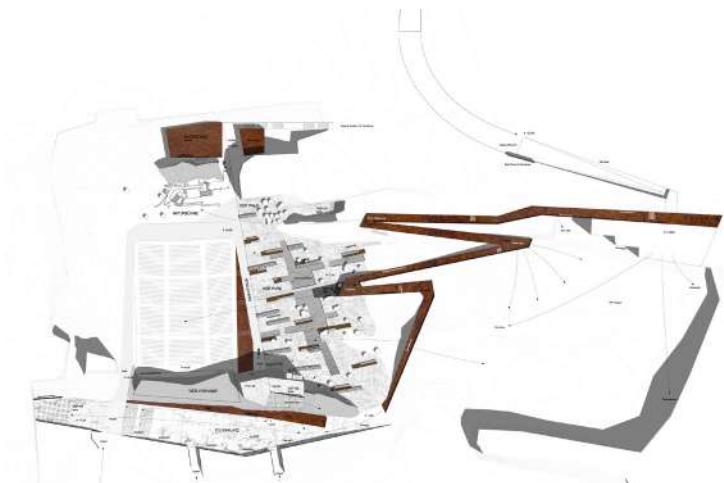
Design date / Progetto
2005

Construction date /
Costruzione
May 2008

Area / Superficie
10.010 m²

Cost / Costo
7.200.000 euros

Client / Cliente
Fürst Esterházy Familienprivatstiftung



17



R7

Construction and rehabilitation of the bridge over Sant Jaume's ravine

Progetto urbano e riabilitazione del ponte
sulla gola di Sant Jaume

Marc Manzano
Spain

Location / Sito
Tremp, Lleida, Spain

Design date / Progetto
October 2006

Construction date /
Costruzione
July 2008

Area / Superficie
300 m²

Cost / Costo
494 euros /m²

Client / Cliente
Tremp Town Council





R8 Remodeling of the old Major Square in Beriáin

Ridisegno della Plaça Major del nucleo antico di Beriáin

Gabriel Asuar
Ixiar Ugalde
Spain

Entity / Entitá
Gabriel Asuar Coupé e
Ixiar Ugalde Gabellanes, arquitectos

Location / Sito
Beriáin, Navarra, Spain

Design date / Progetto
2008

Construction date /
Costruzione
2009

Area / Superficie
4.715 m²

Cost / Costo
121,760 euros /m²

Client / Cliente
Beriáin Town Council





R9

Rehabilitation project for Grec Theatre and its gardens

Progetto di riabilitazione dei giardini e del Teatre Grec

Patrizia Falcone
Spain

Entity / Entitá
Àrea de Projectes i Obres -
Medi Ambient - BCN Town Council

Location / Sito
Parc de Montjuïc, Barcelona, Spain

Design date / Progetto
2007

Construction date / Costruzione
May 2009

Area / Superficie
14.294,78 m²

Cost / Costo
151,37 euros /m²

Client / Cliente
Barcelona Town Council





R10

Clota Park

Parco della Clota

Imma Jansana
Spain

Entity / Entitá
Jansana, de la Villa, de Paauw
arquitectes SLP

Location / Sito
Sabadell, Catalonia, Spain

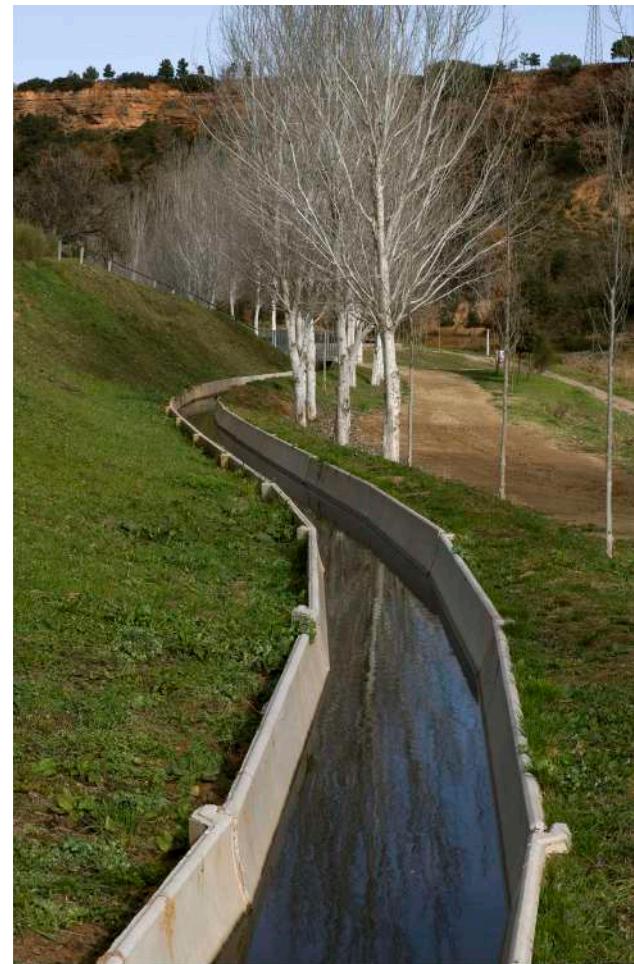
Design date / Progetto
2006 - 2009

Construction date /
Costruzione
2009

Area / Superficie
4,6 Ha

Cost / Costo
23 euros /m²

Client / Cliente
VIMUSA – Ajuntament de Sabadell





R11 Walled Town of Cittadella and Open air Theatre in the Giants Plain

Città fortificata di Cittadella e teatro all'aperto

Patrizia Valle
Italy

Entity / Entità
Studio Valle Architettura e Urbanistica
Venezia

Location / Sito
Cittadella, Padova, Italy

Design date / Progetto
May 2008

Construction date / Costruzione
October 2009

Area / Superficie
4.000 m²

Cost / Costo
225 euros /m²

Client / Cliente
Cittadella Town Council





R12

La Craquelure, restoration of Matteotti Square

La Craquelure, ridisegno di Piazza Matteotti

Marco Roggeri
Italy

Entity / Entità
mag.MA architetture

Location / Sito
Badalucco, Imperia, Italy

Design date / Progetto
2007

Construction date /
Costruzione
2008

Area / Superficie
650 m²

Cost / Costo
173,47 euros /m²

Client / Cliente
Badalucco Towncouncil



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R13 Open Spaces of Eberbach Monastery

Spazi aperti del Monastero di Eberbach

Stefan Bernard
Philipp Sattler
Germany

Entity / Entità
Bernard und Sattler
Landschaftsarchitekten

Location / Sito
Eltville Rheingau, Germany

Design date / Progetto
2004

Construction date /
Costruzione
2011

Area / Superficie
75.000 m²

Cost / Costo
85,33 euros /m²

Client / Cliente
Foundation Eberbach Monastery





R14

Sarone Garaño Experimental Garden

Giardino sperimentale Sarobe Garaño

Iñigo Segurola
Juan Iriarte
Spain

Entity / Entitá
LUR Paisajistak, S.L.

Location / Sito
Sarobe Garaño, Oiartzun, Guipúscoa,
Spain

Design date / Progetto
2004

Construction date /
Costruzione
2005

Area / Superficie
13.000 m²

Cost / Costo
1,77 euros /m²

Client / Cliente
private firm



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R15

Restoration of the Llobateres quarry as wetland and pond mill in Tordera River

Restauro della cava Llobateres e conversione
a stagno e zona umida di laminazione del fiume Tordera

Joan Borrell
Spain

Entity / Entitat
Enginyeria, Estudis i Gestió Ambiental

Location / Sito
Sant Celoni, Catalonia, Spain

Design date / Progetto
1999

Construction date /
Costruzione
December 2009

Area / Superficie
8 Ha

Cost / Costo
1,52 euros /m²

Client / Cliente
Sant Celoni Town Council
Agència Catalana de l'Aigua





R16

Urbanization of Corrals pathway in Puigcardonner

Progetto urbano del Cammino Corrals a Puigcardonner

Pere Santamaría
Spain

Location / Sito
Puigcardonner, Manresa, Spain

Design date / Progetto
March 2008

**Construction date /
Costruzione**
December 2008

Area / Superficie
2.500 m²

Cost / Costo
151,85 euros / m²

Client / Cliente
Manresa Town Council



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R17

Agullana's old town urbanization: Around the Square

Progetto urbano del nucleo antico di Agullana:
intorno della Piazza Maggiore

Marc Manzano
Spain

Location / Sito
Agullana, Girona, Spain

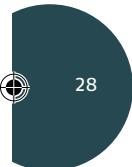
Design date / Progetto
February 2008

**Construction date /
Costruzione**
February 2009

Area / Superficie
800 m²

Cost / Costo
200 euros /m²

Client / Cliente
Agullana Town Council and General
Architecture and Landscape
Management





R18

Restoration and adaptation of the structures of the archaeological site in Clunia's Roman City

Lavori di protezione, restauro e adeguamento del sito archeologico romano di Clunia

Jesús Alba
Laura García
Jesúa García
Smara Gonçalvez
Carlos Miranda
Spain

Entity / Entitá
A3GM arquitectos

Location / Sito
Clunia, Burgos, Spain

Design date / Progetto
2006

Construction date / Costruzione
2007

Area / Superficie
668 m²

Cost / Costo
386,22 euros /m²

Client / Cliente
Castilla y León Government



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R19 Oncology Centre in Villa Ragionieri

Villa Ragionieri, Centre di oncologia

Paola Mainardi
Silvia Martelli
Italy

Entity / Entità
Giardini Associati

Location / Sito
Sesto Fiorentino, Firenze, Italy

Design date / Progetto
2005

Construction date / Costruzione
2009

Area / Superficie
8.830 m²

Cost / Costo
62,50 euros /m²

Client / Cliente
private firm





R20

Rodrigo Caro Gardens

Giardini Rodrigo Caro

Robert de Paauw
Spain

Entity / Entitá
Jansana, de la Villa, de Paauw
arquitectes SLP

Location / Sito
Barcelona, Spain

Design date / Progetto
2006 - 2008

Construction date /
Costruzione
2008

Area / Superficie
5.250 m²

Cost / Costo
161,90 euros /m²

Client / Cliente
Barcelona Town Council / PRONABA



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R21 Consell Comarcal de la Segarra Square and Manel Ibarra Street

Piazza del Consell Comarcal de la Segarra e via Manel Ibarra

Inma Bernardos
Ivan Blasi
Javier Sanz
Spain

Entity / Entitá
100TO arquitectura

Location / Sito
Cervera, Lleida, Spain

Design date / Progetto
2006 – 2007

Construction date /
Costruzione
December 2009

Area / Superficie
2.100 m²

Cost / Costo
2.428,85 euros /m²

Client / Cliente
Catalunya Government, Incasol,
Cervera Town Council





R22

Lote 80 in Quinta Patino

Lotto 80 a Quinta Patino

Cristina
Castel-Branco
Portugal

Entity / Entitá
ACB, Arquitectura Paisagista

Location / Sito
Estoril - Lisboa, Portugal

Design date / Progetto
2005

Construction date /
Costruzione
2006

Area / Superficie
5.000 m²

Cost / Costo
74 euros /m²

Client / Cliente
João Rendeiro



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R23 Transformation of Park Twickel

Trasformazione del Parco Twickel

Michael Van Gessel
The Netherlands

Location / Sito
Overijssel – Delden, The Netherlands

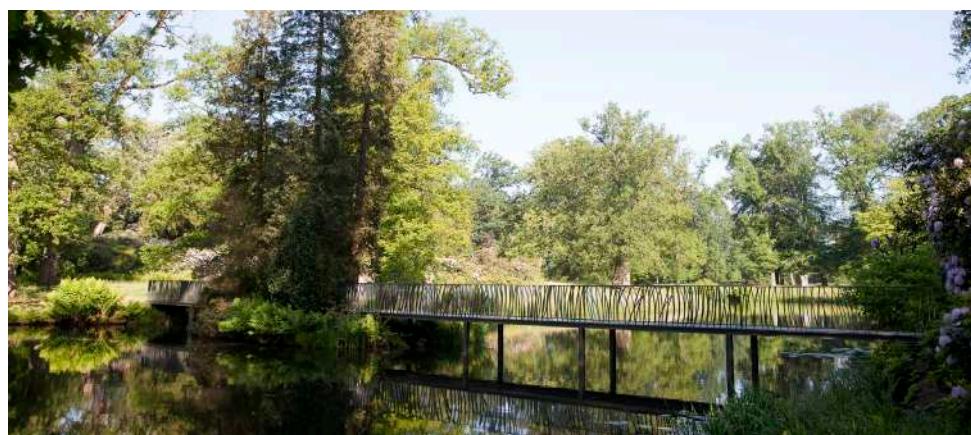
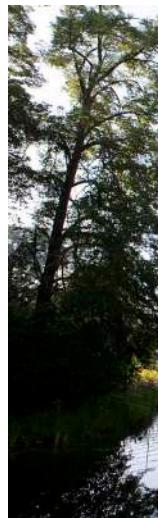
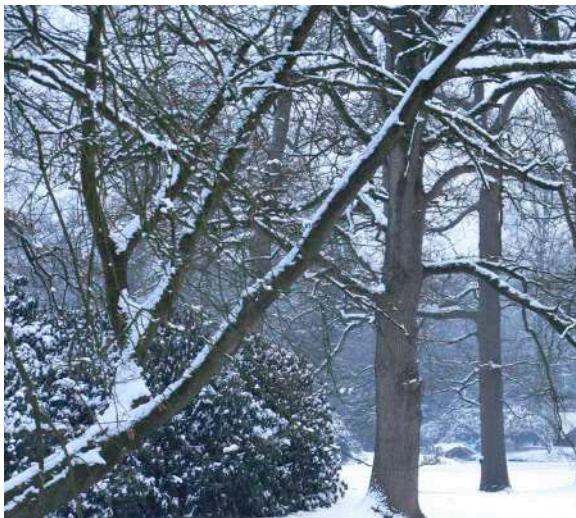
Design date / Progetto
1999 – 2004

Construction date /
Costruzione
2009

Area / Superficie
40.000 m²

Cost / Costo
100 euros /m²

Client / Cliente
Twickel Foundation





R24

Cathedral's Absis Square in Tortosa

Piazza dell'Abside della Cattedrale di Tortosa

Josep Camps Povill
Olga Felip Ordí
Spain

Entity / Entitá
Arquitecturia
Location / Sito
Tortosa, Catalonia, Spain

Design date / Progetto
2009

Construction date /
Costruzione
2009

Area / Superficie
1.415 m²

Cost / Costo
490,50 euros /m²

Client / Cliente
Tortosa Town Council





R25

Viewpoint Square in the surroundings of Saints Gervasio and Protasio Church

Piazza panoramica dell'intorno della Chiesa di Sants Gervasi i Protasi

Ángel Cepeda
Pedro Luís
Spain

Location / Sito
Santervás de Campos, Valladolid,
Spain

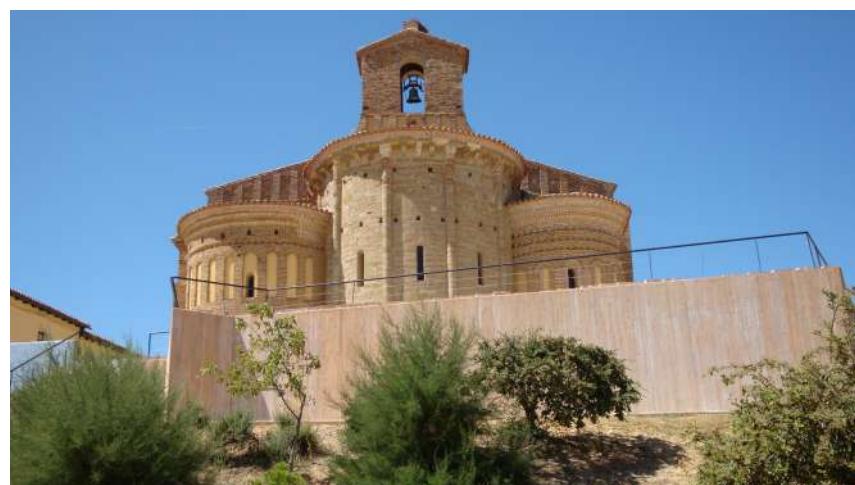
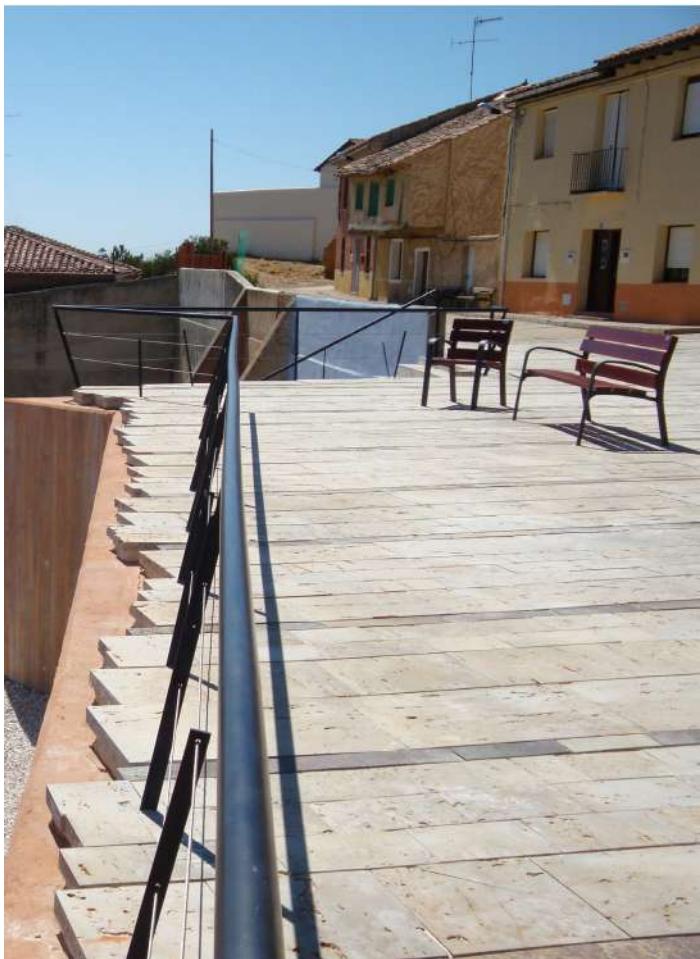
Design date / Progetto
2001

Construction date / Costruzione
2009

Area / Superficie
940 m²

Cost / Costo
156,80 euros /m²

Client / Cliente
Castilla y León Government





R26

Urbanization in Ripoll's old Town

Progetto urbano del centro di Ripoll

Jordi Comas
Anna Pont
Spain

Entity / Entitá
Comas-Pont Arquitectes SLP

Location / Sito
Ripoll, Girona, Spain

Design date / Progetto
October 2007

Construction date /
Costruzione
September 2009

Area / Superficie
4.172 m²

Cost / Costo
400 euros /m²

Client / Cliente
Ripoll Town Council



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R27

Redevelopment of Custoza central area in Sommacampagna

Ridisegno della zona centrale di Custoza
a Sommacampagna

Carlo Palazzolo
Italy

Location / Sito
Custoza, Sommacampagna, Verona,
Italy

Design date / Progetto
2002

Construction date /
Costruzione
2008

Area / Superficie
31.000 m²

Cost / Costo
41,4 euros /m²

Client / Cliente
Sommacampagna Town Council





R28

Laroque-des-Albères. Planning of the old center: Republic Square

Laroque-des-Albères.
Pianificazione del centro storico: Piazza della Repubblica

Alicia Ortiz
Mariana Vallejos
Muriel Satler
France

Entity / Entità
Agence b+p

Location / Sito
Laroque-des-Albères, France

Design date / Progetto
2008 - 2009

Construction date /
Costruzione
December 2009

Area / Superficie
1.086 m²

Cost / Costo
200 euros /m²

Client / Cliente
Laroque des Albères Town Council





R29 García Sanabria Park

Parco García Sanabria

Juan Manuel Palerm
Leopoldo Tabares
Spain

Entity / Entitá
Palerm&Tabares de Nava S.L.P.

Location / Sito
Santa Cruz de Tenerife,
Canary Islands, Spain

Design date / Progetto
2004

Construction date /
Costruzione
2006

Area / Superficie
60.548 m²

Cost / Costo
116,43 euros /m²

Client / Cliente
Santa Cruz de Tenerife Town Council





R30

Planning for public access to the Iberian settlement of San Sebastian de la Guarda

Progetto dell'accesso pubblico al paese iberico
di Sant Sebastià de la Guarda

Martirià Figueras
Spain

Entity / Entitat
Aspecte paisatge slu

Location / Sito
Far de Sant Sebastià, Palafrugell,
Girona, Spain

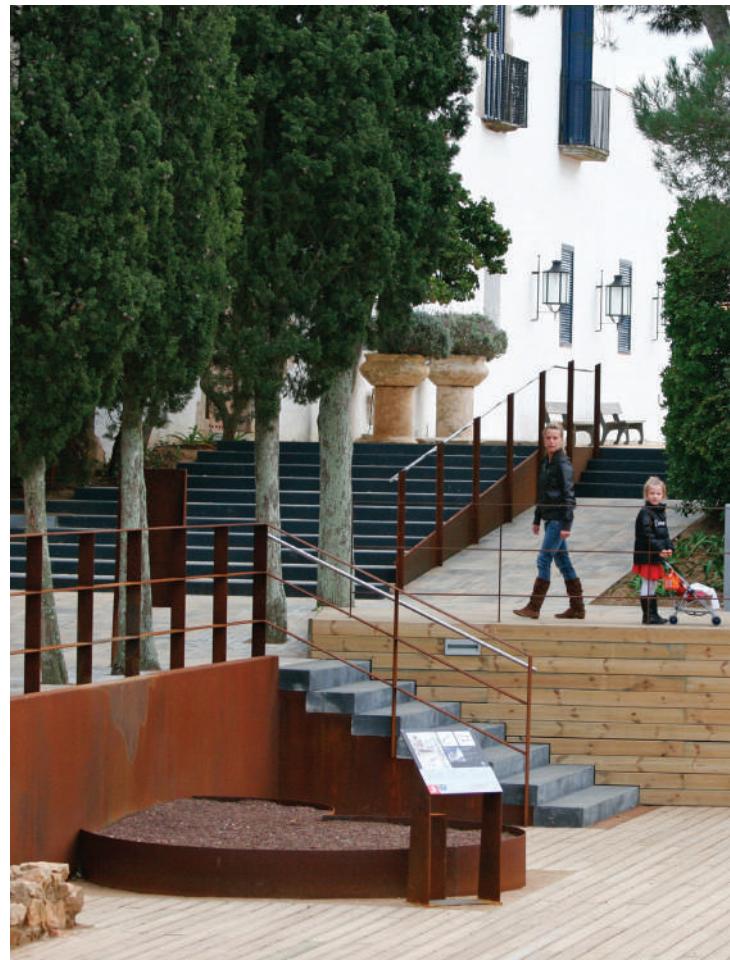
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October 2007

Construction date /
Costruzione
December 2009

Area / Superficie
2.310 m²

Cost / Costo
83,5 euros /m²

Client / Cliente
Palafrugell Town Council





R31 Tram's Landscape integration

Progetto di integrazione paesaggistica della via del Tram

José Urzelai
Eduardo de Miguel
Arbonés
Spain

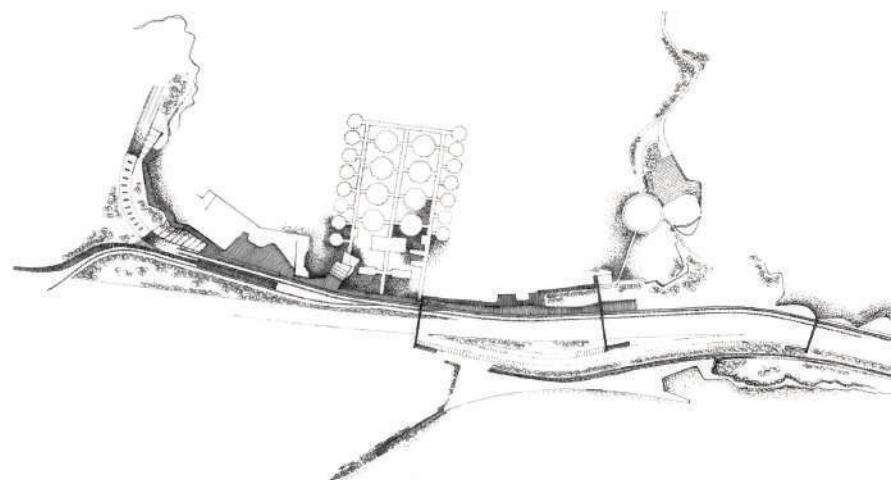
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Alacant, Spain
Design date / Progetto
January 2006

Construction date /
Costruzione
February 2009

Area / Superficie
12.000 m²

Cost / Costo
433,33 euros /m²

Client / Cliente
Valencia Government





R32

Arrangement of the archaeological Landscape of Tiermes: Roman Forum

Progetto paesaggistico di Tiermes:
Foro romano

Darío Álvarez
Miguel Ángel de la
Iglesia
Spain

Entity / Entitá
Fundación General de la
Universidad de Valladolid

Location / Sito
Montejo de Tiermes (Soria), Spain

Design date / Progetto
2008

Construction date /
Costruzione
2009

Area / Superficie
12.388,10 m²

Cost / Costo
41,10 euros /m²

Client / Cliente
Castilla y León Government



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R33

Urbanization of the exteriors spaces along St. Peters Church

Progetto urbano degli spazi esterni della Chiesa monumentale di Sant Pere de Terrassa

Pere Riera
Spain

Entity / Entitá
RGA architectes
Location / Sito
Terrassa, Barcelona, Spain

Design date / Progetto
May 2006

Construction date /
Costruzione
December 2008

Area / Superficie
2.700 m²

Cost / Costo
528 euros /m²

Client / Cliente
Catalunya Government,
Terrassa Town Council





R34

Mangfallpark Rosenheim

Parco di Mangfall

Steffan Robel
Joachim Swillus
Germany

Entity / Entità
A24_landschaft

Location / Sito
Rosenheim, Baviera, Germany

Design date / Progetto
2005 – 2009

Construction date /
Costruzione
2009

Area / Superficie
13 Ha

Cost / Costo
82,6 euros /m²

Client / Cliente
LGS Rosenheim 2010 GmbH





R35 Environmental and Landscape recovery of "I Giardinetti" Historic Park

Risanamento ambientale e paesaggistico
del parco storico "I Giardinetti"

Alessandro Lassi
Giuseppe Pisacreta
Stefano Mengoli
Italy

Entity / Entità
Studio Mengoli
Location / Sito
Lamporecchio - Pistoia, Italy

Design date / Progetto
2007 - 2009

Construction date / Costruzione
January 2010

Area / Superficie
30.000 m²

Cost / Costo
38,33 euros /m²

Client / Cliente
Lamporecchio Town Council





R36

Landscape Project arrangement of a Meadow in La Mancha

Progetto di trattamento paesaggistico
di una Devesa nella Mancha

Maria Jover
Ane Barrutia
Spain

Entity / Entitá
Local4 Arquitectura del Paisatge, S.L.

Location / Sito
Almuradiel, Ciudad Real, Spain

Design date / Progetto
2005 - 2008

Construction date /
Costruzione
2008

Area / Superficie
10 Ha

Client / Cliente
private firm



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R37 Spiral Garden

Giardino spirale

Augusto Calonder
Switzerland

Entity / Entità
Calonder Landscape Architects

Location / Sito
Dinder, England, United Kingdom

Design date / Progetto
2006

Construction date /
Costruzione
2008

Area / Superficie
10 Ha

Client / Cliente
private firm





R38

Landscape arrangement for the Iberian Walltown in Calafell

Trattamento Paesaggistico dell'intorno della cittadella iberica di Calafell

Pablo Camps
Francesco Marocco
Stefania Sabatini
Spain

Entity / Entitá
Tres de Tréboles

Location / Sito
Calafell, Tarragona, Spain

Design date / Progetto
2008

Construction date / Costruzione
2009

Area / Superficie
14.300 m²

Cost / Costo
7,83 euros /m²

Client / Cliente
Sono Tecnología Audiovisual
Calafell Town Council





R39 Open Spaces and Wood Park in Bonassola

Spazi aperti e parco nel bosco a Bonassola

Laura Zampieri
Gabriele Pimpini
Italy

Entity / Entità
czstudio architetti

Location / Sito
Bonassola, Liguria, Italy

Design date / Progetto
2006 – 2007

Construction date /
Costruzione
2008

Area / Superficie
7.530 m²

Cost / Costo
12,5 euros /m²

Client / Cliente
private





R40

Consolidation and Recovery of Sant Antoni de Fornells Castle Remains and its surroundings

Consolidamento e recupero dei rуderi del castello San Antonio
de Fornells e Pianificazione del territorio circostante

Óscar Canalís
Spain

Entity / Entitа
Departament Tècnic,
Conselleria d'habitatge i 0.0.P.P.

Location / Sito
Fornells, Menorca, Spain

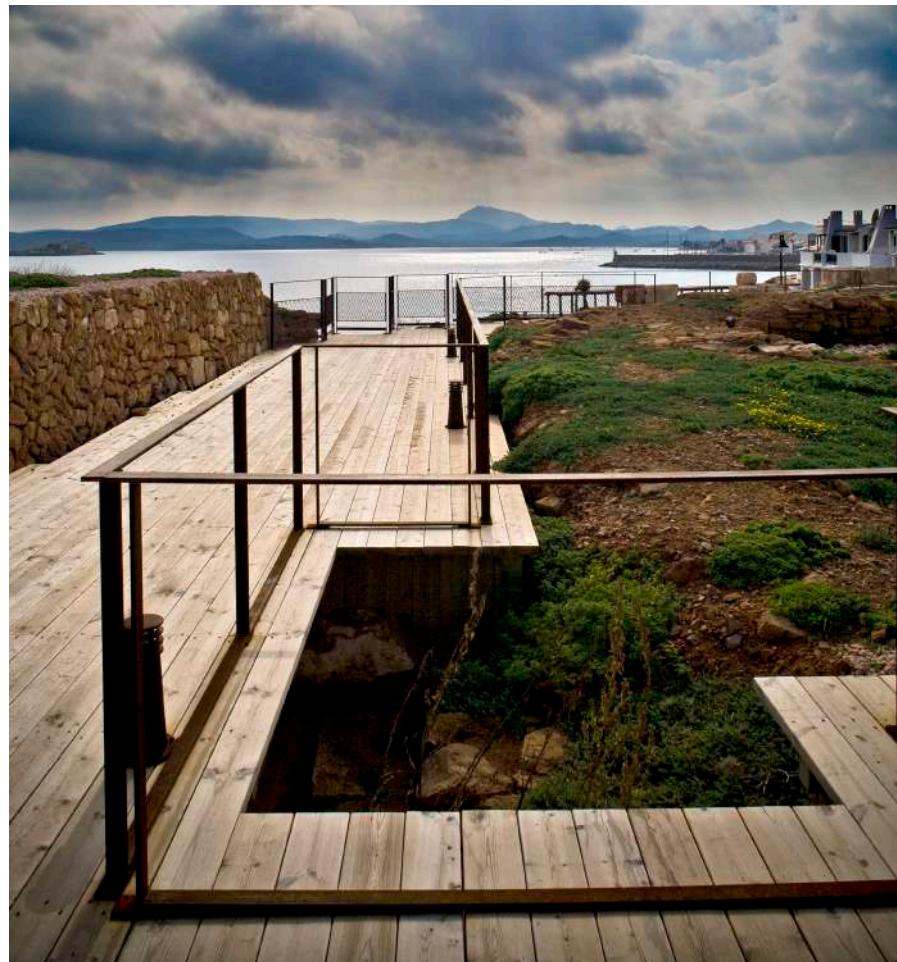
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2003

Construction date /
Costruzione
2008

Area / Superficie
3.282 m²

Cost / Costo
179 euros /m²

Client / Cliente
Town Council





R41 Can Xardó Park

Parco di Can Xardó

Josep Maria Forcada
Spain

Entity / Entitat
Matèria Verda
Location / Sito
Lloret de Mar, Girona, Spain

Design date / Progetto
2009 – 2010

Construction date / Costruzione
2010

Area / Superficie
2,3 Ha

Cost / Costo
90 euros /m²

Client / Cliente
Lloret de Mar Town Council





R42

Intervention in the Cartoixa d'Escaladei surroundings

Disegno degli spazi esterni della Cartoixa d'Escaladei

Jordi Sardà
Spain

Location /Sito
Escaladei, La Morera de Montsant,
Priorat, Tarragona, Spain

Design date / Progetto
2007 - 2008

**Construction date /
Costruzione**
November 2008

Area / Superficie
38.000 m²

Cost / Costo
14,21 euros /m²

Client / Cliente
Culture Department,
Catalunya Government





R43

Landscape and Environmental Intervention in the stream of Sant Joan – Phase 2

Intervento ambientale e paesaggistico del Torrent de Sant Joan – Fase 2

Sergi Carulla
Spain

Entity / Entitat
Ajuntament de Vilanova i la Geltrú

Location / Sito
Torrent de Sant Joan, Vilanova i la Geltrú, Catalonia, Spain

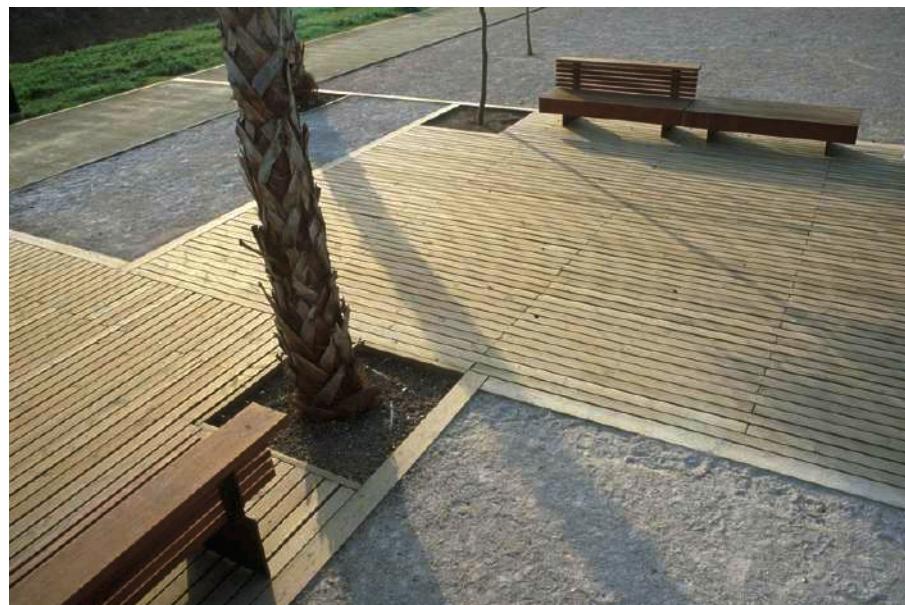
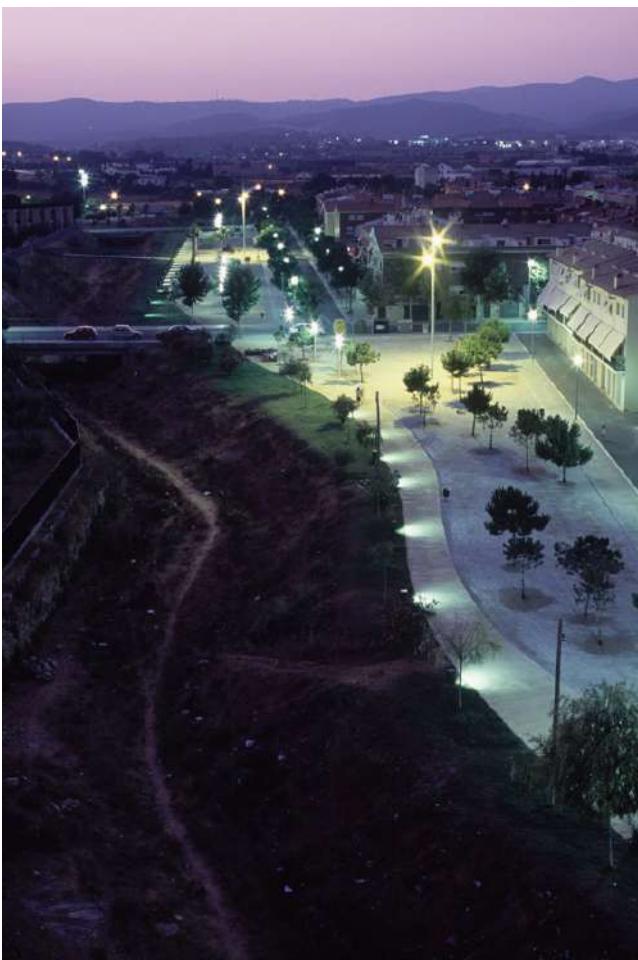
Design date / Progetto
2009

**Construction date /
Costruzione**
2009

Area / Superficie
11.462 m²

Cost / Costo
64 euros /m²

Client / Cliente
Vilanova i la Geltrú Town Council





R44

Project of heritage recovery in the vicinity of the Cava do Viriato

Progetto di rigenerazione del monumento e del vicinato della Cava do Viriato

João Ferreira Nunes
Portugal

Entity / Entitá
PROAP, Estudos e Projectos de Arquitectura Paisajista, Lda

Location / Sito
Viseu, Portugal

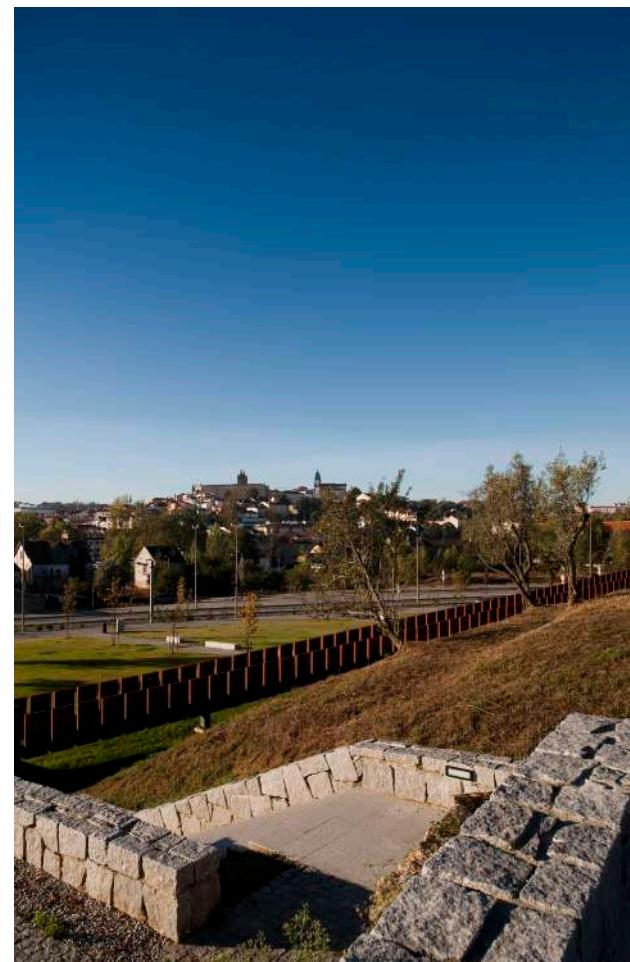
Design date / Progetto
2000

Construction date / Costruzione
2008

Area / Superficie
74.500 m²

Cost / Costo
21 euros /m²

Client / Cliente
Polis Viseu S.A
Viseu Town Council





R45 Torre Jussana's Garden

Giardino Torre Jussana

Carme Fiol
Andreu Arriola
Spain

Entity / Entitat
Arriola&Fiol arquitectura,
urbanisme i paisatge

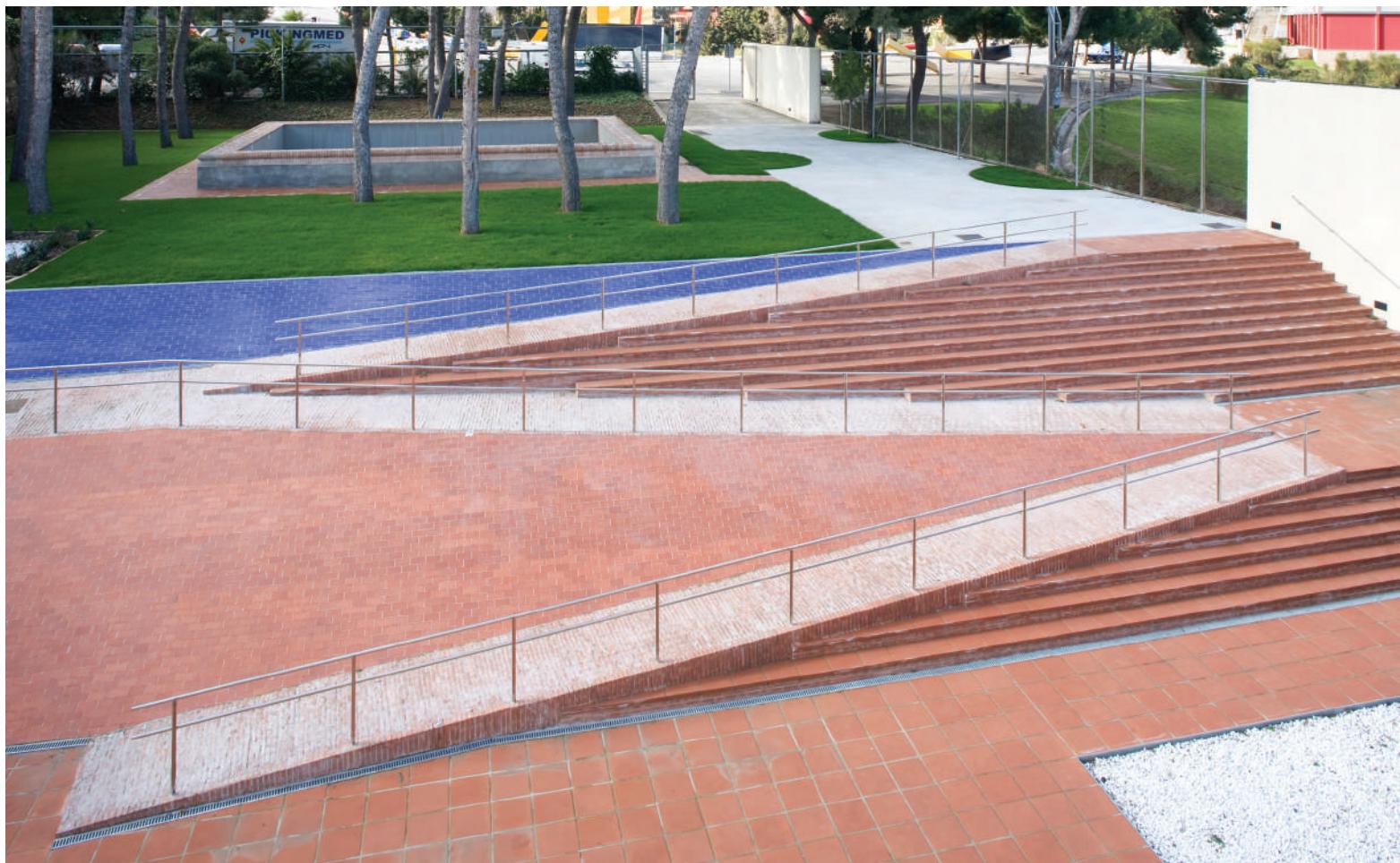
Location / Sito
Barcelona, Spain

Design date / Progetto
2009

Area / Superficie
2.600 m²

Cost / Costo
192,70 euros /m²

Client / Cliente
Barcelona Town Council





R46

Campo Lameiro Archaeological Park

Parco Archeologico di Campo Lameiro

Alberto Redondo
José Valladares
Marcial Rodríguez
Spain

Entity / Entitá
RVR arquitectos

Location / Sito
Campo Lameiro, Pontevedra, Spain

Design date / Progetto
2003 – 2004

Construction date /
Costruzione
June 2009

Area / Superficie
21,8 Ha

Cost / Costo
4,04 euros /m²

Client / Cliente
Galicia Government





R47

Castello di Torre Garden Restoration

Restauro del giardino di Castello di Torre

Maria Chiara
Pozzana
Italy

Entity / Entità
Studio di Architettura e Paesaggio

Location / Sito
Castello di Torre, Pordenone, Italy

Design date / Progetto
2007

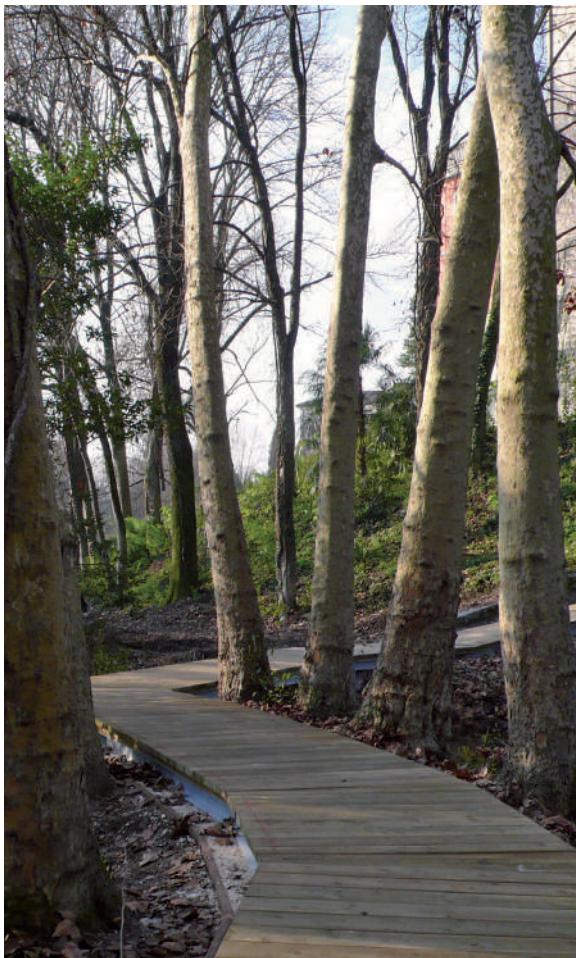
Construction date /
Costruzione
2009

Area / Superficie
1,3 Ha

Cost / Costo
40 euros /m²

Client / Cliente
Pordenone Town Council

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R48 Development of the site Pont du Diable

Progetto di pianificazione di Pont del Diable

Gilles Ottou
Jean-Louis Knidel
Hubert Guichard
France

Entity / Entità
Agence APS

Location / Sito
Hérault, France

Design date / Progetto
2007

Construction date /
Costruzione
2009

Area / Superficie
10 Ha

Cost / Costo
68 euros /m²

Client / Cliente
Vallée de l'Hérault Town Council





R49 Restoration of Villa Annoni's Park

Restauro del parco di Villa Annoni

Giusi Rabotti
Italy

Location / Sito
Cuggiono, Milano, Italy

Design date / Progetto
1999

Construction date /
Costruzione
2003

Area / Superficie
23 Ha

Cost / Costo
26 euros /m²

Client / Cliente
Consorzio Parco Lombardo della
Valle del Ticino





R50 A great forest between two rivers

Un grande bosco fra due fiumi

Giusi Rabotti
Italy

Location / Sito
Travacò Siccomario, Pavia, Italy

Design date / Progetto
2004 - 2005

Construction date /
Costruzione
2006 - 2007

Area / Superficie
50 Ha

Cost / Costo
5 euros /m²

Client / Cliente
Azienda Agricola Giovanni Scevola





R51

Environmental restoration of the Ribera Park

Recupero ambientale del Parco sul fiume

David Añíbarro
José Antonio Núñez
Spain

Entity / Entitá
Estudio de Paisajismo Añíbarro

Location / Sito
Suances, Cantabria, Spain

Design date / Progetto
June 2005

Construction date / Costruzione
August 2006

Area / Superficie
16.000 m²

Cost / Costo
21,69 euros /m²

Client / Cliente
Consejería de Medio Ambiente de
Cantabria, Suances Town Council





R52

Landscape project for the Gran Molino Real

Progetto paesaggistico del complesso rurale del Gran Molino Real

Manuel Colominas
Spain

Entity / Entitá
Factors de paisatge

Location / Sito
Paterna, València, Spain

Design date / Progetto
2005

Construction date /
Costruzione
2009

Area / Superficie
8.200 m²

Cost / Costo
75 euros /m²

Client / Cliente
Molino Real S.A.





R53 Environmental recovery of the Llobregat River area in the Baix Llobregat region. Section II

Progetto di recupero ambientale della zona sul fiume Llobregat. Sezione II

Enric Batlle
Joan Roig
Spain

Location / Emplaçament / Sito
MMI Gestió d'arquitectura i paisatge

Location / Emplaçament / Sito
Comarca del Baix Llobregat, Spain

Design date / Projecte / Progetto
2007

Construction date / Obra / Costruzione
2008

Area / Superficie / Superficie
154 Ha

Cost / Costo
4,55 euros /m²

Client / Cliente
MMAMB





R54

Santa Margarida volcano pathway

Cammino del vulcano di Santa Margarida

Eliseu Guillamon
Spain

Location / Emplaçament / Sito
Olot, Spain

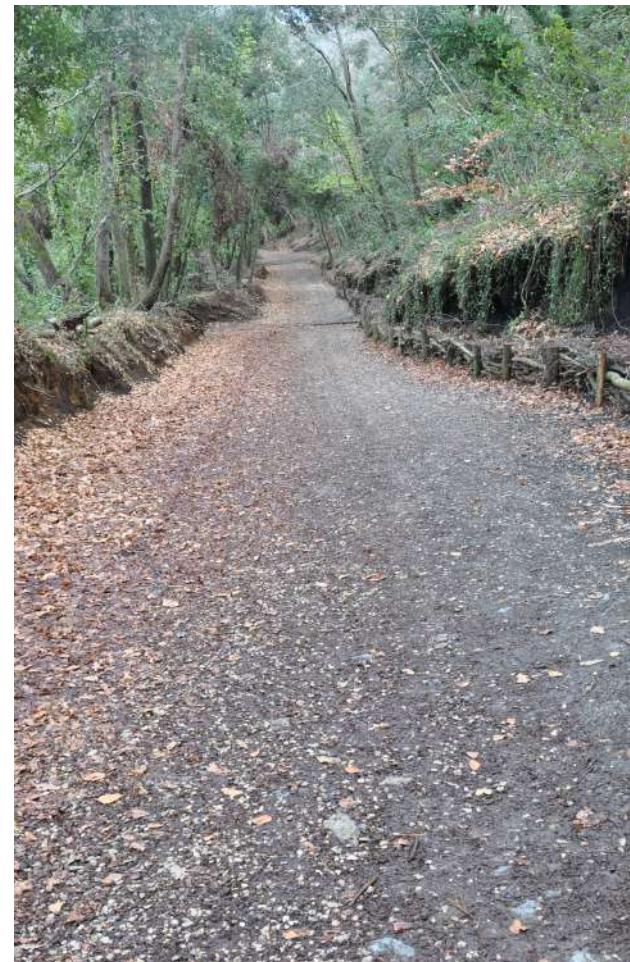
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December 2005

Construction date / Obra /
Costruzione
July 2009

Area / Superficie / Superficie
8.750 m²

Cost / Costo
10,50 euros /m²

Client / Cliente
Garrotxa Natural Park



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R55 Restoration of the Greek town of Empúries, Roman Forum

Restauro e adeguamento paesaggistico del Foro Romano di Empúries

Lola Domènech
Spain

Location / Emplaçament / Sito
Ruïnes d'Empúries, l'Escala, Girona,
Spain

Design date / Projecte / Progetto
March 2008

Construction date / Obra / Costruzione
November 2009

Area / Superficie / Superficie
7.435 m²

Cost / Costo
128,82 euros /m²

Client / Cliente
Catalunya Government





R56

Rearrangement of the Font square and Studies Square in Banyoles old Town

Ridisegno della Piazza della Fonte e degli Studi del centro storico di Banyoles Vecchia

Josep Miàs
Spain

Entity / Entitat / Entitat
MiAS Arquitectes

Location / Emplaçament / Sito
Banyoles, Spain

Design date / Projecte / Progetto
September 2008

Construction date / Obra /
Costruzione
December 2009

Area / Superficie / Superficie
3.000 m²

Cost / Costo
180 euros /m²

Client / Cliente
Banyoles Town Council





R57

Development project for the Costa Brava Avenue

Progetto urbano per l'Avenida Costa Brava

Michele Orliac
Miquel Batlle
Spain

Entity / Entitat / Entità
Michele&Miquel

Location / Emplaçament / Sito
Figueres, Girona, Spain

Design date / Projecte / Progetto
July 2007

Construction date / Obra /
Costruzione
September 2009

Area / Superficie / Superficie
14,5 Ha

Cost / Costo
121,12 euros /m²

Client / Cliente
Institut Català del Sòl





R58

Restoration of Unquera Wetland

Restauro ambientale della marea di Unquera

Héctor Gómez
Daniel Jauregui
David Añíbarro
Spain

Entity / Entitat / Entitá
Estudio A2 Arquitectos y Estudio de
Paisajismo Añíbarro

Location / Emplaçament / Sito
Unquera, Cantabria, Spain

Design date / Projecte / Progetto
October 2006

**Construction date / Obra /
Costruzione**
July 2008

Area / Superficie / Superficie
60.600 m²

Cost / Costo
10,59 euros /m²

Client / Cliente
Spain Government







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A1 Seafront for the of Poniente Beach in Benidorm

Lungomare di Playa Poniente a Benidorm

Carlos Ferrater
Xavier Martí
Spain

Entity / Entitat / Entità
Office of Architecture in Barcelona

Location / Emplaçament / Sito
Benidorm, Spain

Design date / Projecte / Progetto
2003

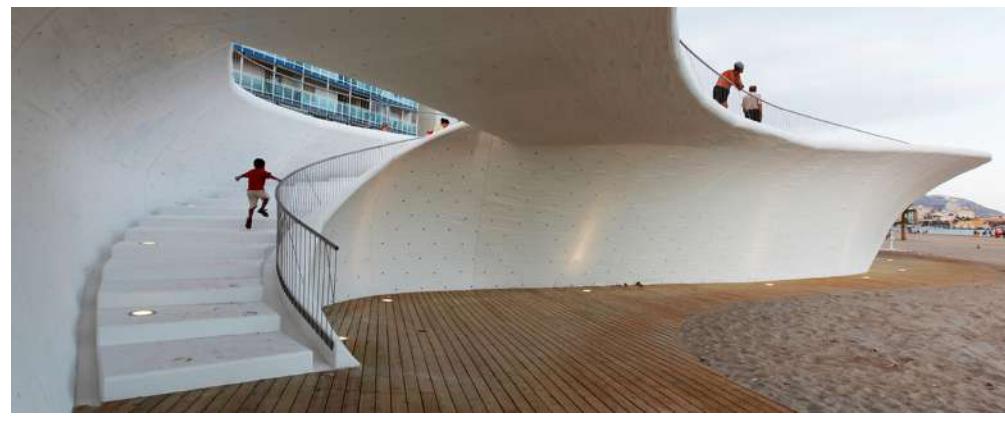
Construction date / Obra /
Costruzione
2006 - 2009

Area / Superficie / Superficie
40.000 m²

Cost / Costo
265,51 euros /m²

Client / Cliente
Benidorm Town Council

*finalist /
finalista*





A2

Urban park in the Perelló area, Can Pere Màrtir

Parco urbano nel settore Perelló, Can Pere Màrtir

Manuel Ruisánchez
Spain

Entity / Entitat / Entitá
Ruisánchez Arquitectes

Location / Emplaçament / Sito
Vilablareix, Girona, Spain

Design date / Projecte / Progetto
2006

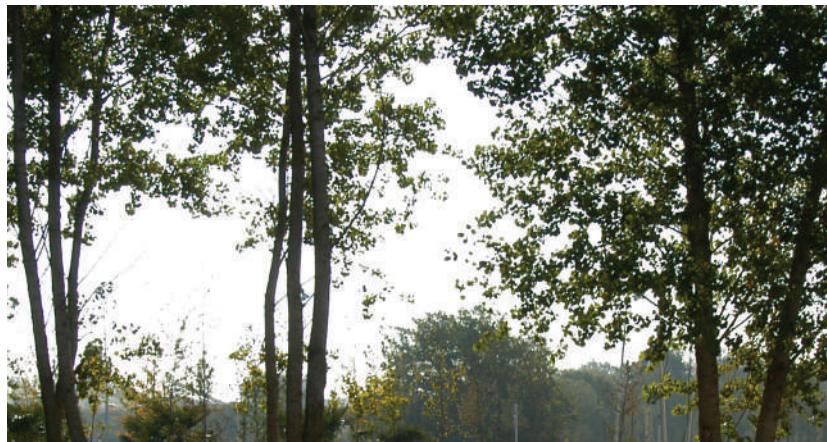
finalist /
finalista

Construction date / Obra /
Costruzione
2009

Area / Superficie / Superficie
34.760 m²

Cost / Costo
101,05 euros / m²

Client / Cliente
Junta de Compensació de PI Parcial
El Perelló i Can Pere Màrtir





A3 Langedijk Cemetery

Cimitero Langedijk

B.G. Brands
S. Karres
The Netherlands

Entity / Entitat / Entità
Karres en Brands
landschapsarchitecten bv

Location / Emplaçament / Sito
Zuid Scharwoude, The Netherlands

Design date / Projecte / Progetto
2005 - 2007

Construction date / Obra /
Costruzione
2009

Area / Superfície / Superficie
6 Ha

Cost / Costo
20 euros /m²

Client / Cliente
Langedijk Town Council

finalist /
finalista





A4

Urbanization criteria for Diagonal Campus development

Criteri per la crescita urbana del Campus della Diagonal

Estanislau Roca
Luís Alegre
Spain

Location / Emplaçament / Sito
Barcelona, Catalonia, Spain

Design date / Projecte / Progetto
2009

Client / Cliente
Barcelona Regional. Agència
Metropolitana de desenvolupament
urbanístic i d'infraestructures



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A5

Boulevards Mediterranea Resort

Boulevard del Resort Mediterranea

Albert Samper
Spain

Location / Emplaçament / Sito
Mediterranea Beach & Golf resort
Salou, Catalonia, Spain

Design date / Projecte / Progetto
May 2008

Construction date / Obra /
Costruzione
September 2008

Area / Superficie
9.902,50 m²

Cost / Costo
45,44 euros /m²

Client / Cliente
MB&GR, S.A.





A6

Galindez Slope and Pau Casals Square

Terrapieno di Galindez e Piazza Pau Casals

César Azcárate
Ana Morón
Spain

Entity / Entitá
Acxt

Location / Sito
Bilbao, Spain

Design date / Progetto
October 2005

Construction date /
Costruzione
October 2007

Area / Superficie
10.760 m²

Cost / Costo
306,69 euros /m²

Client / Cliente
Bilbao Town Council





A7

Comtat del Roselló Square rearrangement

Ridisegno urbano della Piazza Comtat del Roselló

Federico Climent
Spain

Entity / Entitá
Ajuntament de Palma de Mallorca

Location / Sito
Plaça Comtat del Roselló, Palma de
Mallorca, Illes Balears, Spain

Design date / Progetto
2006

Construction date /
Costruzione
2009

Area / Superficie
5.400 m²

Cost / Costo
362,07 euros /m²

Client / Cliente
Palma de Mallorca Town Council





A8

Regional Garden Show Tulln

Mostra regionale di giardini di Tulln

Barbara Hutter
Stefan Reimann
Andrea Cejka
Germany

Entity / Entitá
Hutterreimann +
Cejka Landschaftsarchitektur

Location / Sito
Tulln, Niederösterreich, Austria

Design date / Progetto
2005-2008

Construction date / Costruzione
2009

Area / Superficie
400.000 m²

Cost / Costo
25 euros /m²

Client / Cliente
Niederösterreichische
Landesgartenschau Planungs und
Errichtungsgesellschaft



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A9 The Oriental Garden

Giardino orientale

Kamel Louafi
Germany

Entity / Entità
Kamel Louafi Landscapearchitects

Location / Sito
Marzahn - Berlin, Germany

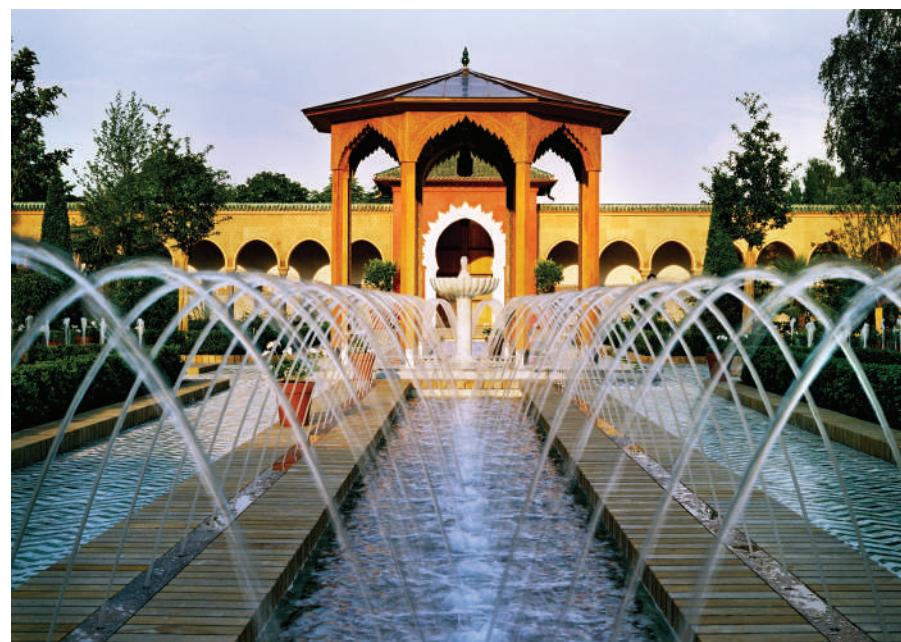
Design date / Progetto
2003-2005

Construction date /
Costruzione
June 2005

Area / Superficie
2.000 m²

Cost / Costo
250 euros /m²

Client / Cliente
Senat Berlin /
Grün Berlin GmbH Berlin





A10 Mathilde Square

Piazza Matilde

Buro Lubbers
The Netherlands

Entity / Entitá
Buro Lubbers

Location / Sito
Eindhoven, The Netherlands

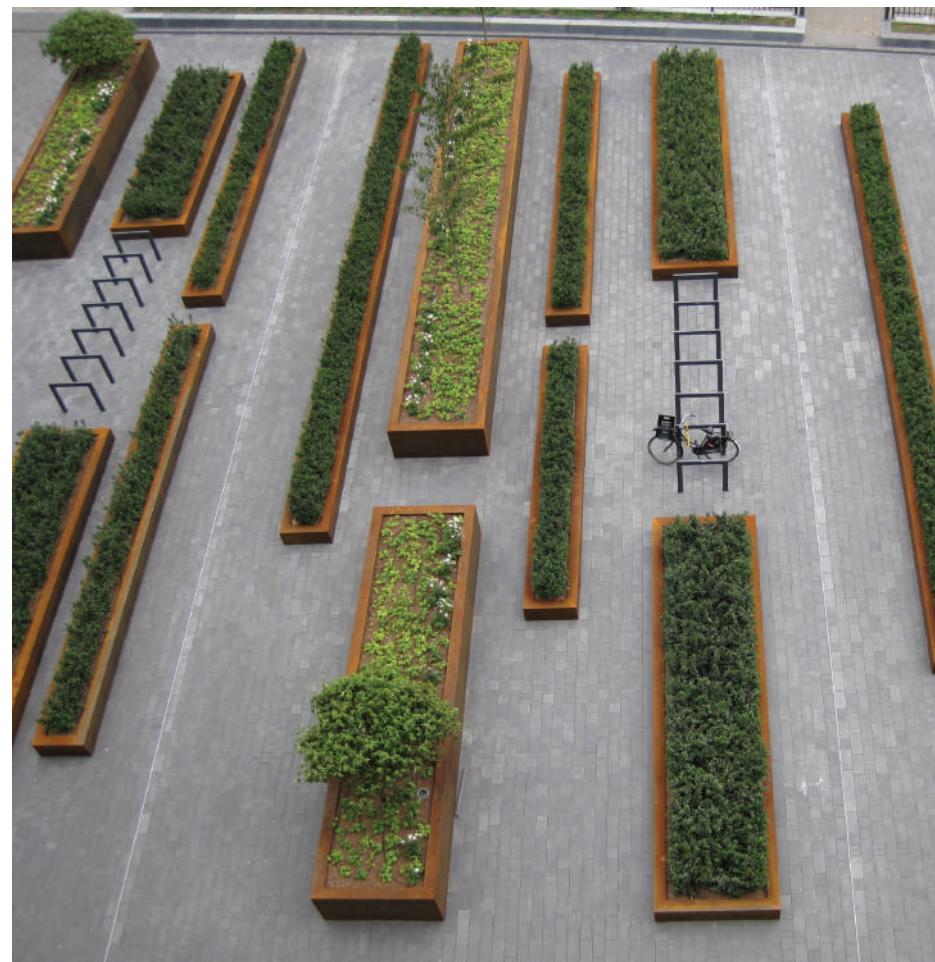
Design date / Progetto
2005

Construction date /
Costruzione
2009

Area / Superficie
5.500 m²

Cost / Costo
198 euros /m²

Client / Cliente
DNC Vastgoedontwikkeling,
Woningstichting Trudo





A11 Tarello Park

Parco Tarello

Joao Gomes da Silva
C. Pellegrini
Jacopo Pellegrini
Inês Lobo
Teresa Figueiredo
Portugal

Location / Entità
Brescia, Italy

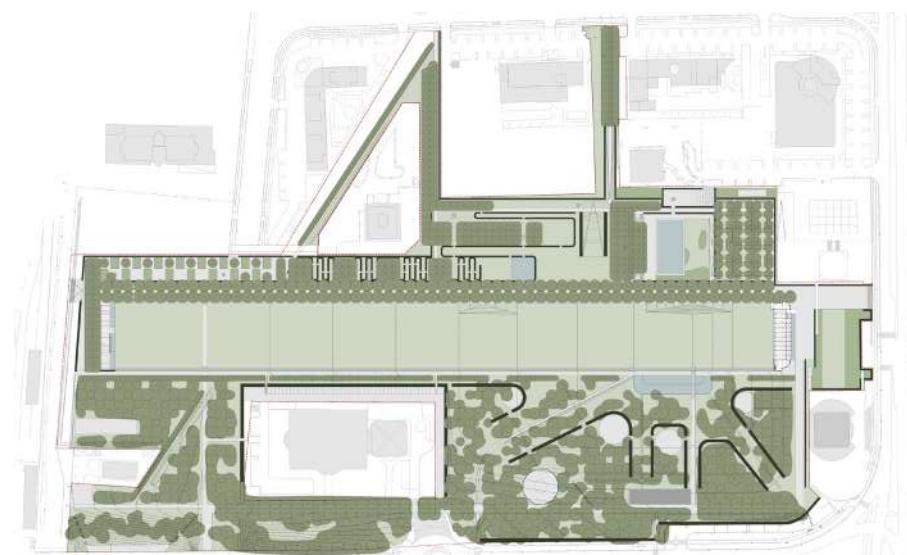
Design date / Sito
2003

Construction date / Progetto
2007

Area / Superficie
94.000 m²

Cost / Costo
37,15 euros /m²

Client / Cliente
Brescia Chamber





A12 Zelaieta Park

Parco Zelaieta

Marta Gonzalez
Martin Gonzalez
Jorge Cabrera
Spain

Entity / Entitá
Gonzalez Cavia y Cabrera,
Arquitectura, urbanismo y Paisaje

Location / Sito
Amorebieta-Etxano, Biscaya, Spain

Design date / Progetto
January 2006

Construction date /
Costruzione
July 2009

Area / Superficie
14.216 m²

Cost / Costo
197 euros /m²

Client / Cliente
Amorebieta-Etxano Town Council

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A13 Sa Falca Verda urban development

Parco urbano Sa Falca Verde

Manuel Ribas
Carles Casamor
Marta Gabàs
Pere Joan Ravetllat
Anna Ribas
Carme Ribas
Spain

Location / Sito
Palma de Mallorca, Illes Balears,
Spain

Design date / Progetto
April 2004

Construction date /
Costruzione
April 2007

Area / Superficie
112.685 m²

Cost / Costo
134,89 euros /m²

Client / Cliente
Mallorca Town Council





A14

Mercat de la Salut's Square

Piazza del Mercato della Salute

Pere Bulí
Toni Riba
Spain

Entity / Entitá
Vora arquitectura, scpp

Location / Sito
Badalona, Spain

Design date / Progetto
January–February 2009

Construction date /
Costruzione
December 2009

Area / Superficie
1.000 m²

Cost / Costo
250 euros /m²

Client / Cliente
Badalona Town Council





A15 La Mola Hotel & Conference Center

Hotel e centro conferenze La Mola

Fermin Vázquez
Spain

Entity / Entitá
b720 Arquitectos s.l.

Location / Sito
Terrassa, Spain

Design date / Progetto
October 2005-September 2006

Construction date /
Costruzione
September 2008

Area / Superficie
30.928 m²

Cost / Costo
1.288 euros /m²

Client / Cliente
Layetana Inmobiliaria





A16

Urban Park of public spaces in Via Gallarate surroundings, Milan

Via Gallarate - Housing P.O. spazio pubblico e parco urbano

Floriana Marotta
Massimo Basile
Spain

Entity / Entità
Marotta Basile arquitectura S.L.P

Location / Sito
Milano, Lombardia, Italy

Design date / Progetto
2006-2009

Construction date /
Costruzione
December 2009

Area / Superficie
33.860 m²

Cost / Costo
82 euros /m²

Client / Cliente
Milano Town Council



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A17 Santiago Square

Piazza Santiago

Jesús Alba
Laura García
Jesúa García
Smara Gonçalvez
Carlos Miranda
Spain

Entity / Entitá
A3GM arquitectos

Location / Sito
Burgos, Spain

Design date / Progetto
2002

Construction date / Costruzione
2008

Area / Superficie
8.120 m²

Cost / Costo
97,83 euros / m²

Client / Cliente
Burgos Town Council





A18 Via Berlinguer Public Garden

Giardino pubblico in Via Berlinguer

Enrica Dall'Ara
Italy

Entity / Entità
P'ARC Architettura del Paesaggio

Location / Sito
Castelvetro Piacentino, Piacenza, Italy

Design date / Progetto
2006

Construction date / Costruzione
2007

Area / Superficie
3.847 m²

Cost / Costo
26,75 euros /m²

Client / Cliente
Castelvetro Piacentino Town Council





A19 Ülemiste City

Città di Ülemiste

Ülle Grishakov
Estonia

Entity / Entità
OÜ Kivisilla

Location / Sito
Tallinn, Estonia

Design date / Progetto
April 2006 – March 2007

Construction date /
Costruzione
September 2008

Area / Superficie
4,6 Ha

Cost / Costo
100 euros /m²

Client / Cliente
Ülemiste City AS

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A20 Reconstructing the National Garden of Athens

Ricostruzione del giardino nazionale di Atene

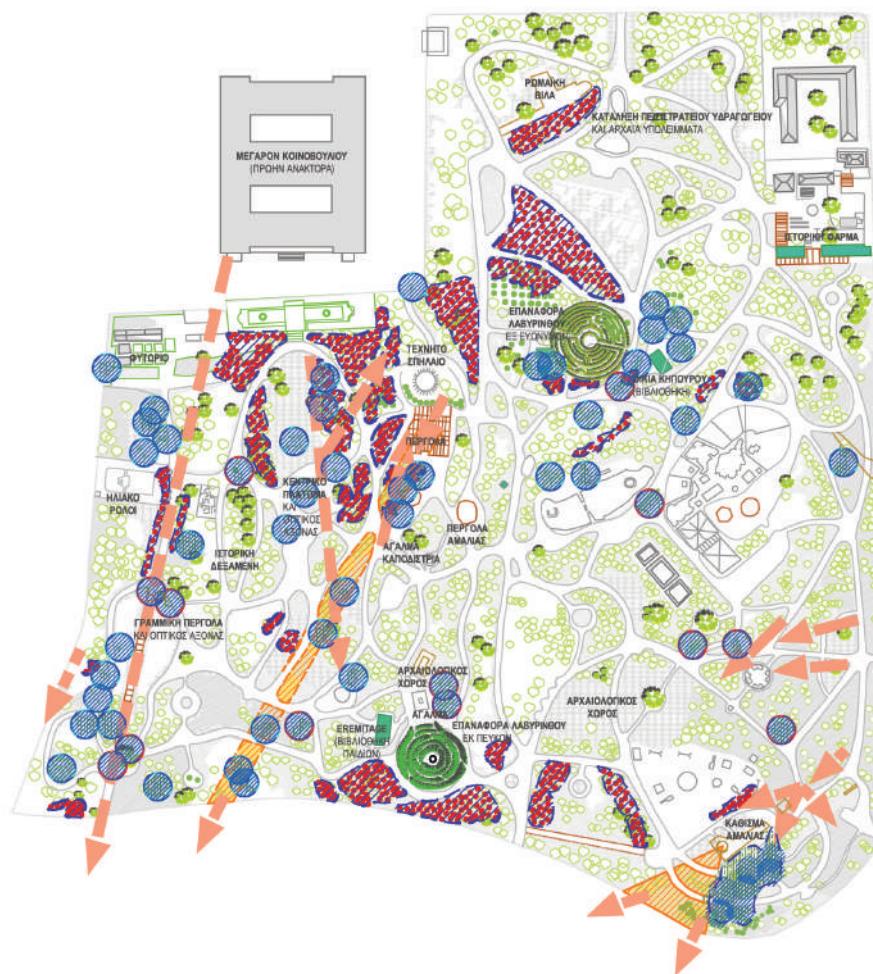
Alexander Boflias
Greece

Location / Entitá
Athens, Attica, Greece

Design date / Sito
March - September 2008

Area / Superficie
16,20 Ha

Client / Cliente
Athens Municipality Development Agency (AEDA) S.A.





A21 Analysis Planning for three Cabo Verde islands: São Nicolau, Brava i Boa Vista

Piano urbanistico per tre isole di Capo Verde:
São Nicolau, Brava i Boa Vista

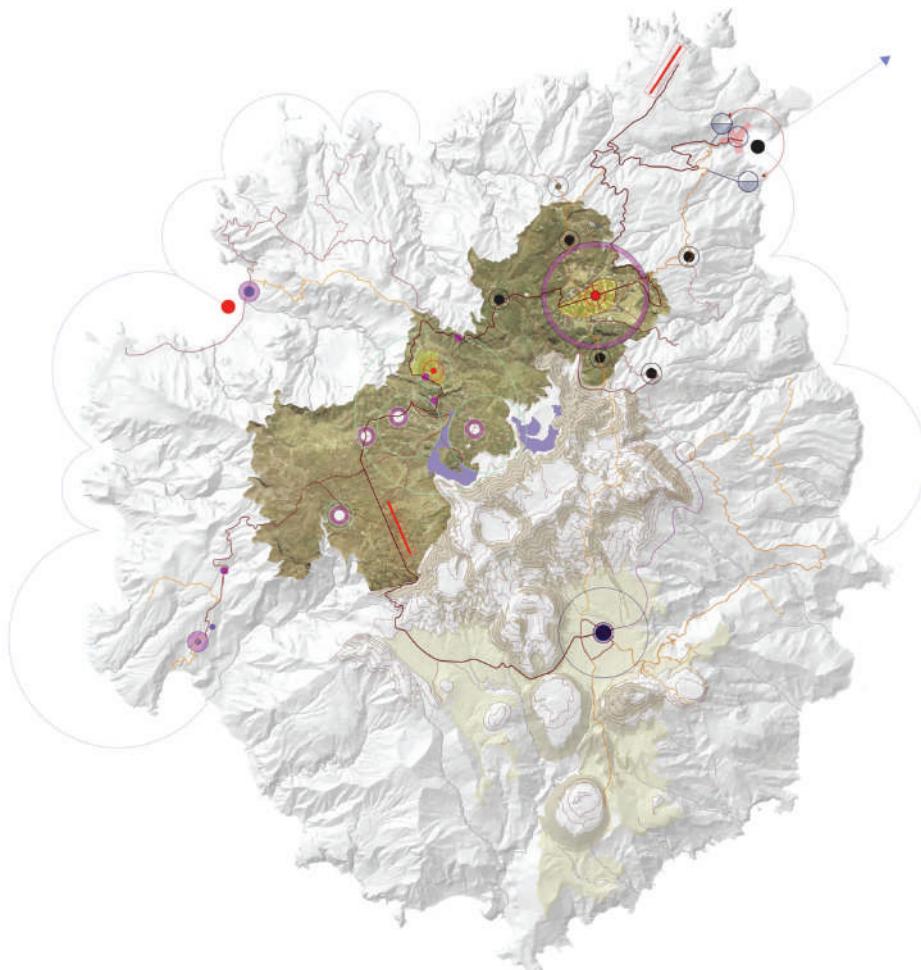
Eunice Silva
Isabel Corral
Ricard Pié
Josep M. Vilanova
Purificación Diaz
Mònica Batalla
Kyriaki Ilousi
Oihana Kerexeta
Anna Majoral
Daniel Palacios
Spain

Entity / Entitá
Sociedade de Execução de Projectos
Laboratorio del Paisaje de Canarias
EQUIP BCpN
InLand 5 s.c.p

Location / Sito
São Nicolau Island, Cabo Verde

Design date / Progetto
August 2009

Area / Superficie
343 km²





A22

Río Hortega new Hospital in Valladolid

Nuovo ospedale Río Hortega a Valladolid

Luis Vallejo
Spain

Entity / Entitá
Arceval Jardinería s.l.

Location / Sito
Valladolid, Spain

Design date / Progetto
July 2005

Construction date /
Costruzione
April 2008

Area / Superficie
30.000 m²

Client / Cliente
SACYL. Sanidad Castilla y León



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A23 Sidi Areal, Square

Piazza Sidi Areal

Stephan Kuhn
Switzerland

Entity / Entità
Kuhn Truniger Landschaftsarchitekten

Location / Sito
Sankt Gallerstrasse, Winterthur,
Switzerland

Design date / Progetto
2006

Construction date / Costruzione
2009

Area / Superficie
15.000 m²

Cost / Costo
160 euros /m²

Client / Cliente
BVK Personalvorsorge des Kanton
Zürich





A24

Operational area of the Haute Deule Banks

Area operativa sul fiume Haute Deule

Anne Sylvie Bruel

Entity / Entitá
Atelier de Paysages Bruel Delmar

Location / Sito

Design date / Progetto
2009

Construction date /
Costruzione
March 2009

Area / Superficie
25 Ha

Cost / Costo
1.120 euros /m²

Client / Cliente
Sem – la sorelii





A25 Spoornoord Park

Parco Spoornoord



Paola Viganò
Bernardo Secchi
Italy

Entity / Entità
Studio Associato
Bernardo Secchi – Paola Viganò

Location / Sito
Antwerp, Belgium

Design date / Progetto
2003 – 2007

Construction date / Costruzione
May 2008 – June 2009

Area / Superficie
24 Ha

Cost / Costo
58,4 euros /m²

Client / Cliente
Antwerp City Council





A26

La Florinda Gardens

Giardini La Florinda

David Closes
Núria Bayó
Spain

Entity / Entitat
Servei de projectes urbans
Ajuntament de Manresa

Location / Sito
Manresa, Catalonia, Spain

Design date / Progetto
2007

Construction date /
Costruzione
2008

Area / Superficie
2.152 m²

Cost / Costo
124 euros /m²

Client / Cliente
Manresa Town Council





A27 Meijendel

Meijendel

F. Talsma
Y. Feddes
The Netherlands

Entity / Entitat / Entità
H+N+S landscape architects

Location / Emplaçament / Sito
Wassenaar, The Netherlands

Design date / Projecte / Progetto
2003

Construction date / Obra /
Costruzione
2005 – 2006

Area / Superfície / Superficie
200 Ha

Client / Cliente
Bureau Parkstad

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A28 Santos Gulch

Torrente Santos

Palerm&Tabares
de Nava S.L.P.
Spain

Entity / Entitá
Palerm&Tabares de Nava S.L.P.

Location / Sito
Santa Cruz de Tenerife, Canary
Islands, Spain

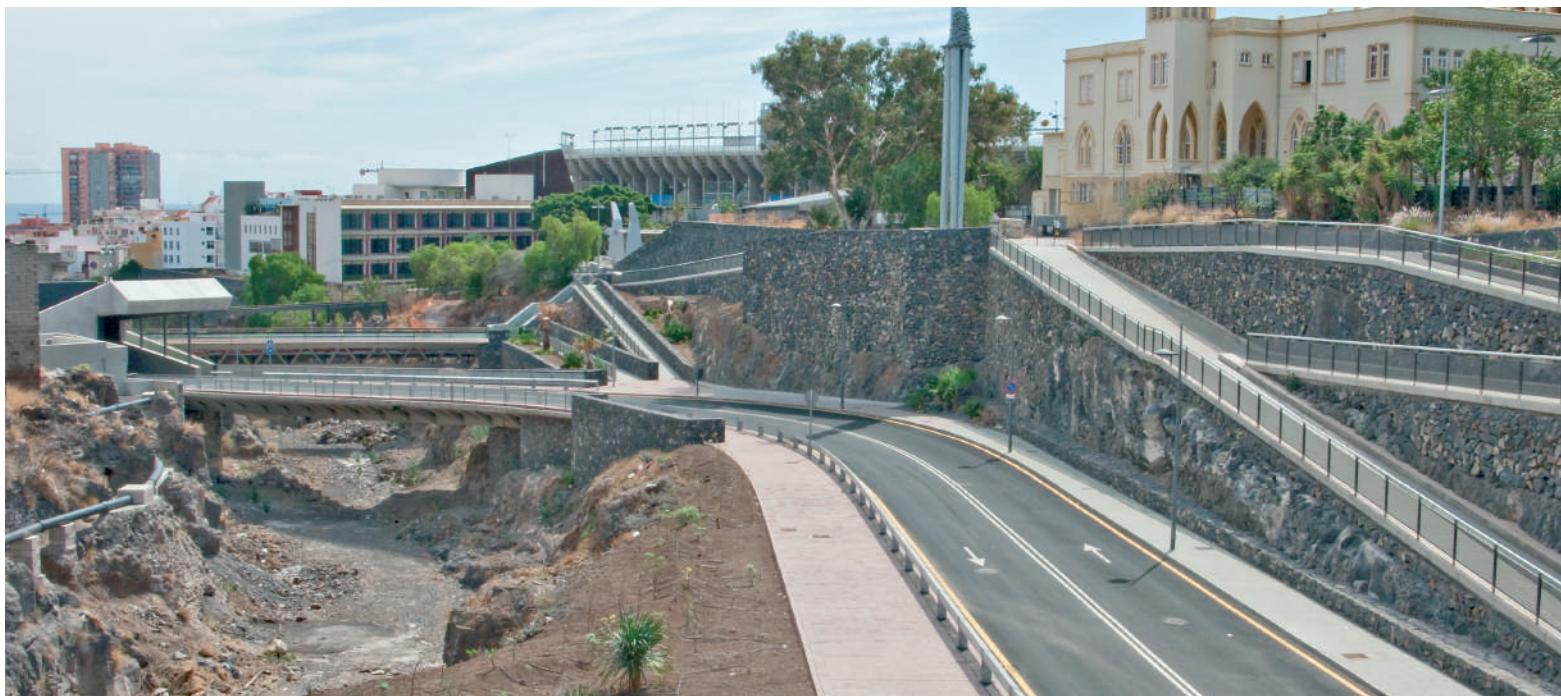
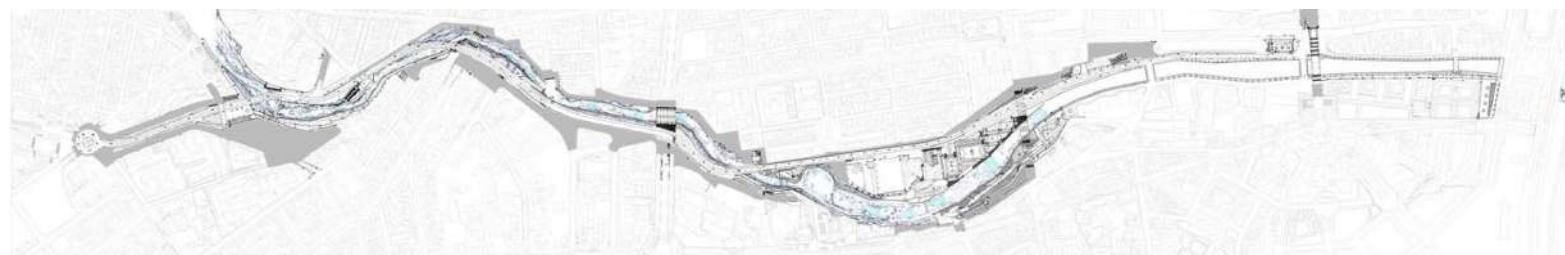
Design date / Progetto
1997

Construction date / Costruzione
2009

Area / Superficie
146.217,79 m²

Cost / Costo
484 euros /m²

Client / Cliente
Santa Cruz de Tenerife Town Council





A29 Campo da República in Alto da Vela

Campo da República ad Alto da Vela

Carlos Correia
Alvaro Manso
Portugal

Entity / Entitá
LoDo arquitectura paisagista, lda

Location / Sito
Peniche, Portugal

Design date / Progetto
2001

Construction date / Costruzione
2006 – 2007

Area / Superficie
28.210 m²

Cost / Costo
45,18 euros /m²

Client / Cliente
Peniche Town Council

100





A30

Rehabilitation of former industrial site courtyard of the cartridges factory in Bourg-lès-Valence

Recupero del cortile della vecchia fabbrica di
cartucce a Bourg-lès-Valence

David Besson-Girard
France

Entity / Entità
David Besson-Girard paysagistes

Location / Sito
Bourg-lès-Valence, Drôme, France

Design date / Progetto
2009

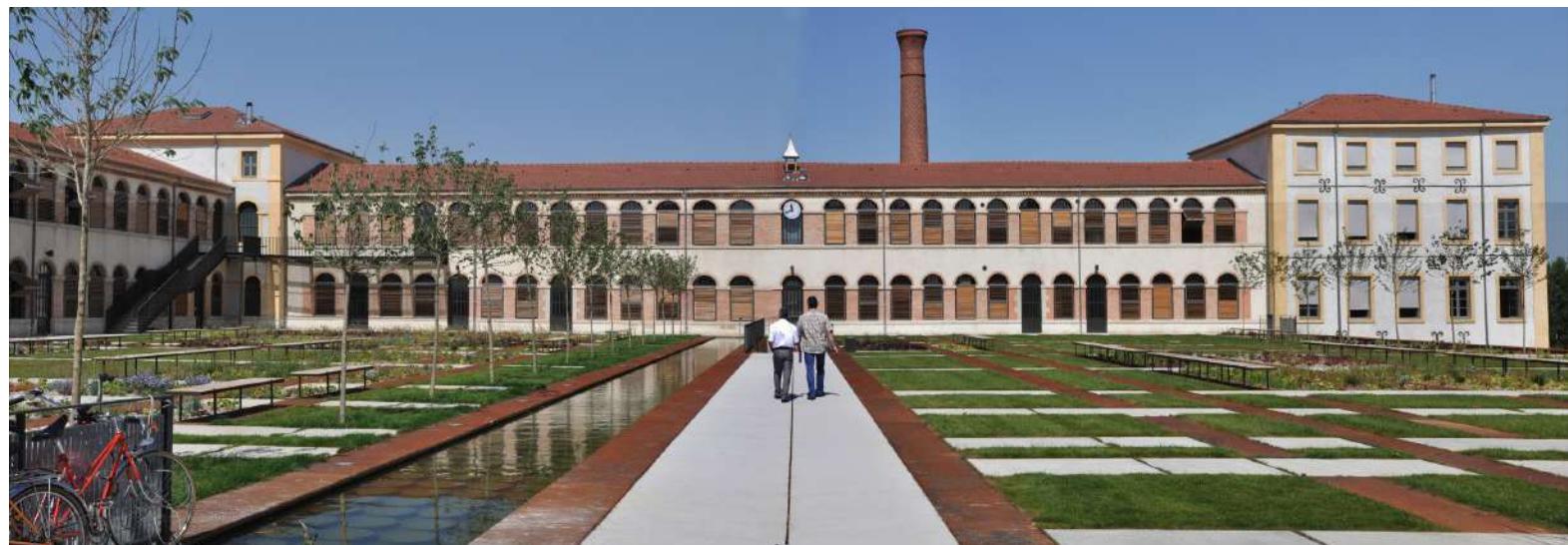
Construction date /
Costruzione
2009

Area / Superficie
6.000 m²

Cost / Costo
250 euros /m²

Client / Cliente
Bourg-lès-Valence Town Council

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A31 Temporary use of the Palace Precincts

Utilizzo temporaneo dei recinti del Palazzo

Gero Heck
Marianne Mommsen
Germany

Entity / Entità
relais Landschaftsarchitekten

Location / Sito
Berlin, Germany

Design date / Progetto
2007–2008

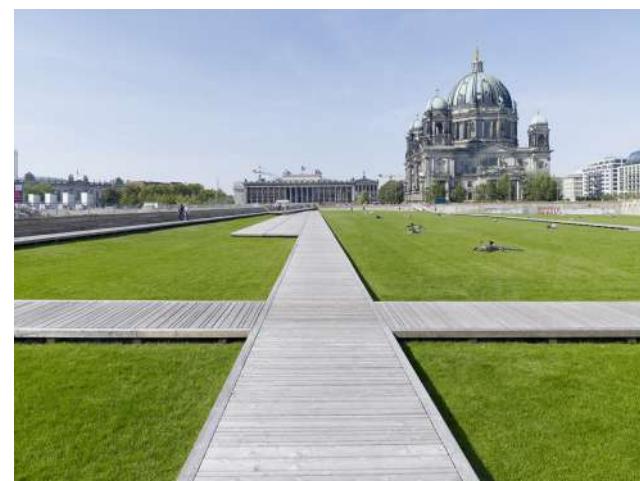
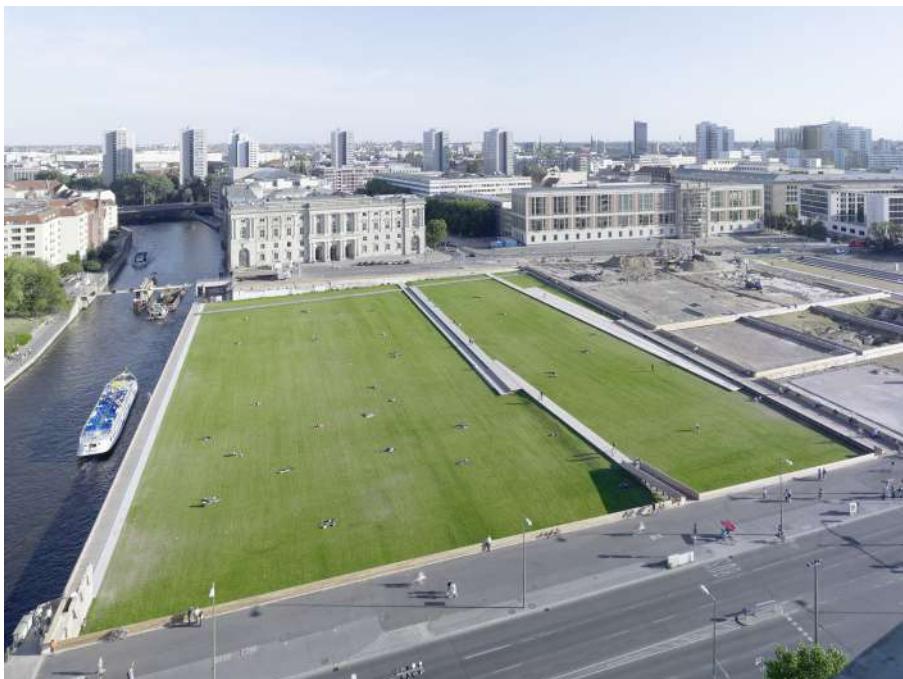
Construction date / Costruzione
2009

Area / Superficie
47.000 m²

Cost / Costo
30 euros /m²

Client / Cliente
DSK / Land Berlin /
Bundesrepublik Deutschland

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A32

Liebefeld Park

Parco Liebefeld

Rita Mettler
Germany

Entity / Entitá
Mettler Landschaftsarchitektur

Location / Sito
Köniz, Berna, Switzerland

Design date / Progetto
2005

Construction date /
Costruzione
2009

Area / Superficie
36.000 m²

Cost / Costo
50 euros /m²

Client / Cliente
public



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A33 Peguera landscape regeneration

Progetto di recupero paesaggistico di Peguera

Francesc Navés
Xavier Herrera
Graciela Arosemena
Andreu Canut
Spain

Entity / Entitat
Estudi de paisatge

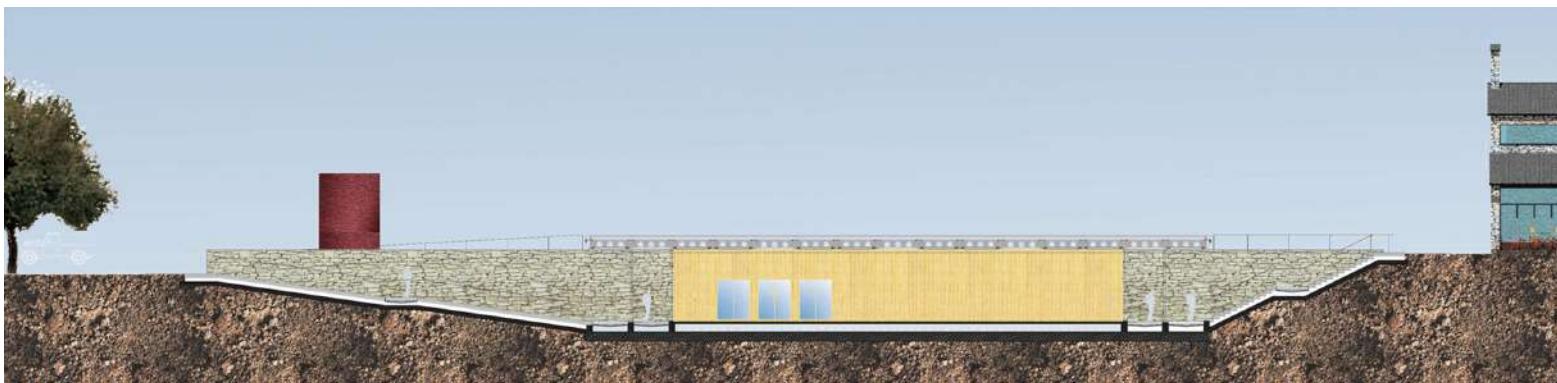
Location / Sito
Peguera, Fígols, Berguedà,
Barcelona, Catalonia, Spain

Design date / Progetto
2008-2009

Construction date /
Costruzione
December 2009

Area / Superficie
75 Ha

Client / Cliente
Peguera Building S.A.





A34

The Munkegård School, renovation and renewal of the outside area

Scuola Munkegård, rinnovo della zona esterna

Marianne Levinsen
Denmark

Entity / Entità
Marianne Levinsen landskab mdl plr

Location / Sito
Dyssegård, Denmark

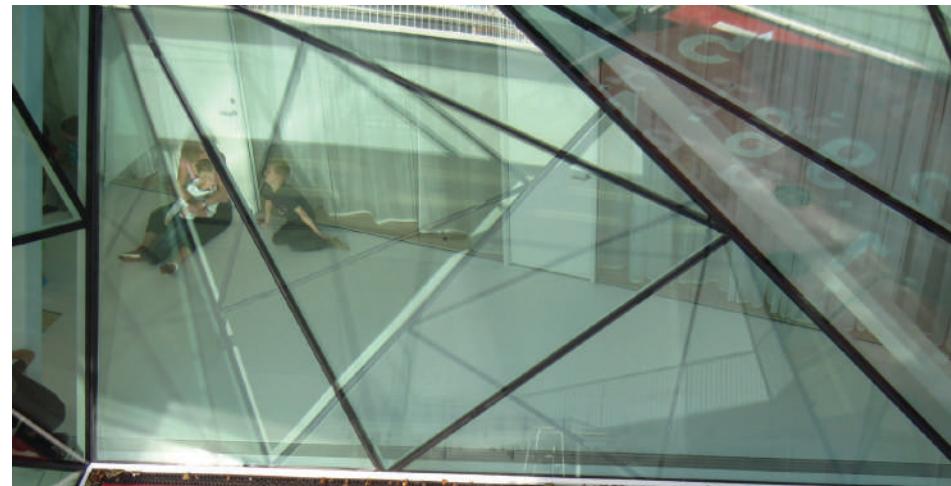
Design date / Progetto
2006-2009

Construction date / Costruzione
Summer 2009

Area / Superficie
11.000 m²

Cost / Costo
67 euros /m²

Client / Cliente
Gentofte Kommune



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A35 Katraki Square: The Central Square of Glyfada

Piazza Katraki: La piazza di Glyfada

Aspassia Kouzoupi
Nella Golanda
Greece

Entity / Entità
Sculpted Architectural Landscapes

Location / Sito
Glyfada – Atenes, Greece

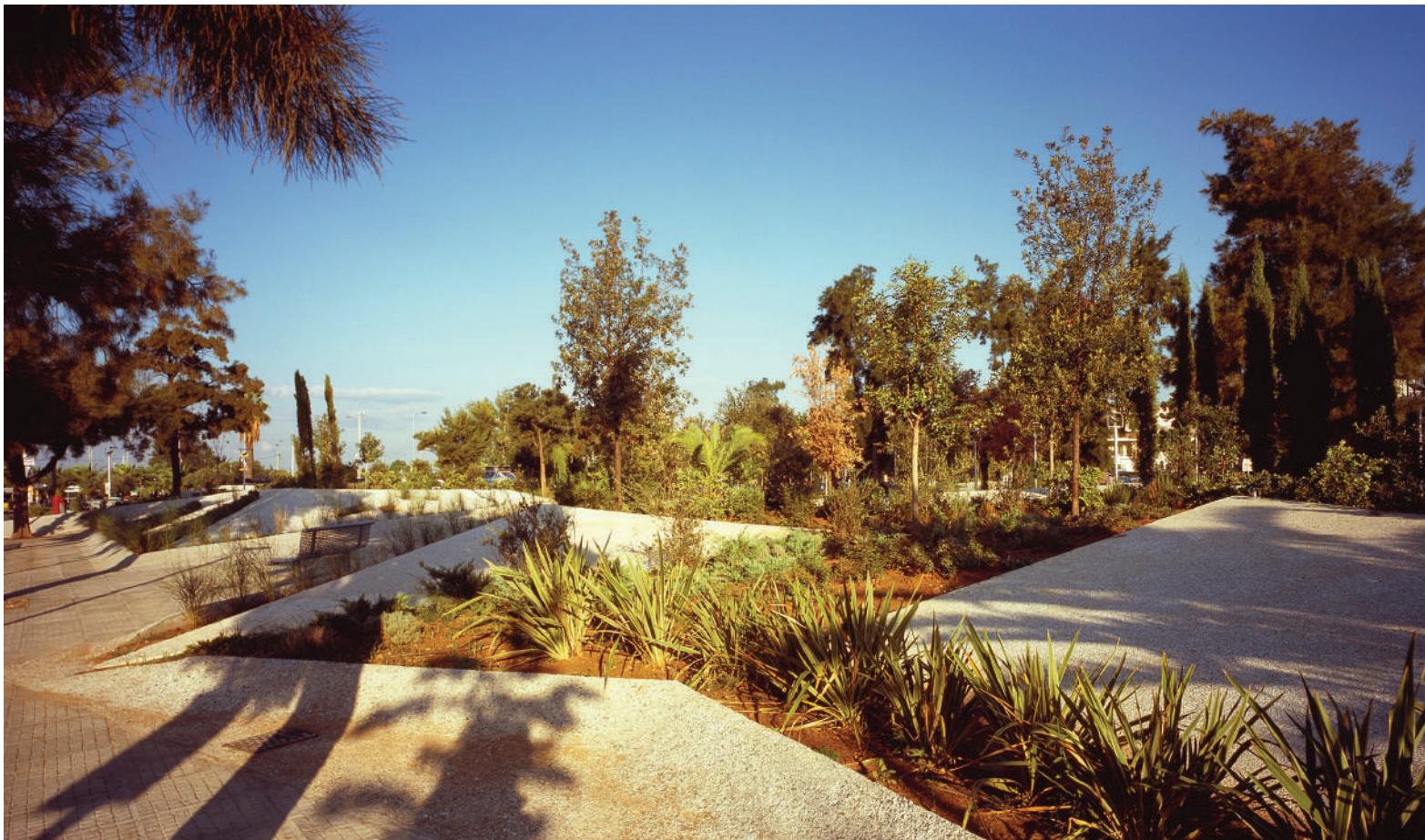
Design date / Progetto
2006–2008

Construction date /
Costruzione
2008

Area / Superficie
6.000 m²

Cost / Costo
125–375 euros /m²

Client / Cliente
Glyfada Town Council





A36

General Basset Square Redevelopment

Riqualificazione urbana di Piazza Generale Basset

Elisabet Quintana
Spain

Entity / Entitá
Elisabet Quintana Seguí. Arquitectura
i Paisatgisme

Location / Sito
Alboraya - València, Spain

Design date / Progetto
February 2009

Construction date /
Costruzione
December 2009

Area / Superficie
2.432,09 m²

Cost / Costo
147,68 euros /m²

Client / Cliente
Alboraya Town Council





A37 "Eras de Cristo" Public Park

Parco pubblico "Eras de Cristo"

Federico Wulff
Francisco José
del Corral del Campo
Spain

Entity / Entitá
Federico Wulff & Melina Guirnaldos
Arquitectos

Location / Sito
Granada, Andalucia, Spain

Design date / Progetto
July - November 2005

Construction date /
Costruzione
November 2006

Area / Superficie
4.523 m²

Cost / Costo
141 euros /m²

Client / Cliente
Granada Town Council

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A38

Ametzagaina Park

Parco di Ametzagaina

Iñigo Segurola
Spain

Entity / Entitá
LUR Paisajistak, S.L

Location / Sito
Donostia – Sant Sebastià, Spain

Design date / Progetto
2002

Construction date /
Costruzione
2010

Area / Superficie
38 Ha

Cost / Costo
22,37 euros /m²

Client / Cliente
Donostia Town Council

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A39

Housing in Köln Ostheim Renewal of a 1950's housing complex

Housing a Colonia Ostheim
Rinnovo di un complesso abitativo del 1950

Johannes Böttger
Germany

Entity / Entità
jbbbug: johannes böttger büro
urbane gestalt

Location / Sito
Cologne, Germany

Design date / Progetto
2004

Construction date /
Costruzione
2009

Area / Superficie
18.500 m²

Cost / Costo
76 euros /m²

Client / Cliente
GAG Grubo Immobilien AG

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A40

Renovation of the village centre of Machelen-aan-de-Leie

Rinnovo urbano del centro di Machelen-aan-de-Lys

Grontmij Vlaanderen
Christian Kieckens
Belgium

Entity / Entitá
Grontmij Vlaanderen NV and Christian
Kieckens Architects bvba

Location / Sito
Machelen-aan-de-Leie, Zulte,
Oost-Vlaanderen, Belgium

Design date / Progetto
2005 - 2008

Construction date / Costruzione
2008

Area / Superficie
5.000 m²

Cost / Costo
280 euros /m²

Client / Cliente
Gemeente Zulte



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A41

Gijón's old University Gardens Rehabilitation Project

Progetto di ristrutturazione dei Giardini
dell'antica Università di Gijón

Alfonso Toribio
José Valdeón
Spain

Entity / Entitá
Projectos de Jardín y Paisaje S.L.

Location / Sito
Gijón, Asturias, Spain

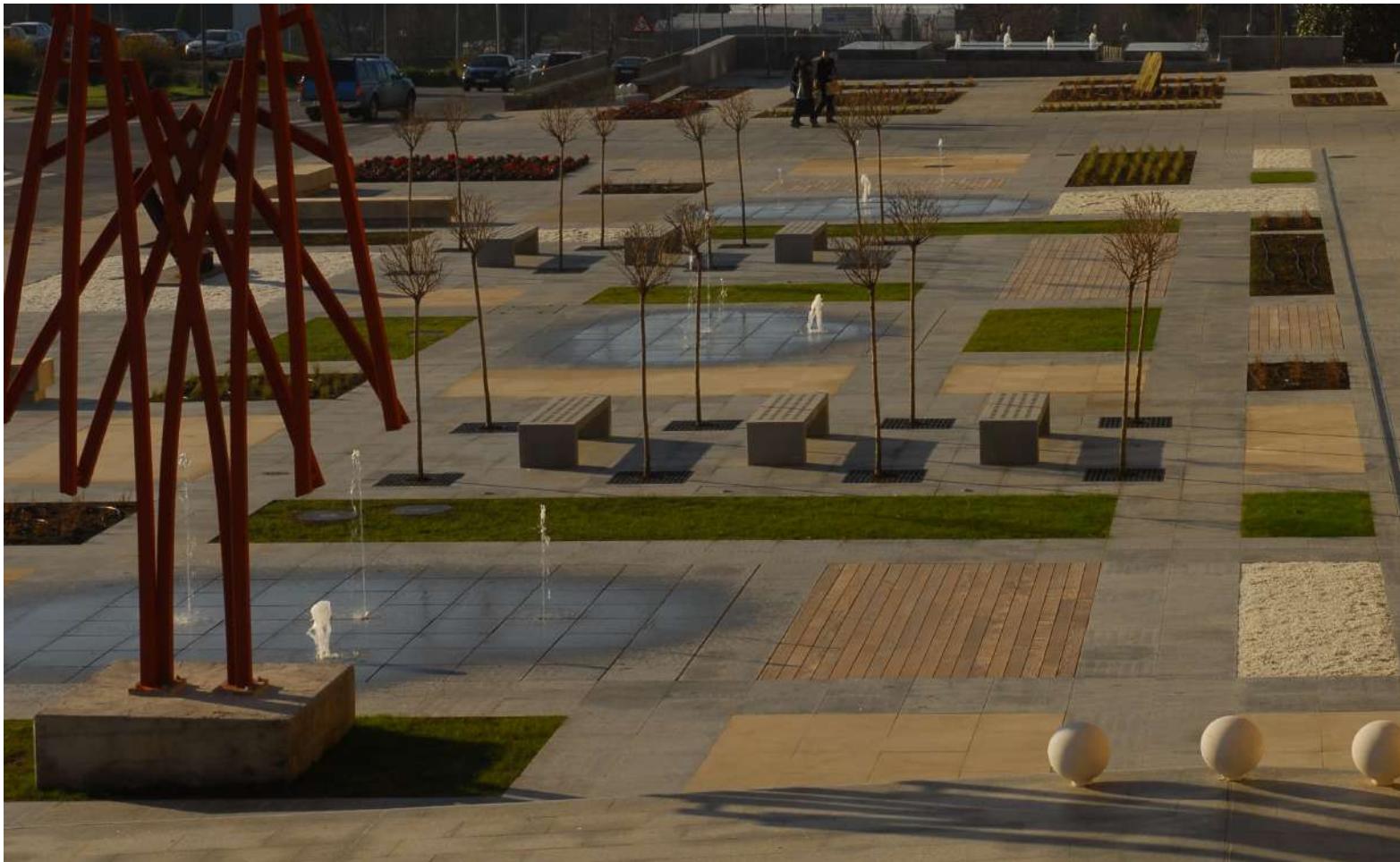
Design date / Progetto
2007

Construction date /
Costruzione
2009

Area / Superficie
26.588,04 m²

Cost / Costo
160,91 euros /m²

Client / Cliente
Asturias Principality Government





A42

Environmental Park

Parco Ambientale

Isabel León
Spain

Entity / Entitá
Y.león, arquitectura y urbanismo,s.l.p.

Location / Sito
Cañada real, Valladolid, Spain

Design date / Progetto
May 2006

Construction date /
Costruzione
September 2008

Area / Superficie
50.851,70 m²

Cost / Costo
75,54 euros /m²

Client / Cliente
Castilla y León Government



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A43 Pueblo Gallego Square

Piazza del Pueblo Gallego

Jesús Irisarri
Guadalupe Piñera
Spain

Entity / Entitá
Irisarri-Piñera

Location / Sito
Vigo. Galicia, Spain

Design date / Progetto
December 2005

Construction date / Costruzione
July 2009

Area / Superficie
1.625 m²

Cost / Costo
192 euros /m²

Client / Cliente
Colegio Oficial de Arquitectos de Vigo,
Concello de Vigo





A44

Largo do Gemini Urban rehabilitation Praça da Cidade

Riabilitazione urbana di Largo do Gemini
Piazza Cidade

Luis Pedro
Ferreira da silva
Portugal

Entity / Entitá
Luis pedro silva, arquitecto unip., lda

Location / Sito
Oliveira de Azemeis, Portugal

Design date / Progetto
2003 – 2005

Construction date /
Costruzione
2008

Area / Superficie
19.000 m²

Cost / Costo
7.500.000 euros

Client / Cliente
Oliveira de Azeméis Town Council



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A45 Development of Deûle Plain and Lambeth Great Change

Progetto ambientale della Pianura Deûle
e del gran Cambio di Lambeth

Gilles Vexlard
Laurence Vacherot
France

Entity / Entità
Latitude Nord

Location / Sito
Lambersart, France

Design date / Progetto
2002-2005

Construction date / Costruzione
2006

Area / Superficie
42.000 m²

Cost / Costo
63 euros /m²

Client / Cliente
Soreli, Lille Town Council





A46

Residential Complex Gardens of S. Lourenço

Spazi esterni del complesso residenziale di S. Lourenço

João Ferreira Nunes
Portugal

Entity / Entitá
PROAP, Estudos e Projectos de Arquitectura Paisajista, Lda

Location / Sito
Lisboa, Portugal

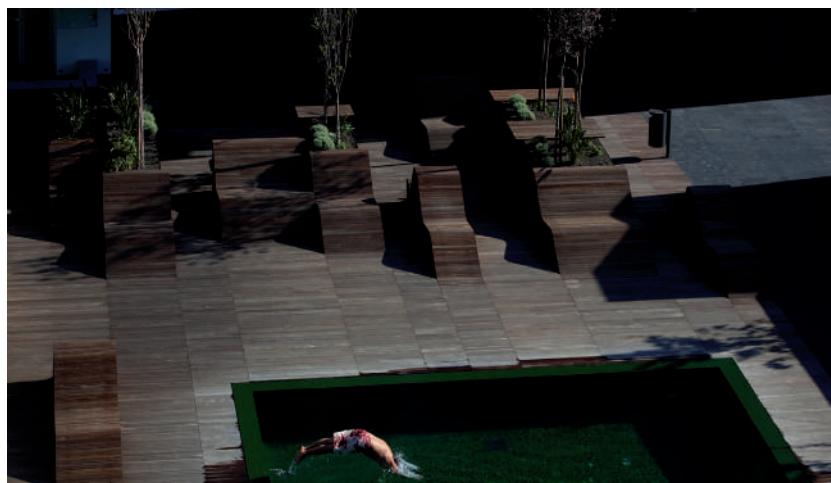
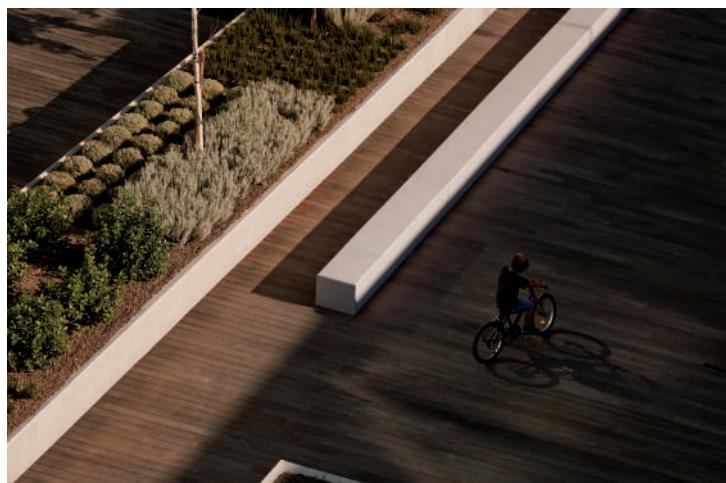
Design date / Progetto
2004

Construction date / Costruzione
2009

Area / Superficie
36.297 m²

Cost / Costo
50 euros /m²

Client / Cliente
IMOLUXm
Fundo de Investimento Imobiliário





A47 Landscape Plan for Puglia Region

Piano paesaggistico-territoriale per la regione Puglia

Alberto Magnaghi
Angela Barbanente
Italy

Entity / Entità
Assessorato all'Assetto del Territorio.
Settore Assetto del Territorio

Location / Sito
Berlin, Germany

Design date / Progetto
September 2008 – March 2010

Construction date / Costruzione
March 2010

Area / Superficie
2.000.000 Ha

Client / Cliente
Regione Puglia





A48

Paramana Central Square of Thermi Municipality

Piazza centrale Paramana del municipio di Thermi

Dimitris Kontaxakis
Maria-Eleni
Kosmidou
Spiros I.
Papadimitriou
Greece

Entity / Entità
Dimitris Kontaxakis,
Maria-Eleni Kosmidou,
Spiros I. Papadimitriou

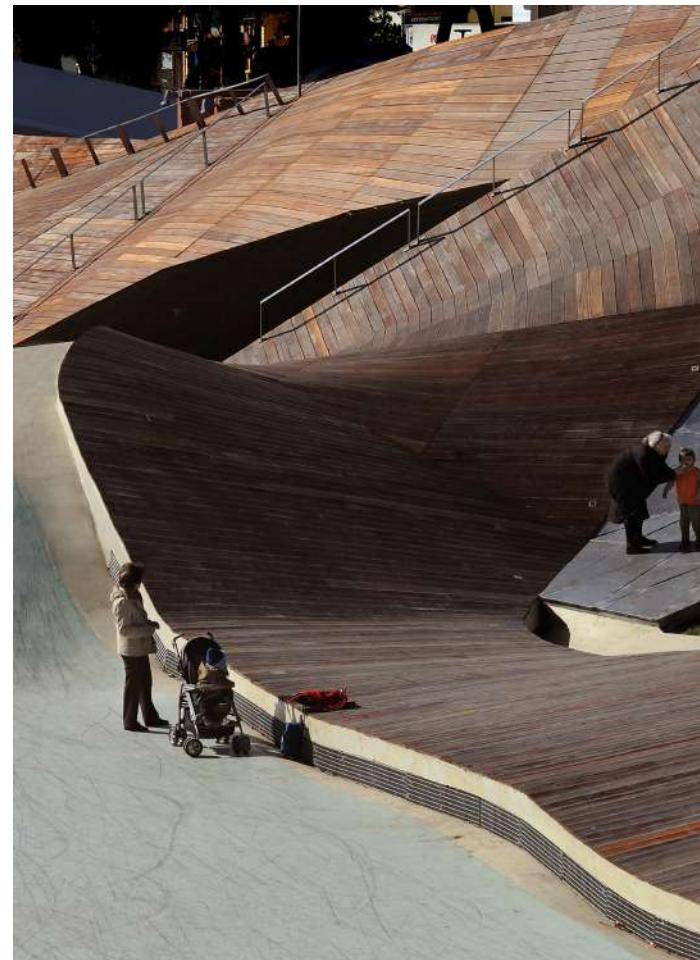
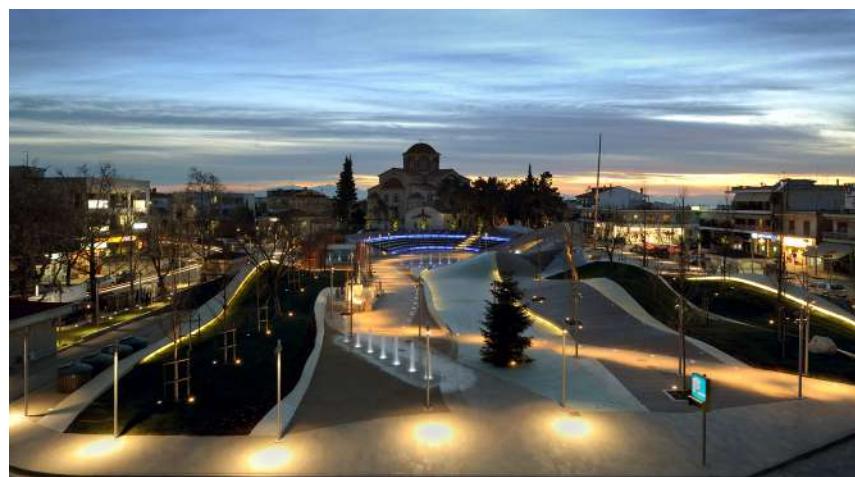
Location / Sito
Thermi, Thessaloniki, Greece

Design date / Progetto
2004–2005

Construction date /
Costruzione
2008

Area / Superficie
7.500 m²

Client / Cliente
Thermi Town Council



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A49 Drentsche Aa

Drentsche Aa

B.G.M. Strootman
The Netherlands

Entity / Entità
Strootman Landschapsarchitecten B.V.
In collaboration with NovioConsult

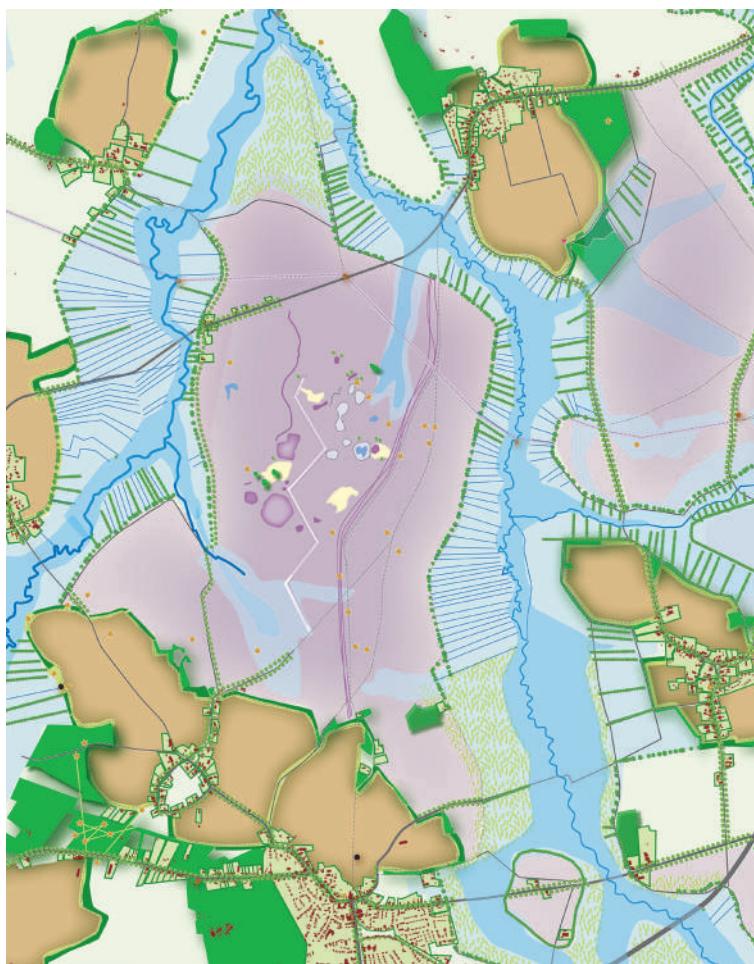
Location / Sito
Drenthe, The Netherlands

Design date / Progetto
2003 - 2004

**Construction date /
Costruzione**
2005 - 2015

Area / Superficie
32.000 Ha

Client / Cliente
National beek- en edorpenlandschap
Drentsche Aa, Staatsbosbeheer
and Drenthe County.





A50

Water Treatment in Het Lankheet Park

Trattamento delle acque del Parco Het Lankheet

B.G.M. Strootman
The Netherlands

Entity / Entitat / Entità
Strootman Landschapsarchitecten
Wageningen University
Ingenieursbureau Eelerwoude and
Anouk Vogel

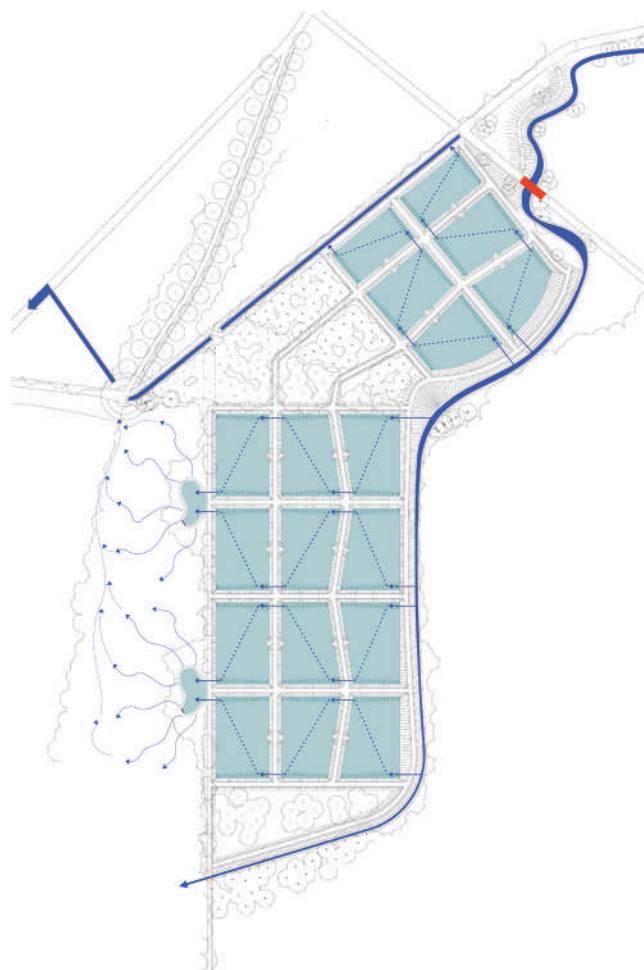
Location / Emplaçament / Sito
Haaksbergen, The Netherlands

Design date / Projecte / Progetto
2004 – 2005

Construction date / Obra / Costruzione
2007

Area / Superficie / Superficie
9 Ha

Client / Cliente
Lankheet bv



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A51 **Trodica Park**

Parco Trodica

Maria Cristina Tullio
Italy

Entity / Entità
Estudio de Arquitectura de paisaje

Location / Sito
Trodica, Morrovalle, Macerata,
Marche, Italy

Design date / Progetto
2007-2008

Construction date /
Costruzione
2009

Area / Superficie
34.000 m²

Cost / Costo
24,76 euros /m²

Client / Cliente
Morrovalle Town Council





A52

Urban Park San Donato

Parco urbano San Donato

Aimaro Isola
Flavio Bruna
Saverio Isola
Michele Battaggia
Andrea Bondonio
Stefano Peyretti
Italy

Entity / Entità
Isolarchitetti S.r.l.

Location / Sito
Quartiere San Donato, Firenze, Italy

Design date / Progetto
2004 - 2005

Construction date /
Costruzione
2010

Area / Superficie
12 Ha

Cost / Costo
45 euros /m²

Client / Cliente
Gruppo Immobiliare Novoli S.p.a.

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A53 Puigcerdà Square

Piazza Puigcerdà

Manuel Ruisánchez
Spain

Entity / Entitá
Ruisánchez Arquitectes

Location / Sito
Barcelona, Spain

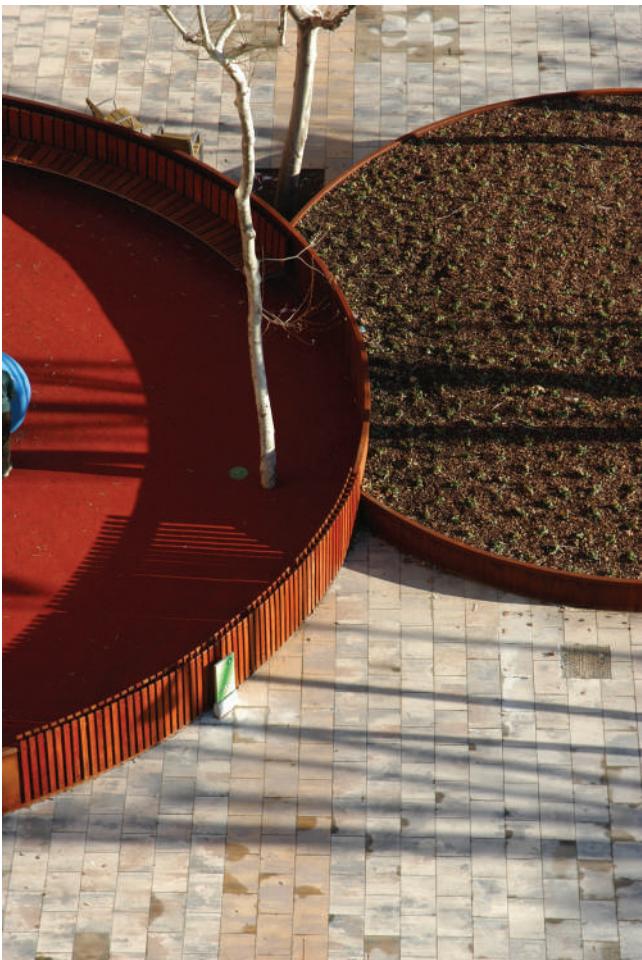
Design date / Progetto
2008

Construction date /
Costruzione
December 2009

Area / Superficie
3.215 m²

Cost / Costo
376,22 euros /m²

Client / Cliente
Barcelona Town Council
Sant Martí District – BIM/SA





A54

Guillermo Vidaña Square

Piazza Guillermo Vidaña

Manuel Ruisánchez
Spain

Entity / Entitá
Ruisánchez Arquitectes

Location / Sito
Barcelona, Spain

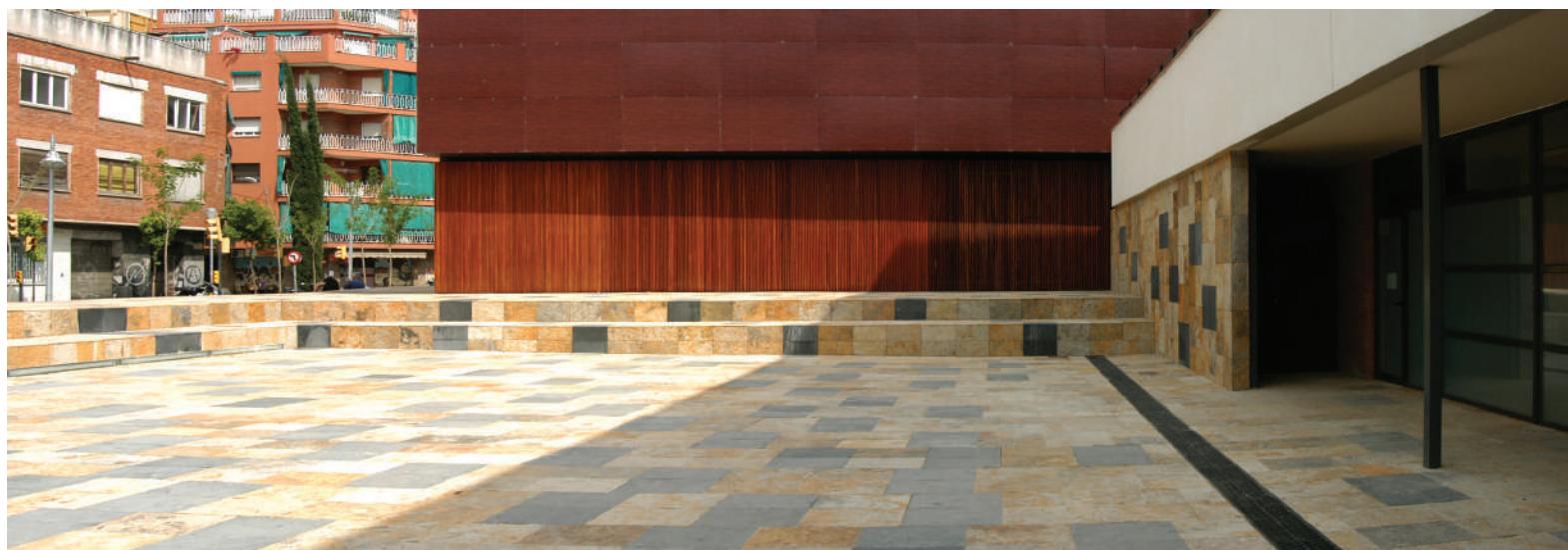
Design date / Progetto
2006

Construction date /
Costruzione
April 2009

Area / Superficie
3.023 m²

Cost / Costo
216,82 euros /m²

Client / Cliente
MMAMB, Sant Adrià del Besòs
Town Council, Regesa



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A55 Restoration and rehabilitation of Red Tower Park access

Restauro e riabilitazione degli accessi
al Parco della Torre Rossa

Xavier Nogués
Spain

Entity / Entitat
Mancomunitat de Municipis de l'Àrea
Metropolitana de Barcelona (MMAMB)

Location / Sito
Viladecans, Barcelona, Spain

Design date / Progetto
October 2006

**Construction date /
Costruzione**
March 2008

Area / Superficie
11.368 m²

Cost / Costo
93,99 euros /m²

Client / Cliente
Viladecans Town Council





A56

Urbanization for Abat Oliba and Francesc Layret Squares

Progetto urbano delle Piazze Abat Oliba e Francesc Layret

Màrius Quintana
Spain

Entity / Entitat
Mancomunitat de Municipis de l'Àrea Metropolitana de Barcelona (MMAMB)

Location / Sito
Cerdanyola del Vallès, Barcelona, Spain

Design date / Progetto
May 2005

Construction date / Costruzione
April 2008

Area / Superficie
9.976,53 m²

Cost / Costo
246,61 euros /m²

Client / Cliente
Cerdanyola del Vallès Town Council



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A57

Rearrangement for the N-2 Road in Montgat

Modifica dell'via Nazionale N-2 a Montgat

Antonio Montes
Spain

Entity / Entitá
Mancomunitat de Municipis de l'Àrea Metropolitana de Barcelona (MMAMB)

Location / Sito
Montgat, Barcellona, Spain

Design date / Progetto
April 2006

Construction date / Costruzione
July 2008

Area / Superficie
10.682 m²

Cost / Costo
312,42 euros /m²

Client / Cliente
Montgat Town Council and MMAMB





A58

Turó del Sastre Park

Parco del Turó del Sastre

Claudi Aguiló
Martí Sanz
Albert Domingo
Spain

Entity / Entitat
Mancomunitat de Municipis de l'Àrea Metropolitana de Barcelona (MMAMB)

Location / Sito
Montgat, Barcelona, Spain

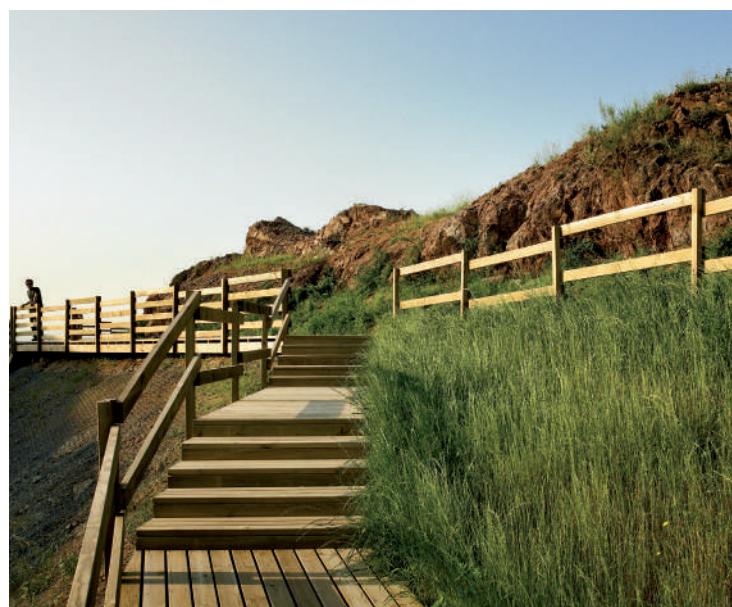
Design date / Progetto
Maig 2006

Construction date / Costruzione
December 2008

Area / Superficie
10.450 m²

Cost / Costo
182,92 euros /m²

Client / Cliente
Impsol





A59 Park of Living Art, Experimental Center of Contemporary Art

Parco d'Arte vivente,
Centro sperimentale d'Arte Contemporanea

Gianluca Cosmacini
Italy

Entity / Entità
acPav – Associazione Culturale Parco
Arte Vivente

Location / Sito
Torino, Italy

Design date / Progetto
2006 – 2007

Construction date /
Costruzione
November 2008

Area / Superficie
24.000 m²

Cost / Costo
83 euros /m²

Client / Cliente
Torino Town Council





A60

Can Robert Park

Parco de Can Robert

Joan Forgas
Dolors Ylla
Spain

Entity / Entitá
Forgas Arquitectes SLP

Location / Sito
Sitges, Catalonia, Spain

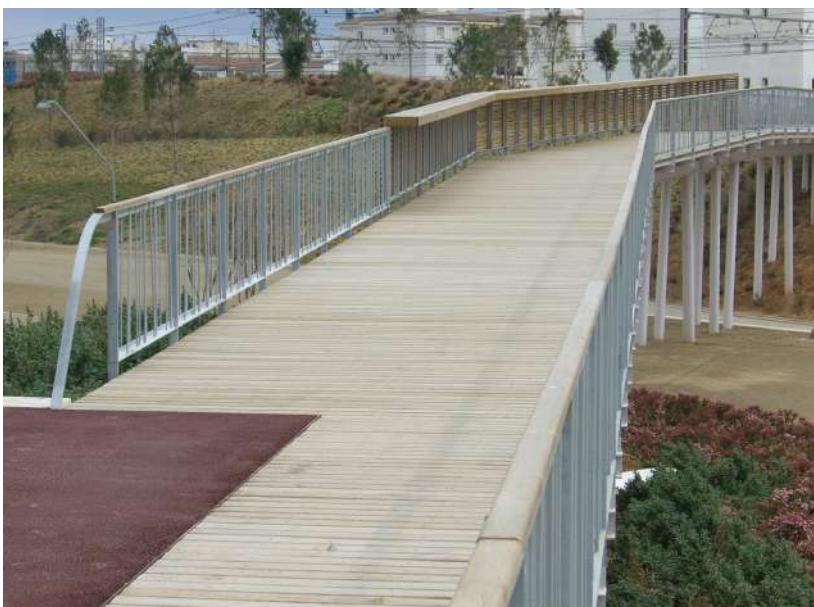
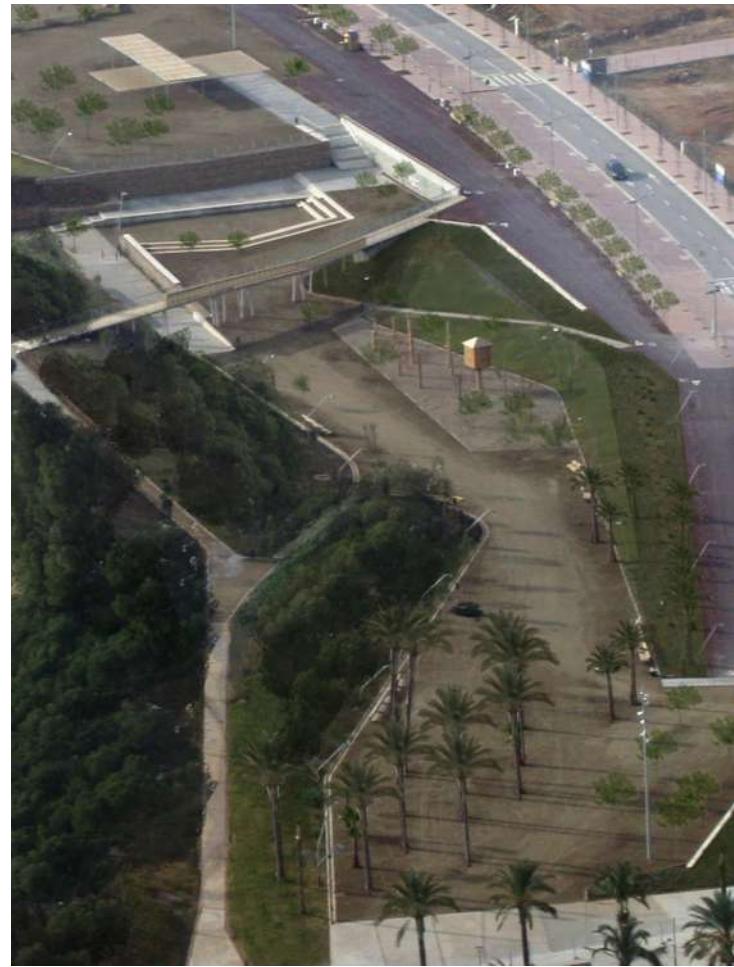
Design date / Progetto
2005 – 2006

Construction date /
Costruzione
2007 – 2008

Area / Superficie
6 Ha

Cost / Costo
83,3 euros /m²

Client / Cliente
Junta de Compensació de La Plana Est.





A61 Tortosa old Slaughterhouse urbanization

Progetto urbano dell'antico Mattatoio di Tortosa

Sergi Carulla
Oscar Blasco
Spain

Entity / Entitá
Scob arquitectes
Location / Sito
Tortosa, Tarragona, Spain

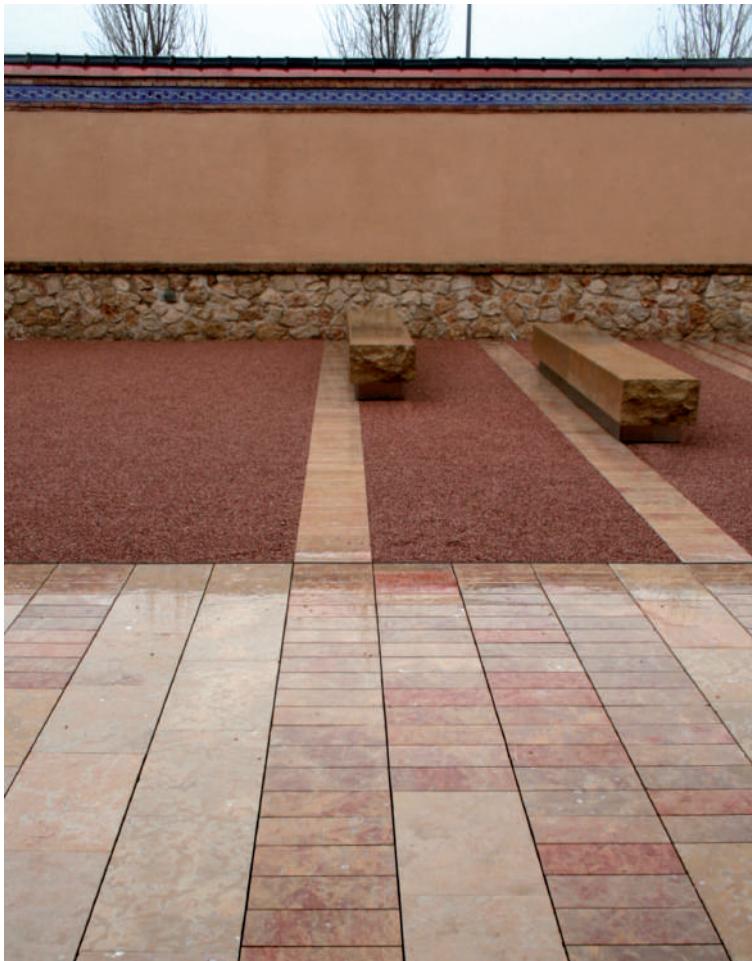
Design date / Progetto
2008

Construction date /
Costruzione
December 2009

Area / Superficie
2.345 m²

Cost / Costo
379 euros /m²

Client / Cliente
Tortosa Town Council





A62

The Garden of "Arquitectures"

Il Giardino delle "Architetture"

Miquel Vidal
Spain

Entity / Entitá
Miquel Vidal Pla

Location / Sito
Barcelona, Spain

Design date / Progetto
July – September 2009

Construction date /
Costruzione
September 2009

Area / Superficie
3.200 m²

Cost / Costo
79 euros /m²

Client / Cliente
Universitat Politècnica de Catalunya



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A63 Can Gambús Park

Parco Can Gambús

Txema Onzain
Angel Figuerola
Spain

Entity / Entitá
Nogué.Onzain.López Arquitectes S.L.P

Location / Sito
Sabadell, Barcelona, Spain

Design date / Progetto
2003 - 2007

Construction date / Costruzione
April 2009

Area / Superficie
132.475 m²

Cost / Costo
59,65 euros /m²

Client / Cliente
Junta de Compensació de Can Gambús

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A64

Development project of the square, walkway and the parking area for the Fonts de la Terrassa sector

Progetto urbano della piazza e della passerella di accesso al parcheggio del settore "Pla de les Fonts" di Terrassa

Judit Daura
Spain

Entity / Entitat
Incasòl, Institut Català del Sòl

Location / Sito
L'Ametlla de Mar, Catalonia, Spain

Design date / Progetto
June 2004

Construction date /
Costruzione
Mayo 2006

Area / Superficie
17.704 m²

Cost / Costo
23,20 euros /m²

Client / Cliente
Terrassa Town Council





A65 Urbanization project for the Filadores Square

Progetto urbano per la Piazza dei Filatori

Jordi Hidalgo
Daniela Hartmann
Spain

Entity / Entità
Hidalgo.Hartmann

Location / Sito
Castellfollit de la Roca, Garrotxa,
Girona, Spain

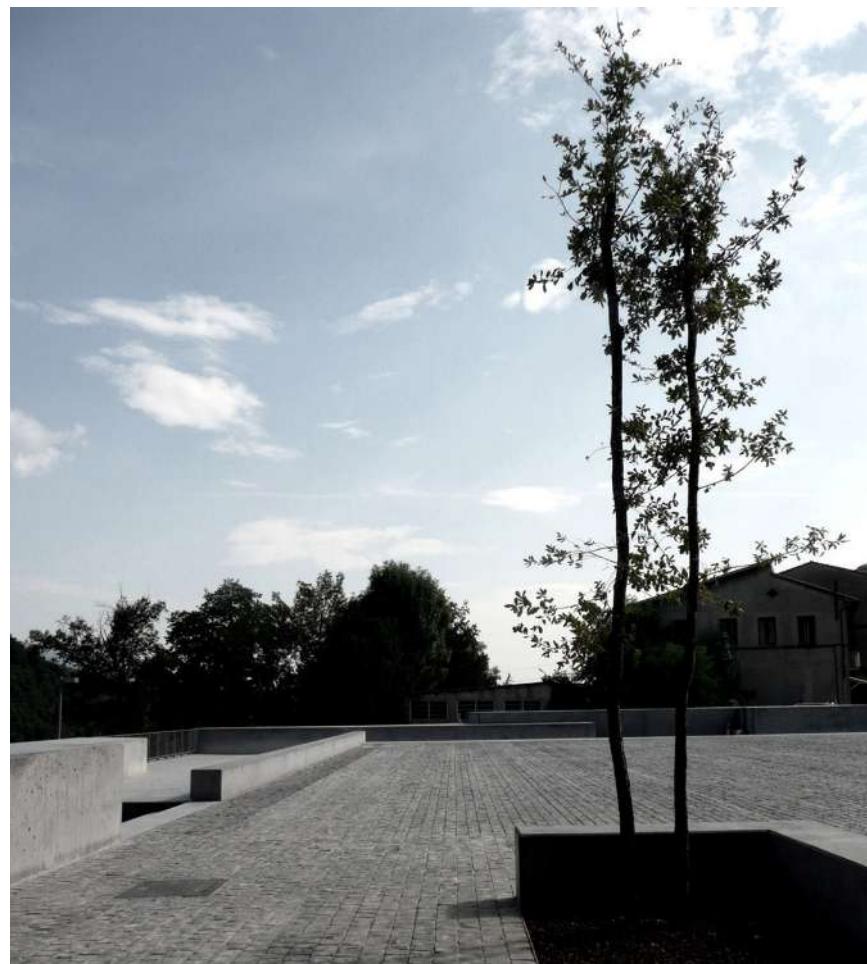
Design date / Progetto
July 2008

Construction date /
Costruzione
Octubre 2009

Area / Superficie
1.716,11 m²

Cost / Costo
350,99 euros /m²

Client / Cliente
Institut Català del Sòl





A66

Project for the Public Spaces rearrangement of the Manresa's Road in Can Morral

Progetto di ridisegno degli spazi aperti della strada di
Manresa a Can Morral

Enric Batlle
Joan Roig
Spain

Entity / Entitat
MMI Gestió d'arquitectura i paisatge

Location / Sito
Abrera, Catalonia, Spain

Design date / Progetto
June 2007

Construction date /
Costruzione
July 2009

Area / Superficie
10.351 m²

Cost / Costo
58,83 euros /m²

Client / Cliente
Institut Català del Sòl

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A67

Landscaping project of green areas Ribes Altes II

Proposta di riqualificazione delle aree verdi Ribes Altes II

Judit Daura
Rigoberto Albors
Spain

Entity / Entitat
Incasòl, Institut Català del Sòl

Location / Sito
L'Ametlla de Mar, Catalonia, Spain

Design date / Progetto
June 2006

Construction date /
Costruzione
March 2008

Area / Superficie
22.821,13 m²

Cost / Costo
20,42 euros /m²

Client / Cliente
Ametlla de Mar Town Council





A68

Riera d'Argentona: Landscape Analysis

Piano di analisi paesaggistico-ambientale
del torrente d'Argentona

Jordi Bellmunt
Spain

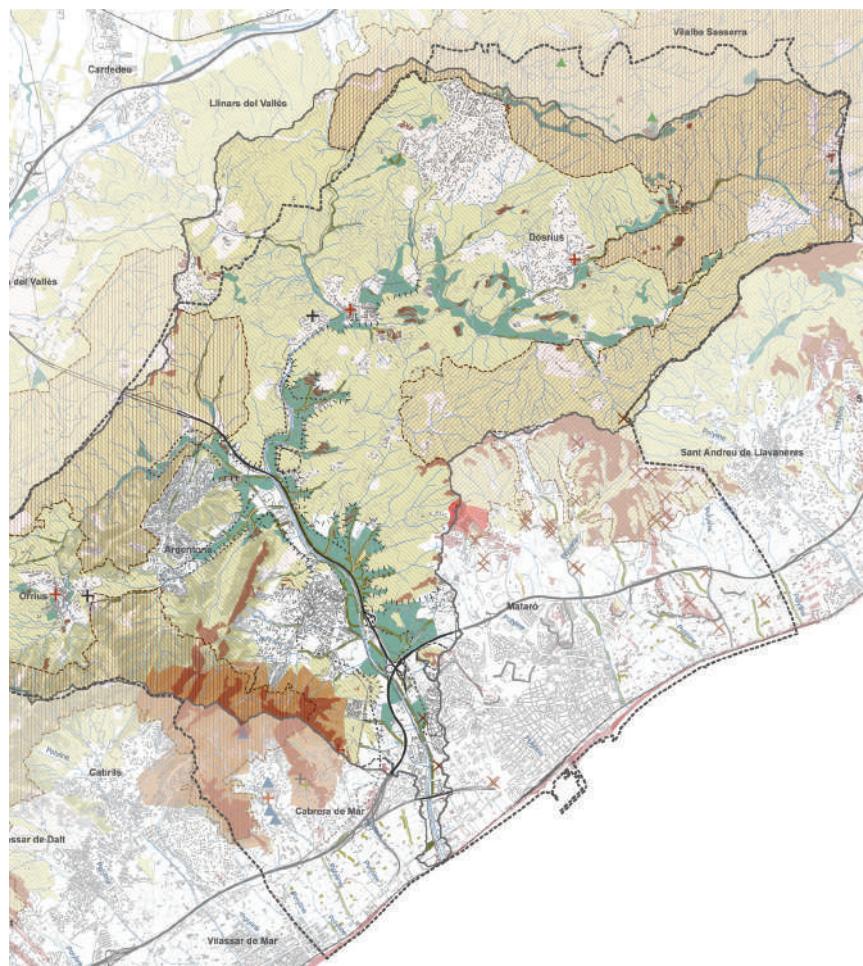
Entity / Entitat
Universitat Politècnica de Catalunya

Location / Sito
Riera d'Argentona, Catalonia, Spain

Design date / Progetto
2007 – 2010

Area / Superficie
10.300 Ha

Client / Cliente
Consell comarcal del Maresme,
Ajuntaments de Mataró, Argentona,
Cabrera de mar, Òrius, dosrius amb
l'assessorament de la Generalitat de
Catalunya, departament de política
territorial i obres públiques i
Observatori del paisatge.



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A69 Green Zone Construction of the Partial Plan Sector 5 in Salou

Progetto urbano per una zona verde a Salou

Jordi Bellmunt
Spain

Entity / Entitá
J. Bellmunt i X. Andreu Arquitectes
i Associats S.L.P

Location / Sito
Salou, Tarragona, Spain

Design date / Progetto
2005

Construction date /
Costruzione
2009

Area / Superficie
7,5 Ha

Cost / Costo
47 euros /m²

Client / Cliente
Junta de Compensació Sector 5 Salou





A70

Botanical Garden in Salou

Giardino botanico di Salou

Jordi Bellmunt
Spain

Entity / Entitá
J. Bellmunt i X. Andreu Arquitectes
i Associats S.L.P

Location / Sito
Salou, Tarragona, Spain

Design date / Progetto
2004

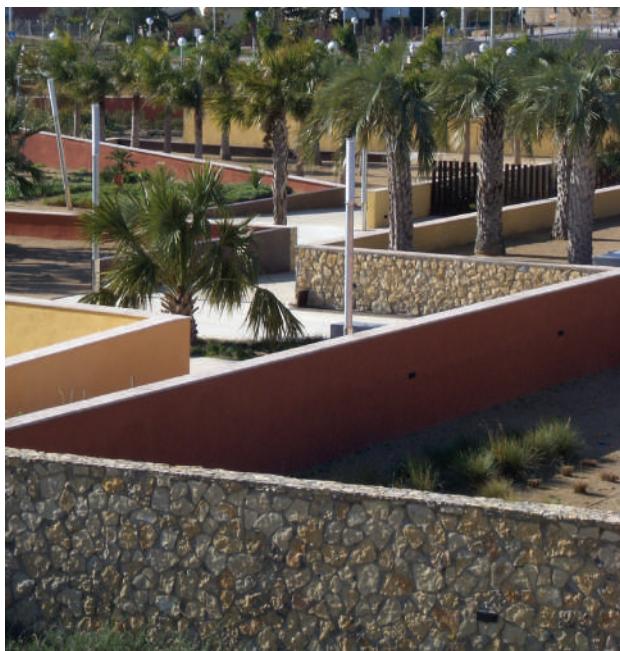
Construction date /
Costruzione
2009

Area / Superficie
1,7 Ha

Cost / Costo
176,50 euros /m²

Client / Cliente
Salou Town Council

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A71 Morouzos Beach Environmental regeneration project

Progetto di rigenerazione dell'intorno della spiaggia di Morouzos

Técnicos de la
Demarcación de
Costas del Estado
en Galicia
Spain

Entity / Entitá
Consultores de Medio Ambiente y
Desarrollo S.L.

Location / Sito
Ortigueira, A Coruña, Galicia, Spain

Design date / Progetto
February 2005

Construction date /
Costruzione
July 2006

Area / Superficie
126.000 m²

Cost / Costo
27,69 euros /m²

Client / Cliente
Spain Government





A72

Matarranya Landscape Analysis

Piano di analisi paesaggistico-ambientale della Regione di Matarranya

Jordi Bellmunt
Spain

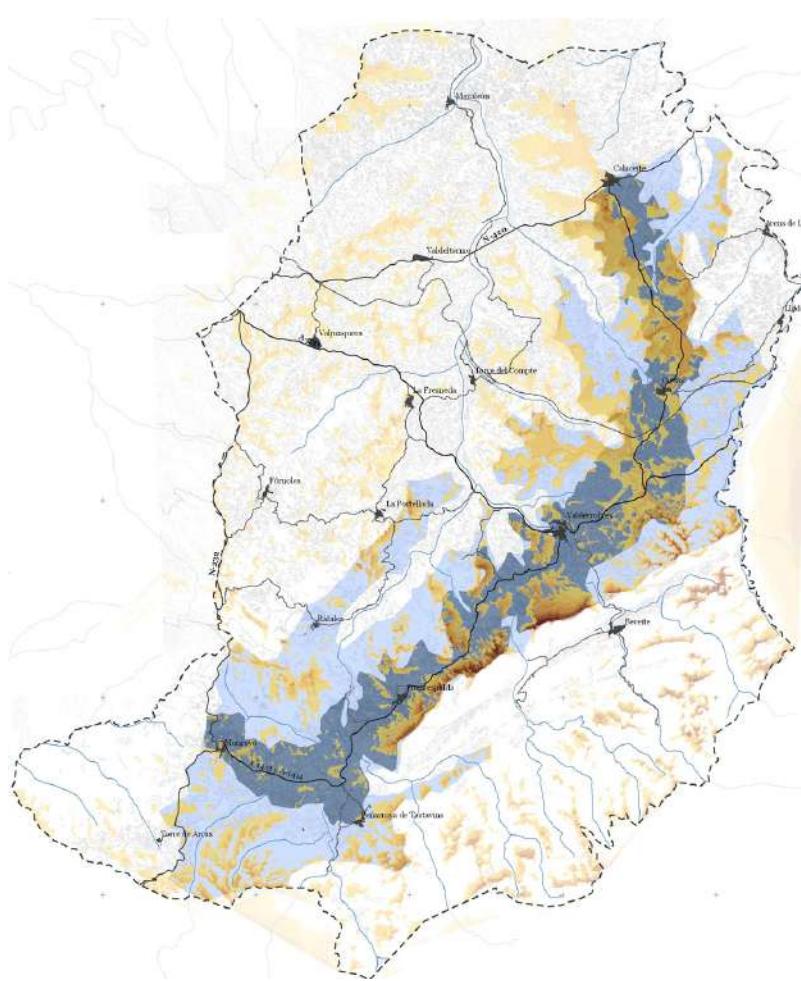
Entity / Entitat
Universitat Politècnica de Catalunya

Location / Sito
Matarranya, Terol, Aragò, Spain

Design date / Progetto
2009–2010

Area / Superficie
933 km²

Client / Cliente
Matarranya Region



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A73 Convention Center in Port Aventura

Centro Congressi di Port Aventura

Jordi Bellmunt
Spain

Entity / Entitá
J. Bellmunt i X. Andreu Arquitectes i
Associats slp

Location / Sito
Salou, Tarragona, Spain

Design date / Progetto
2007-2008

Construction date /
Costruzione
2008

Area / Superficie
19.000 m²

Cost / Costo
100 euros /m²

Client / Cliente
Port Aventura S. A.





A74

Competition for a Green Corridor in Cerdanyola del Vallès

Concorso per il Corridoio Verde di Cerdanyola del Vallès

Michael Van Gessel
Anna Zahonero
Marti Franch
Alfonso Vidaor
Ioanna Spanou
Pepa Moran
Maria Goula
Evgenia Hagistavrou
Margherita Neri
Ardevol Consultors
Spain

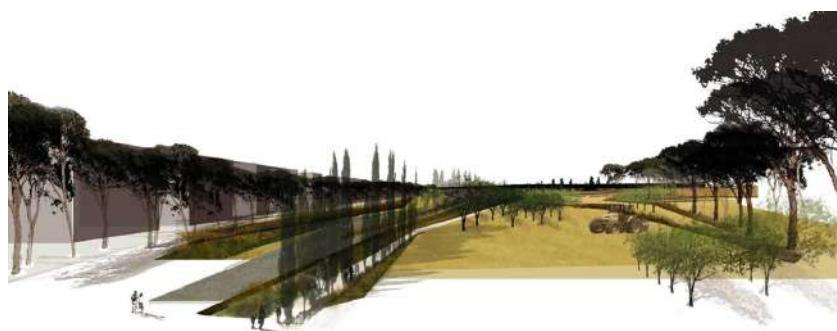
Entity / Entitat
(AZ) Estudis i projectes de medi ambient i paisatge S.L.P.

Location / Sito
Cerdanyola del Vallès, Catalonia,
Spain

Design date / Progetto
May –August 2009

Area / Superficie
140 Ha

Client / Cliente
Consorci urbanístic del Centre
Direccional de Cerdanyola del Vallès



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A75 | Landscape Analysis for Girona Region

Piano di analisi paesaggistico-ambientale della Regione di Girona

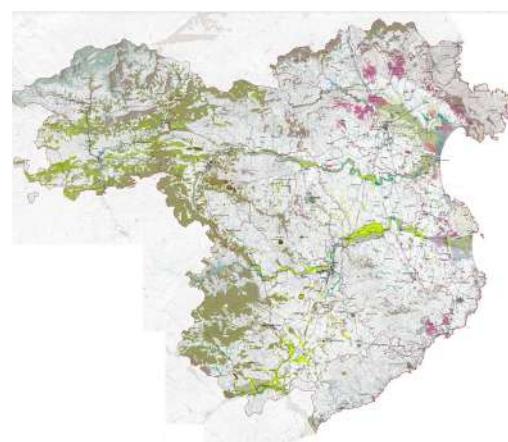
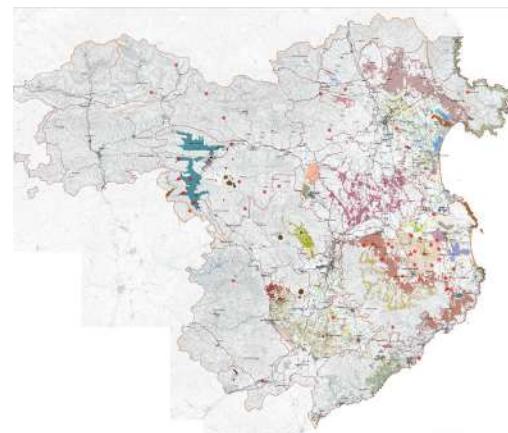
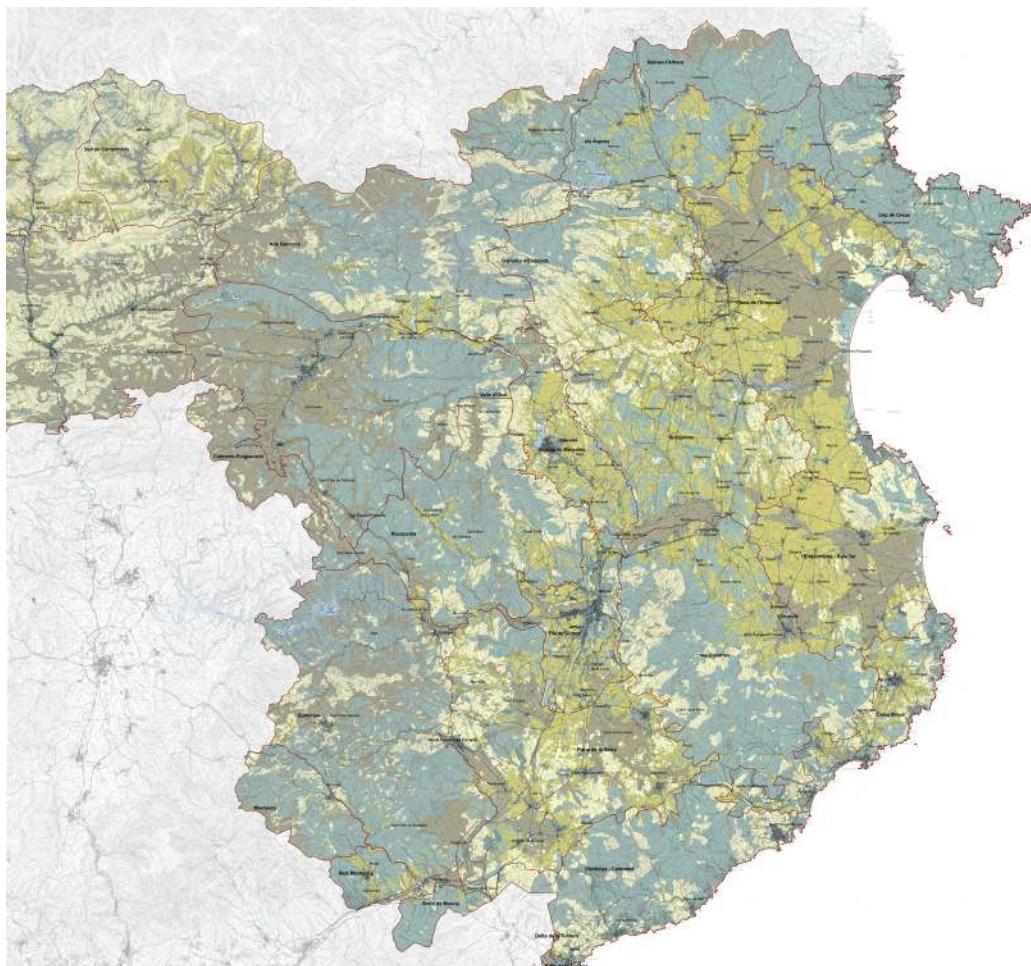
**Jordi Bellmunt
Maria Goula
Spain**

Entity / Entitat
Centre de Recerca i Projectes de
Paisatge [CRPPb]
Departament d'Urbanisme i
Ordenació del Territori
Universitat Politècnica de Catalunya

Location / Sito
Girona, Spain

Design date / Progetto
February 2010

Client / Cliente
Generalitat de Catalunya,
Departament de Política Territorial
i Obres Públiques





A76

Definition of public access areas in Tornafort

Definizione delle aree di accesso pubblico
al paese Tornafort

Maria Goula
Spain

Entity / Entitat
Centre de Recerca i Projectes de
Paisatge [CRPPb]
Departament d'Urbanisme i
Ordenació del Territori
Universitat Politècnica de Catalunya

Location / Sito
Tornafort, Municipi de Soriguera,
Lleida, Catalunya, Spain

Design date / Progetto
August 2008

Client / Cliente
Entitat Municipal Descentralitzada de
Tornafort



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A77 Lazare Goujon square

Piazza Lazare Goujon

Emmanuel Jalbert
Annie Tardivon
France

Entity / Entità
In Situ Paysagistes

Location / Sito
Villeurbanne, Rhône-Alpes, France

Design date / Progetto
2007

Construction date / Costruzione
2007

Area / Superficie
1 Ha

Cost / Costo
310 euros /m²

Client / Cliente
Grand Lyon





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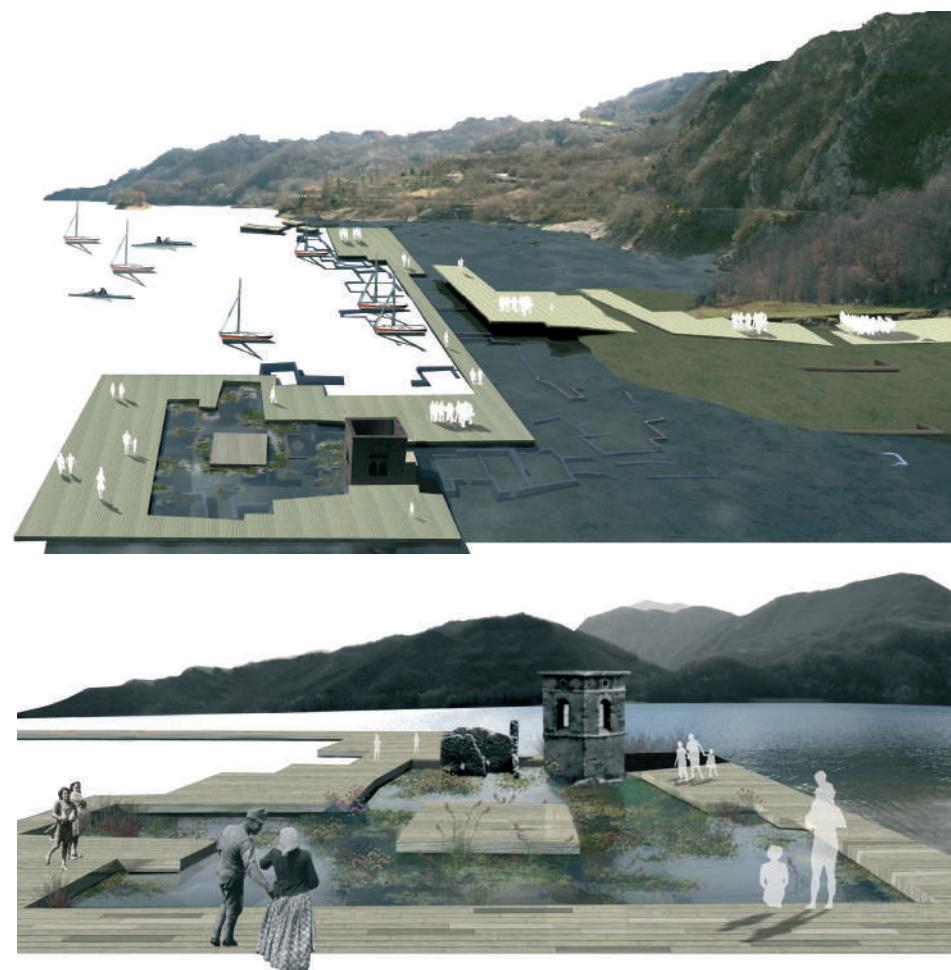
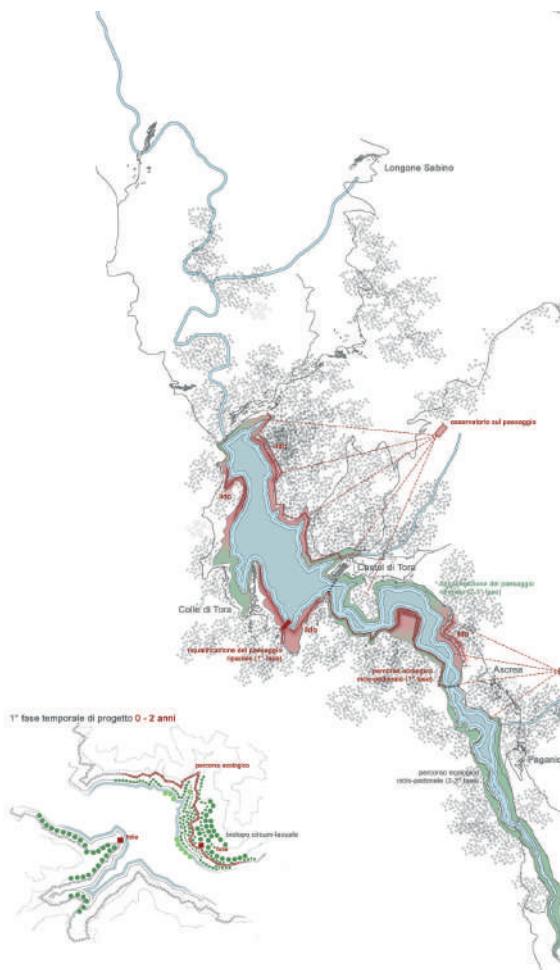
The landscape design of Turano and Salto lakes as a tool for economic and touristic development

- La progettazione del paesaggio dei laghi Turano e Salto come strumento per lo sviluppo economico e per il turismo

Vincenzo Gioffrè
Italy

Location / Sito
Laghi del Salto e Turano, Rieti, Italy

Design date / Progetto
April 2009







Intersection *Intersezione*

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I1 Can Framis Museum's Garden

Giardino del Museo Can Framis

Jordi Badia
Martí Franch
Spain

Entity / Entitat
BAAS + EMF
Location / Sito
Barcelona, Catalonia, Spain

Design date / Progetto
2007

Construction date /
Costruzione
2009

Area / Superficie
5.468 m²

Cost / Costo
1.345 euros /m²

Client / Cliente
Vila Casas Foundation

finalist /
finalista





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Koemarkt Purmerend

Koemarkt Purmerend

Frank Meijer
The Netherlands

Entity / Entitá
MTD Landschapsarchitecten

Location / Sito
Purmerend, The Netherlands

Design date / Progetto
2008

Construction date /
Costruzione
2009

Area / Superficie
10.000 m²

Cost / Costo
270 euros /m²

Client / Cliente
Purmerend Town Council



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I3 Preservation of Ruins in the Prat de Llobregat beach

Conservazione delle Rovine della spiaggia del Prat de Llobregat

Roser Amadó
Spain

Entity / Entitat
B01 Arquitectes Amadó-Domènech
S.C. Professional

Location / Sito
El Prat de Llobregat, Barcelona, Spain

Design date / Progetto
2006

Construction date / Costruzione
2009

Area / Superficie
5 Ha

Cost / Costo
5,78 euros /m²

Client / Cliente
Prat de Llobregat Town Council

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Water Shore Garden of National Garden Schwerin Show 2009

Giardino Water Shore per la Mostra dei Giardini Nazionali Schwerin 2009

Martin Rein-Cano
Lorenz Dexter
Germany

Entity / Entità
Topotek1

Location / Sito
Mecklenburg-Vorpommern, Germany

Design date / Progetto
June 2006

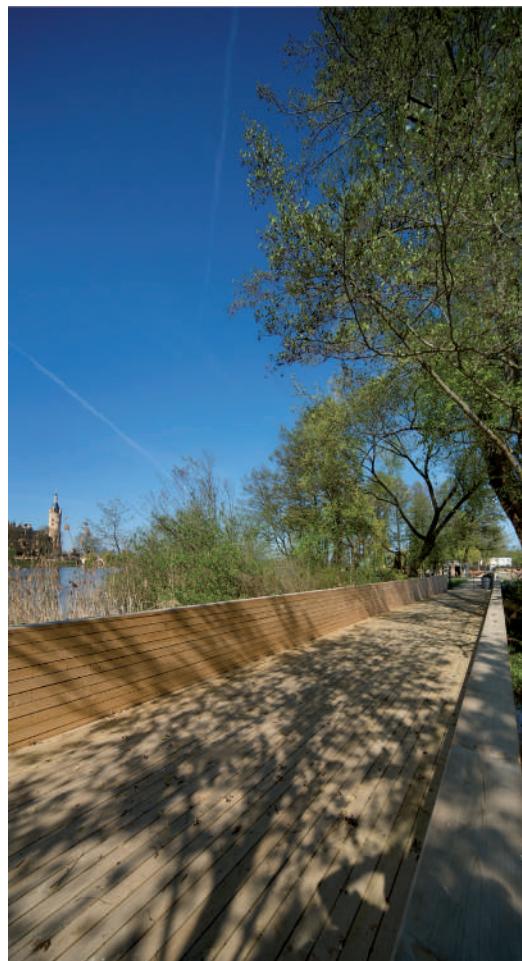
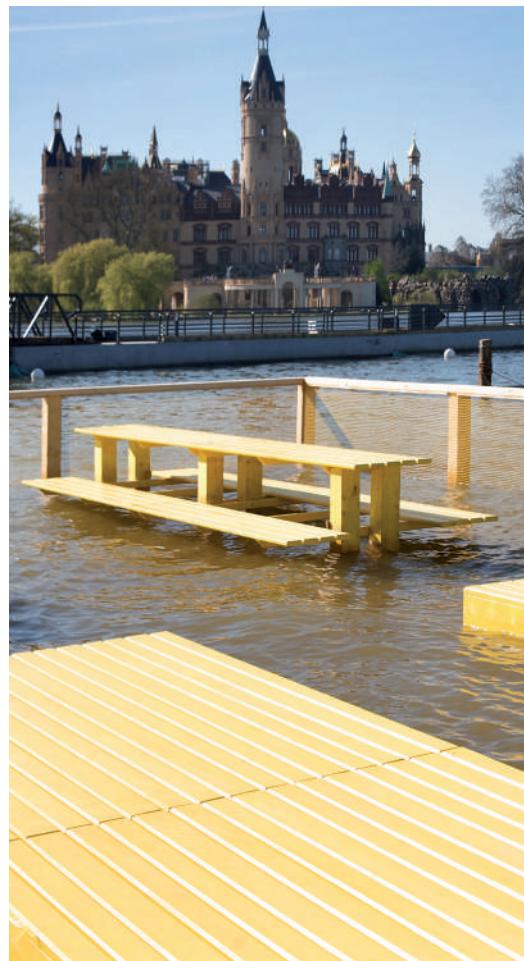
Construction date / Costruzione
August 2009

Area / Superficie
3,1 Ha

Cost / Costo
24,20 euros /m²

Client / Cliente
BUGA Schwerin 2009 GmbH

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Environment Service Headquarters and Public Spaces of the Ebro River banks

Sede del Dipartimento di Medio-Ambiente e progetto di spazio pubblico sulle rive del fiume Ebro

Jaime Magén
Spain

Entity / Entitá
Magén Arquitectos SLP

Location / Sito
Zaragoza, Spain

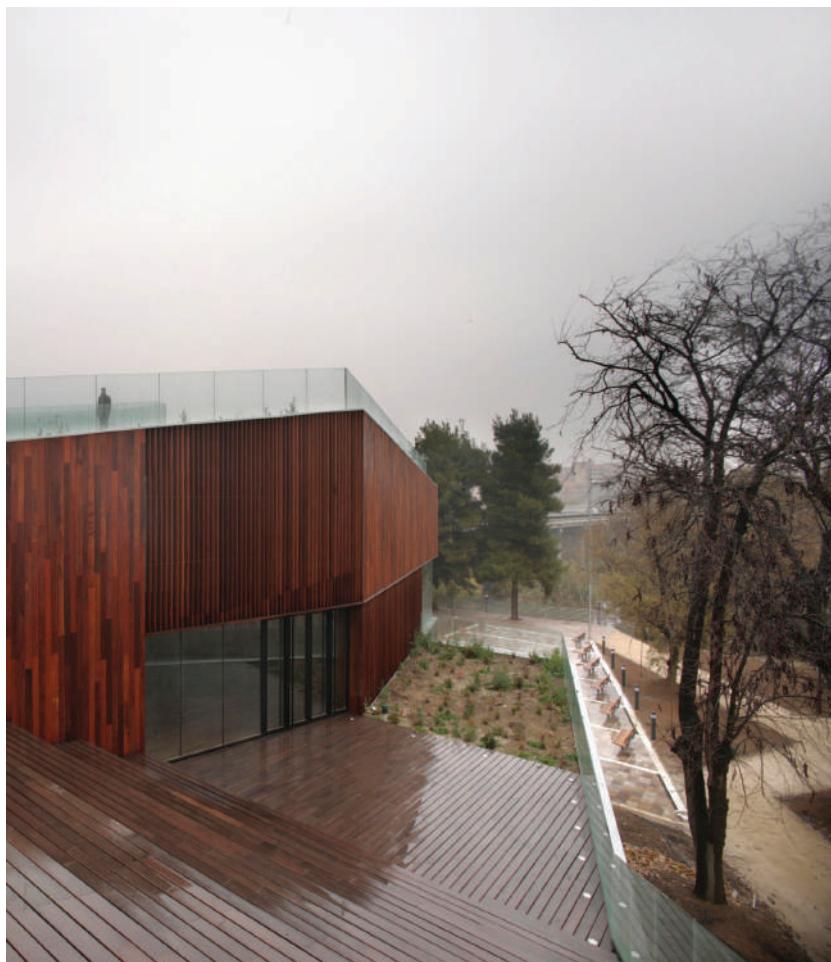
Design date / Progetto
2006

Construction date / Costruzione
2009

Area / Superficie
6.890,47 m²

Cost / Costo
425,84 euros /m²

Client / Cliente
Zaragoza Town Council





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Traiano Park

Parco Traiano

Roberto Ortolani
Marco Calcagnoli
Italy

Entity / Entità
Natura e Architettura Ortolani

Location / Sito
Grottaferrata, Rome, Italy

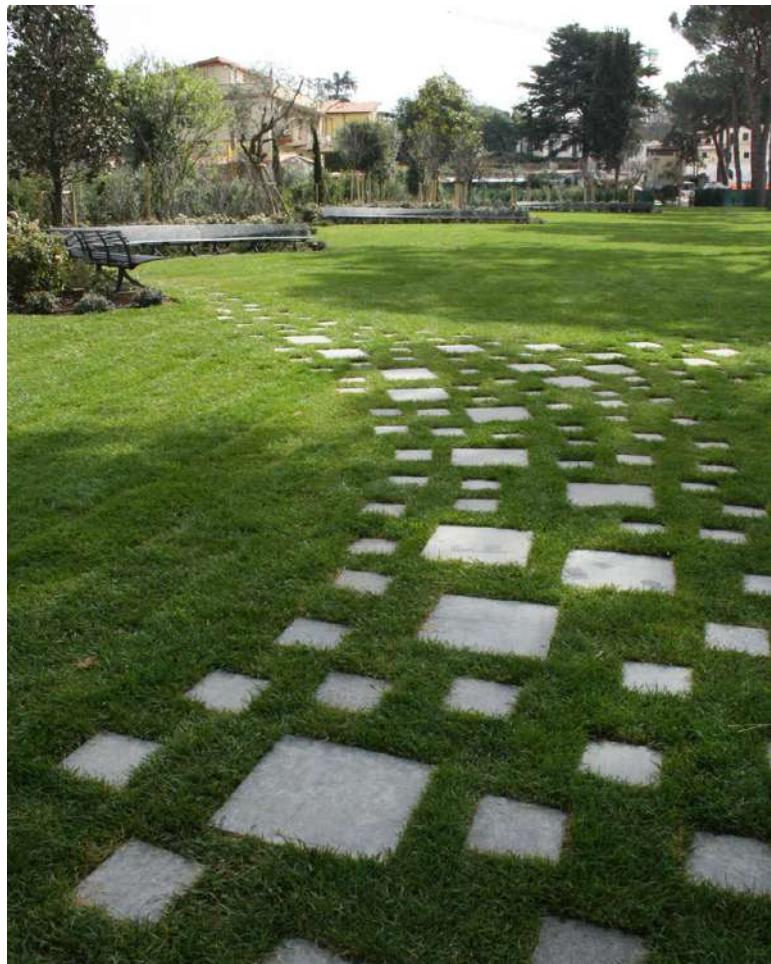
Design date / Progetto
July 2009

Construction date /
Costruzione
November 2009

Area / Superficie
8.000 m²

Cost / Costo
97 euros /m²

Client / Cliente
Goveli srl



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I7 Cadena Lanscapes

Paesaggio di Cadena

Gaizka Zuazo
Guillem Planchadell
Spain

Location / Sito
Bilbao, Spain

Design date / Progetto
April 2009

Construction date /
Costruzione
April 2009

Area / Superficie
70 m²

Cost / Costo
35 euros /m²

Client / Cliente
Bilbao Town Council





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Discharge Tower as Viewpoint of Salmorres manifold

Torre dell'acqua panoramica Salmorres

Imma Jansana
Spain

Entity / Entitat
Jansana, de la Villa, de Paauw arquitectes

Location / Sito
El Prat de Llobregat, Catalonia, Spain

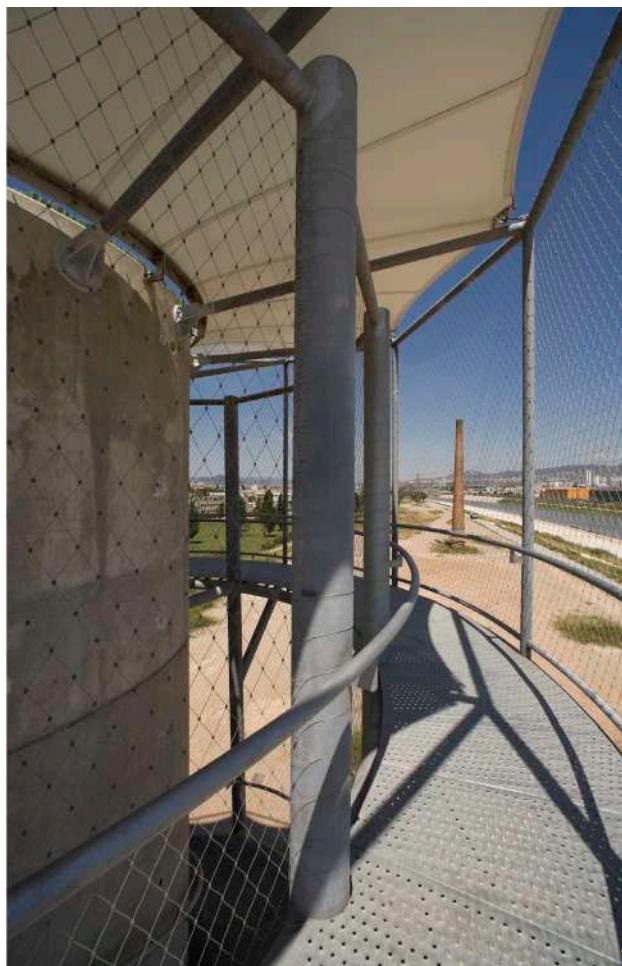
Design date / Progetto
2007 – 2009

**Construction date /
Costruzione**
2009

Area / Superficie
15,10 x 3,70 m

Cost / Costo
320.000 euros

Client / Cliente
Agència Catalana de l'Aigua (ACA),
Prat de Llobregat Town Council



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Rudolf-Bednar Park

Parco Rudolf-Bednar

Guido Hager
Switzerland

Entity / Entità
Hager Landschaftsarchitektur AG

Location / Sito
Vienna, Austria

Design date / Progetto
2006

Construction date /
Costruzione
2008

Area / Superficie
4 Ha

Cost / Costo
160 euros /m²

Client / Cliente
MA 42 Stadtgartenamt, Vienna





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Garden with bowling and playground in Vitoria-Gasteiz

Giardino con bowling e parco giochi a Vitòria-Gasteiz

Iker Mardaras
Asier Sudupe
Spain

Location / Sito
Vitoria-Gasteiz, Spain

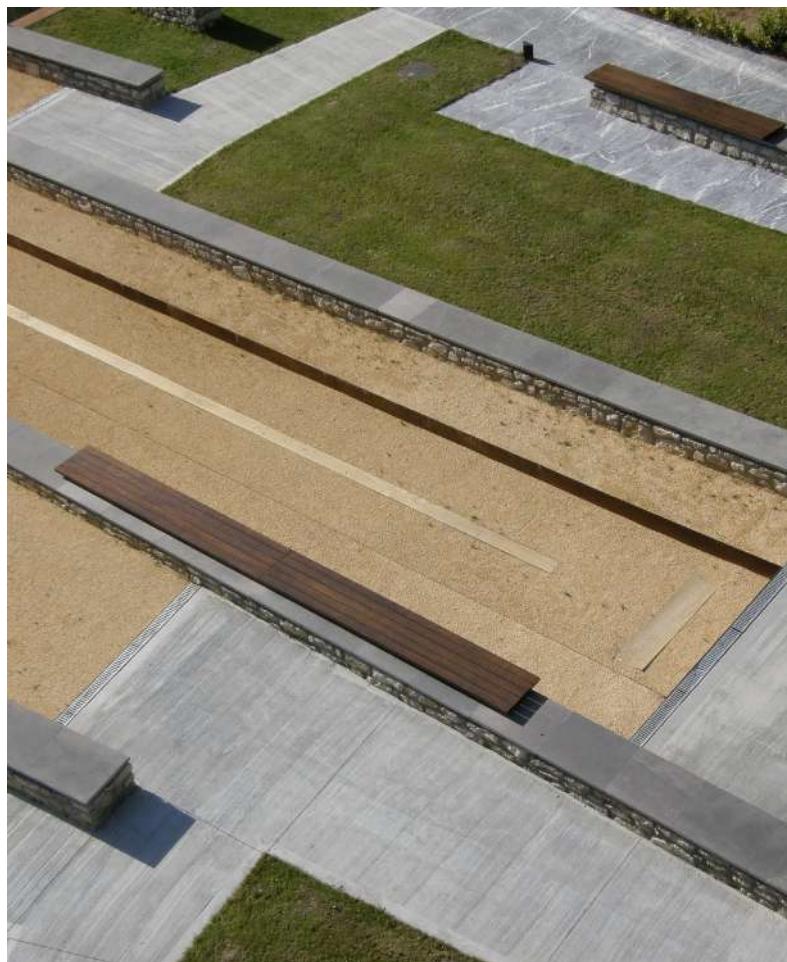
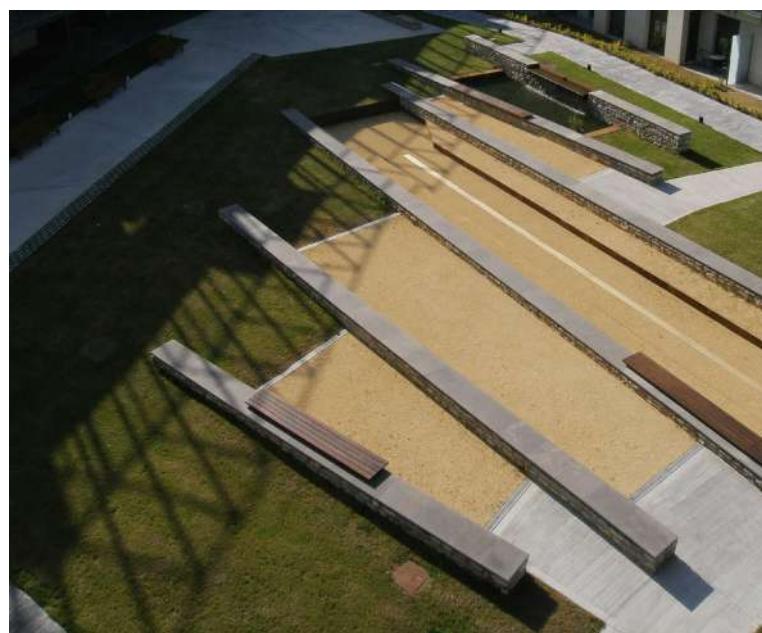
Design date / Progetto
April 2007

Construction date / Costruzione
October 2007

Area / Superficie
4.512,70 m²

Cost / Costo
49,60 euros /m²

Client / Cliente
EL Batán UTE



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I11 Park "Robert Baden-Powell, Lord of Gilwell"

Parco "Robert Baden-Powell, Lord of Gilwell"

Marco Fabbri
Marcellina
Bertolinelli
Silvia Nicola
Filippo Pizzoni
Simome Rossi
Ada V. Segre
Italy

Location / Sito
Venice, Italy

Design date / Progetto
September 2006

Construction date /
Costruzione
May 2009

Client / Cliente
Cavallino Treporti Town Council





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Delicious Square Vertical Garden

Giardino Verticale, Piazza Delicias

Joaquín Sicilia
Lázaro Vela
Spain

Entity / Entitá
Sicilia y Asociados SLP

Location / Sito
Zaragoza, Spain

Design date / Progetto
2007

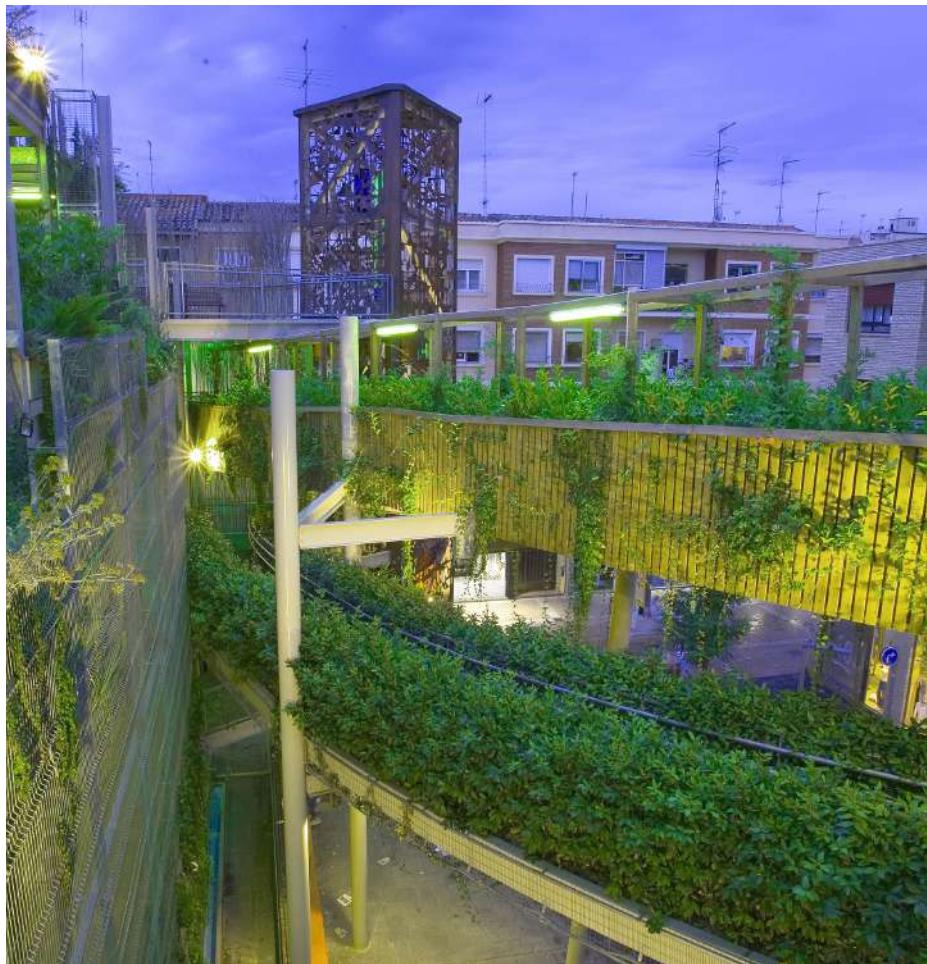
Construction date /
Costruzione
2009

Area / Superficie
1.686,86 m²

Cost / Costo
790 euros /m²

Client / Cliente
Zaragoza Town Council

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I13 Meydan Retail Complex and Multiplex

Meydan complesso commerciale e Multiplex

Alejandro Zaera
Farshid Moussavi
United Kingdom

Entity / Entità
Foreign Office Architects

Location / Sito
Umraliye, Istanbul, Turkey

Design date / Progetto
2005

Construction date /
Costruzione
2007

Area / Superficie
55.000 m²

Cost / Costo
820 euros /m²

Client / Cliente
Metro Group AG





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San Blas Ecoresort

Ecoresort a San Blas

Ana Esteve
Spain

Entity / Entitá
Ae Land 1988

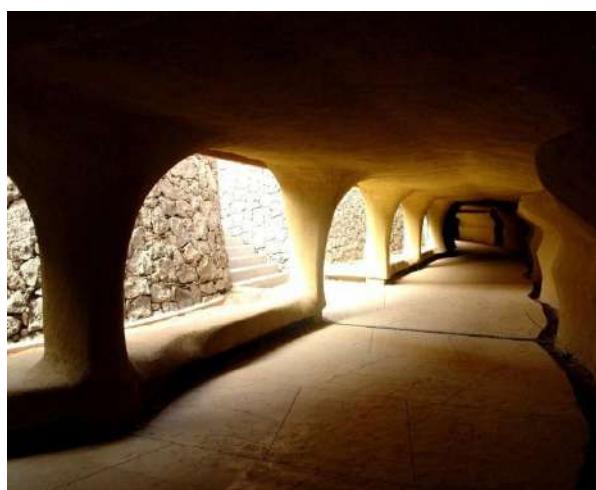
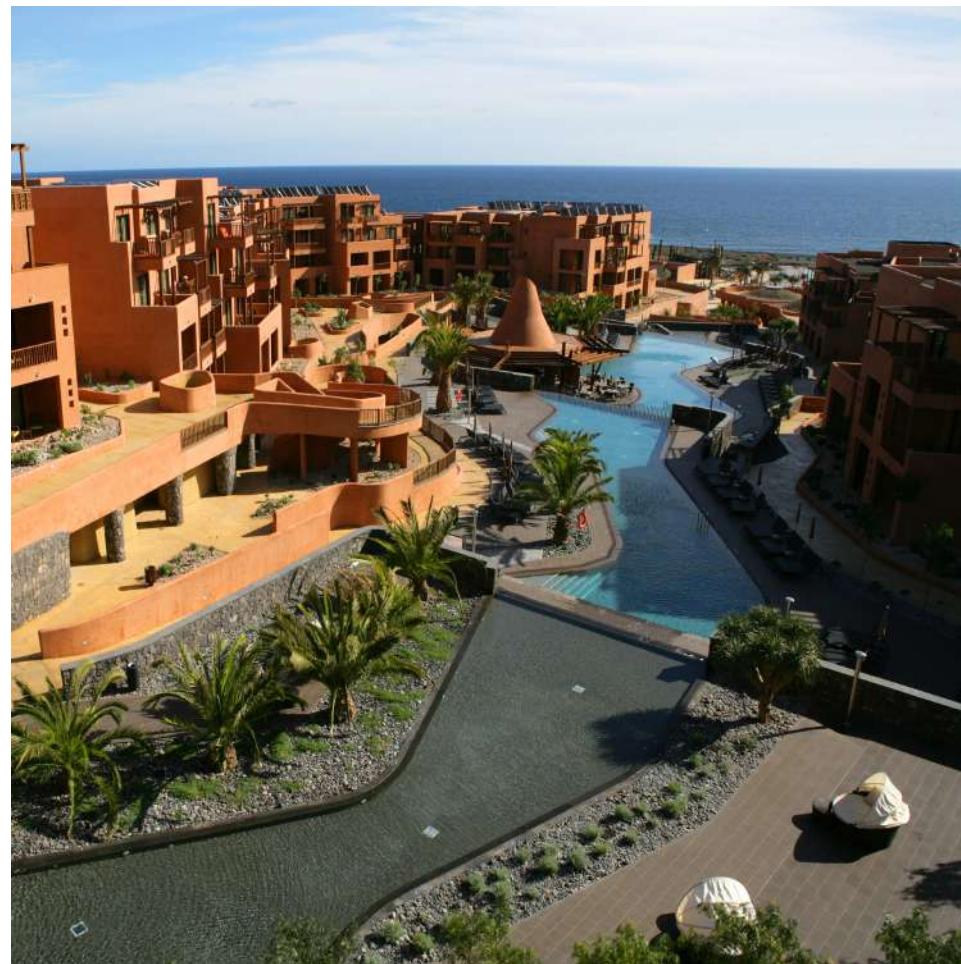
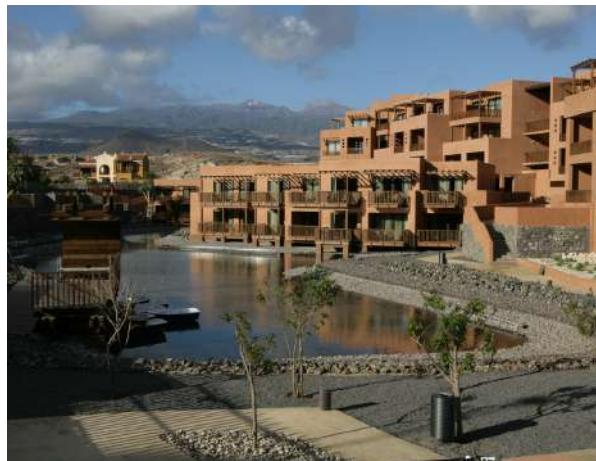
Location / Sito
San Miguel de Abona, Tenerife, Spain

Design date / Progetto
September 2006

Construction date /
Costruzione
January 2009

Area / Superficie
36.400 m²

Client / Cliente
AQA Hotels



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I15 Public Square at Cork County Library

Piazza per la Biblioteca di Cork

Dermot Foley
Ireland

Entity / Entità
Dermot Foley Landscape Architects

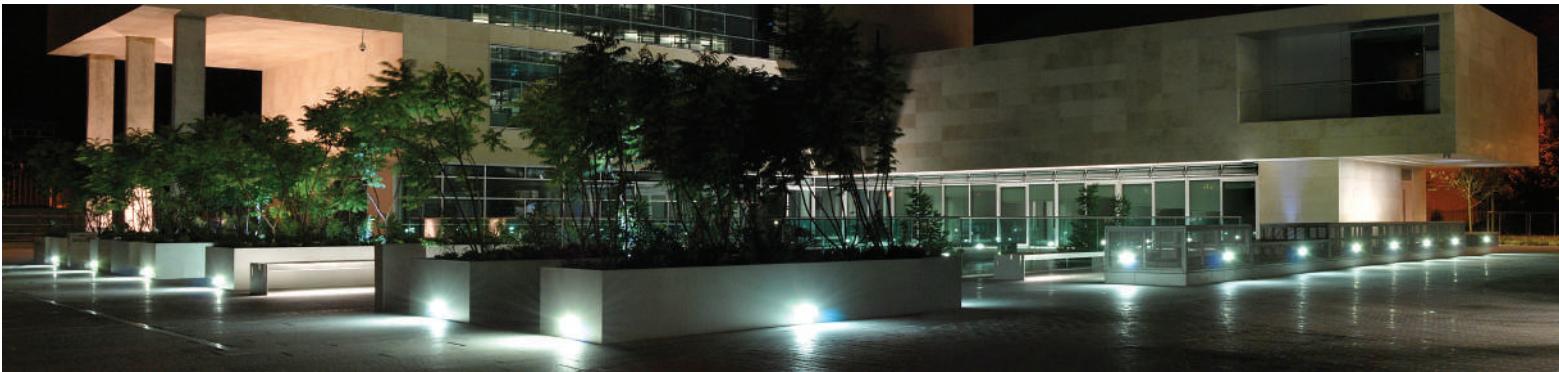
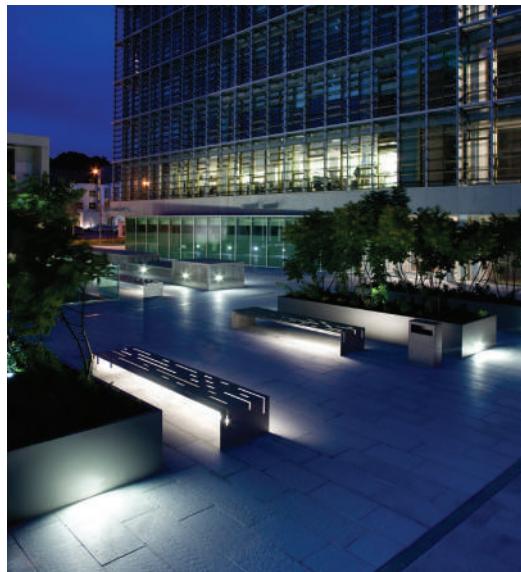
Location / Sito
Cork, Ireland

Design date / Progetto
2006-2008

Construction date /
Costruzione
2009

Cost / Costo
250 euros /m²

Client / Cliente
Administració Pública





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Courtyard in Dublin Docklands

Patio del Dublin Docklands

Dermot Foley
Ireland

Entity / Entitá
Dermot Foley Landscape Architects

Location / Sito
Dublin, Ireland

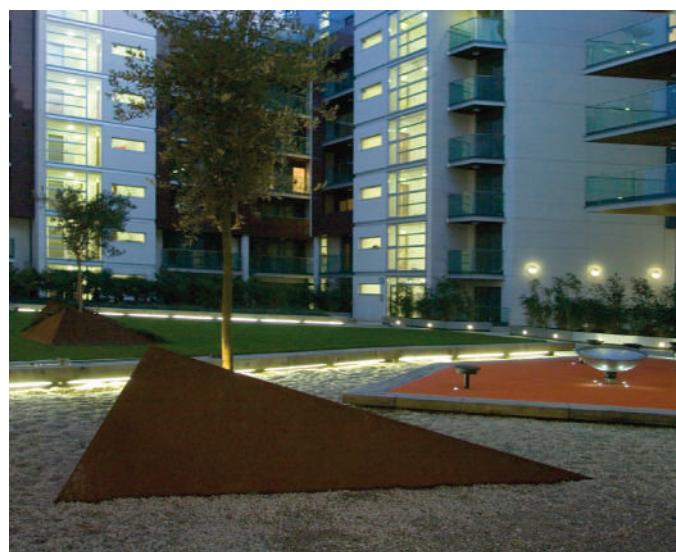
Design date / Progetto
2004 - 2006

Construction date /
Costruzione
2006

Area / Superficie
1.000 m²

Cost / Costo
350 euros /m²

Client / Cliente
Private Firm



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I17 Boschkens

Boschkens

Buro Lubbers
The Netherlands

Entity / Entità
Buro Lubbers
Location / Sito
Boschkens, Goirle, The Netherlands

Design date / Progetto
2003-2006

Construction date /
Costruzione
2009

Area / Superficie
10.500 m²

Client / Cliente
Bouwfonds Ontwikkeling

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Pinar de Perruquet Park

Parco della Pineta di Perruquet

Gerard Veciana
Spain

Location / Sito
Vila-Seca, Tarragona, Spain

Design date / Progetto
September 2007

Construction date /
Costruzione
June 2008

Area / Superficie
28.000 m²

Cost / Costo
107 euros / m²

Client / Cliente
Vila-Seca Town Council + POTP
(Generalitat de Catalunya, Direcció
General d'Arquitectura i Paisatge



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I19

Hotelier equipment, Square and Park for the conditioning of Paul Laloux street public spaces

Attrezzature per Hotel, Piazza, Parco e spazi pubblici per la via Paul Laloux

Pablo Allen
Spain

Location / Sito
Castrillón, Asturias, Spain

Design date / Progetto
January 2009

Construction date / Costruzione
December 2009

Area / Superficie
4.750 m²

Cost / Costo
145 euros /m²

Client / Cliente
Castrillón Town Council





120 Vertical Urban Landscape

Paesaggio Verticale Urbano

Raquel Gómez
Spain

Entity / Entitá
Surgenia, Centro Tecnológico Andaluz
de Diseño

Location / Sito
Cordova, Spain

Design date / Progetto
October 2009

Construction date/ Costruzione
October 2009

Area / Superficie
500 m²

Cost / Costo
50 euros /m²

Client / Cliente
Surgenia, Centro Tecnológico Andaluz
de Diseño





I21 Edvard Griegs Square South Entrance

Entrata Sud alla Piazza d'Edvard Griegs

Arne Sælen
Norway

Entity / Entità
Landskap Design AS

Location / Sito
Bergen, Norway

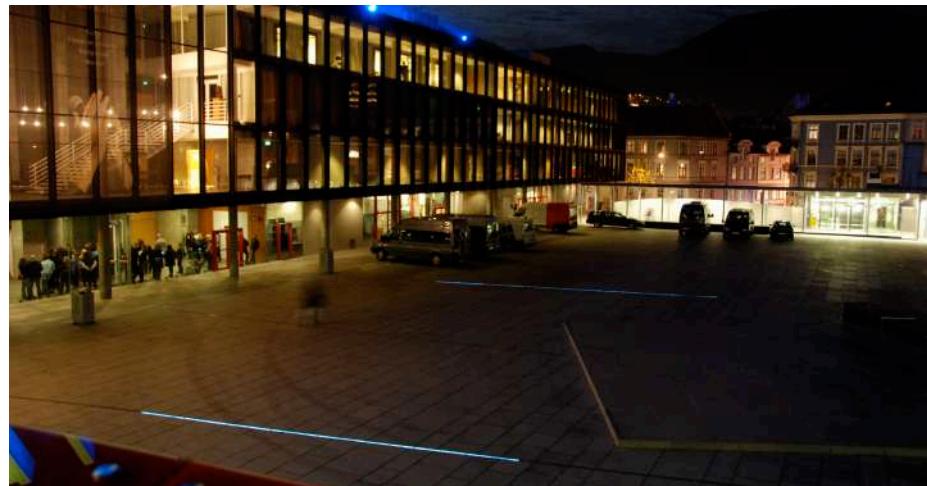
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2006–2007

Construction date /
Costruzione
May 2008

Area / Superficie
3.000 m²

Cost / Costo
600 euros /m²

Client / Cliente
Grieghallen AS





122 Convivial Landscape

Paesaggio di Convivenza

Enrica Dall'Ara
Italy

Entity / Entità
Facoltà di Agraria, Alma Mater
Studiorum – Università di Bologna

Location / Sito
Piazza Matteotti, Bologna, Italy

Design date / Progetto
December 2009

Construction date/ Costruzione
December 2009

Area / Superficie
150 m²

Cost / Costo
57 euros /m²

Client / Cliente
Fondazione Cassa di Risparmio di
Imola





123

Urbanization and landscaping project of Domènec Fita i Molat Square

Progetto urbano e paesaggistico per
Piazza Domènec Fita i Molat

Clara Jiménez
Spain

Entity / Entitat
Ajuntament de Girona - Àrea
d'urbanisme

Location / Sito
Ronda Fort Roig, Girona, Spain

Design date / Progetto
2009

Construction date /
Costruzione
October 2009

Area / Superficie
7.800 m²

Cost / Costo
96,15 euros /m²

Client / Cliente
Public Administration



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124

Khartoum Hilton Hotel Garden Design

Disegno dei giardini dell'Hotel Hilton di Khartum

Flavio Trinca
Emanuele Von
Normann
Italy

Entity / Entità
Studio A&P_Architettura del
Paesaggio

Location / Sito
Khartoum, Sudan

Design date / Progetto
2001-2007

Construction date /
Costruzione
2008

Area / Superficie
30.000 m²

Cost / Costo
73,35 euros /m²

Client / Cliente
Private Firm

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125 New Hermitage Gardens

Giardini intorno alla nuova Cappella

Michael van Gessel
The Netherlands

Location / Sito
Amsterdam, The Netherlands

Design date / Progetto
2004

Construction date /
Costruzione
2009

Area / Superficie
7.000 m²

Cost / Costo
135,71 euros /m²





126

Footbridge in Arriondas

Ponte pedonale ad Arriondas

Rogelio Ruiz
Spain

Entity / Entitá
Rogelio Ruiz Arquitecto

Location / Sito
Arriondas, Asturias, Spain

Design date / Progetto
February 2007

Construction date /
Costruzione
October 2007

Area / Superficie
250 m²

Cost / Costo
1.655 euros /m²

Client / Cliente
SOGEPSA, Consejería de Medio Ambiente del Principado de Asturias



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127

Belvedere, information equipment and tourist communication in Marne

Belvedere e punto di informazione turistica a Marne

Charles-Henri
de Rovira
France

Entity / Entità
Charles-Henri de Rovira arquitecte

Location / Sito
Commune de Doramas

Design date / Progetto
2007-2008

Construction date /
Costruzione
2009

Area / Superficie
380 Ha

Cost / Costo
1.500 euros /m²

Client / Cliente
Conseil Général de la Marne





128 Zamet Center

Centro Zamet

Sasa Begovic
Marko Dabrovic
Tanja Grozdanic
Silvije Novak
Paula Kukuljica
Croatia

Entity / Entitá
3LHD architects

Location / Sito
Zamet, Rijeka, Croatia

Design date / Progetto
2004-2008

Construction date /
Costruzione
September 2009

Area / Superficie
12.289 m²

Cost / Costo
1.627,47 euros /m²

Client / Cliente
Rijeka Town Council
Rijeka sport d.o.o.

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I29 TTÜ Campus Design

Campus TTÜ

Ülle Grishakov
Estonia

Entity / Entitá
OÜ Kivisilla

Location / Sito
Tallinn, Estonia

Design date / Progetto
October 2007 - April 2008

Construction date /
Costruzione
September 2009

Area / Superficie
1 Ha

Cost / Costo
120 euros /m²

Client / Cliente
Tallinn University of Technology





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Water towers

Torri dell'acqua

Andrea Pagani
Roberta Fusari
Mario Assisi
Mario Lamber
Luca Ladinetti
Valentina Milani
Italy

Entity / Entità
Studio WIDE Landscape + Architecture
-Budrio BO, MMVL - architetti

Location / Sito
Budrio, Bologna, Italy

Design date / Progetto
2009

Construction date /
Costruzione
2009

Area / Superficie
330 m²

Cost / Costo
60 euros /m²

Client / Cliente
Giorgio Cocchi Foundation



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I31 Viewpoints Route. Spaces Network in Loja

Percorso panoramico. Rete di spazi pubblici a Loja

José Luís Muñoz
Tomás García
Spain

Entity / Entitá
Píriz/Muñoz Arquitectos

Location / Sito
Loja, Granada, Spain

Design date / Progetto
June 2008

Construction date /
Costruzione
November 2009

Area / Superficie
2.586,47 m²

Cost / Costo
16,45 euros /m²

Client / Cliente
Loja Town Council

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Pothoofd apartments, Deventer

Appartamenti Pothoofd, Deventer

Lodewijk Baljon
The Netherlands

Entity / Entitá
Lodewijk Baljon Landscape Architects

Location / Sito
Deventer, Overijssel, The Netherlands

Design date / Progetto
1999 – 2003

Construction date /
Costruzione
2004 – 2006

Area / Superficie
4 Ha

Client / Cliente
Deventer i Schutte Town Council



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133

Expansion project Banco Santander Financial City

Progetto di ampliamento del centro finanziario Banca Santander

Luis Vallejo
Spain

Entity / Entitá
Arceval Jardinería S.L.

Location / Sito
Madrid, Spain

Design date / Progetto
May 2008

Construction date / Costruzione
December 2009

Area / Superficie
100 m²

Client / Cliente
Santander Bank





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Regional Garden Show

Mostra regionale di giardini

Kristina Hack
Christof Geskes
Germany

Entity / Entità
Geskes und Hack

Location / Sito
Reichenbach, Germany

Design date / Progetto
2005 – 2009

Construction date / Costruzione
April 2009

Cost / Costo
428,57 euros /m²

Client / Cliente
Public Administration
LGS Reichenbach GmbH



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Oil Stocking harbour residential area and company tower

Area residenziale del porto e torre Oil Stocking

Patrizia Pozzi
Italy

Entity / Entità
Patrizia Pozzi Landscape Design

Location / Sito
Walloon, Albania

Design date / Progetto
2007

Construction date / Costruzione
2009

Area / Superficie
10.000 m²

Cost / Costo
120 euros /m²

Client / Cliente
PIR group



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Pintor Vila Closes Park

Parco Pintor Vila Closes

David Closes
Spain

Entity / Entitá
Servei de projectes urbans
Ajuntament de Manresa

Location / Sito
Manresa, Catalonia, Spain

Design date / Progetto
2007

Construction date /
Costruzione
2009

Area / Superficie
3.800 m²

Cost / Costo
365 euros /m²

Client / Cliente
Manresa Town Council





I37 Green Windows

Finestre Verde

Jesús Hernández
The Netherlands

Entity / Entitá
Casanova+Hernández

Location / Sito
Lausanne, Vaud, Switzerland

Design date / Progetto
2009

Construction date /
Costruzione
June 2009

Area / Superficie
200 m²

Cost / Costo
82 euros /m²

Client / Cliente
Lausanne Jardins





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Castle Stop

Spazi esterni al Castello

Carlos Correia
Portugal

Entity / Entitá
LoDo arquitectura paisajista, lda

Location / Sito
Elvas, Portugal

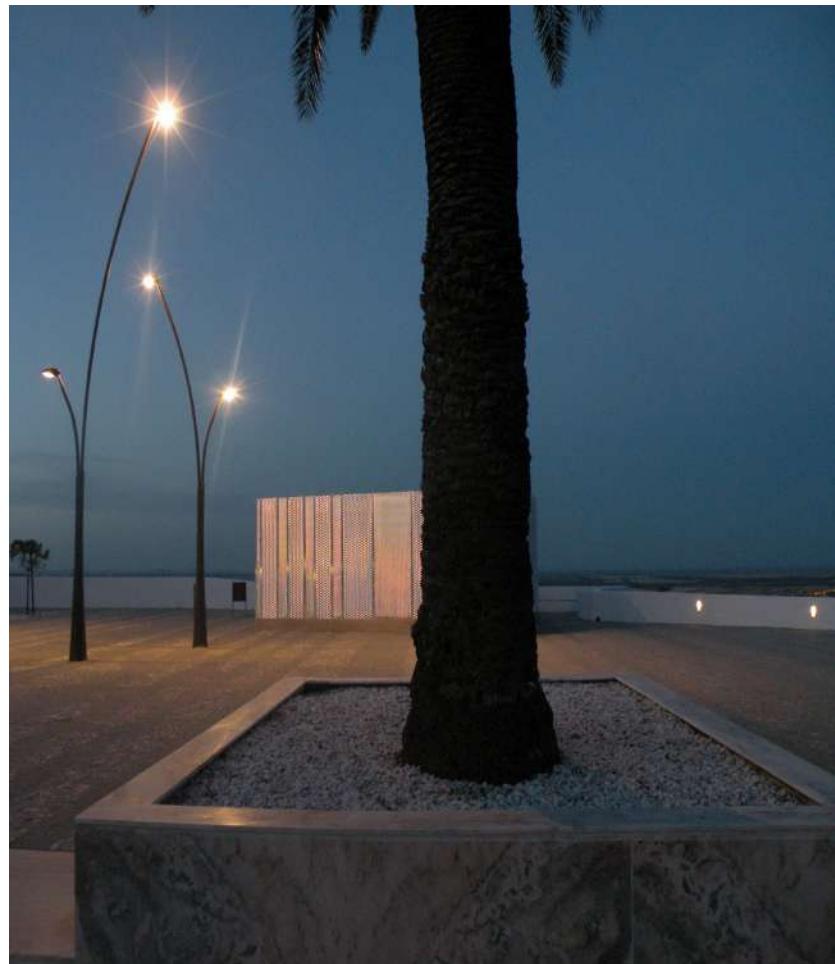
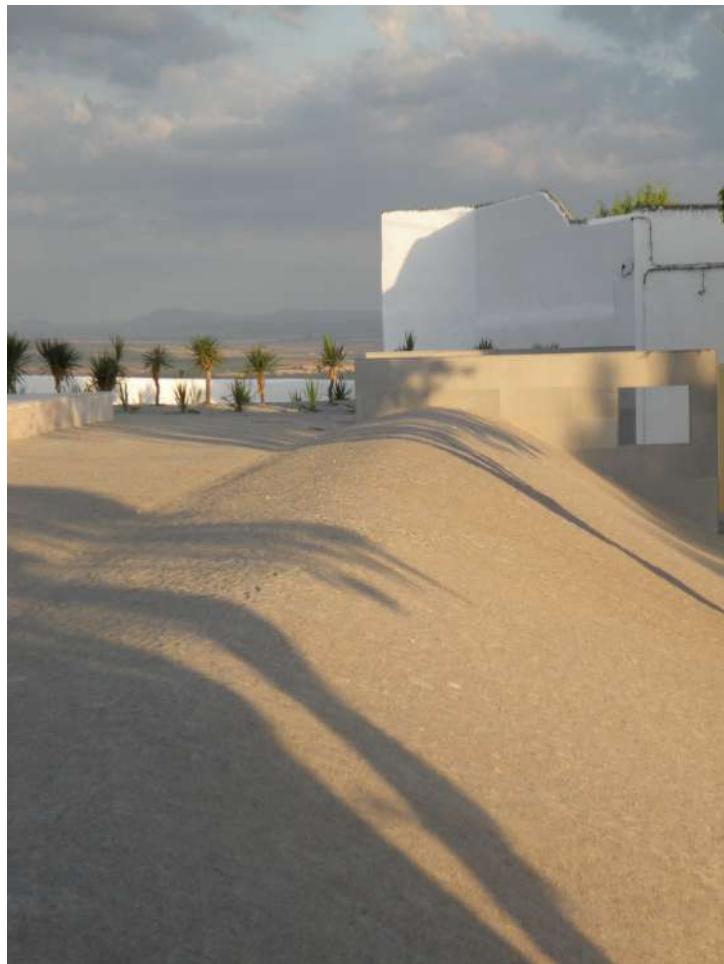
Design date / Progetto
2003

Construction date /
Costruzione
2009

Area / Superficie
1.612 m²

Cost / Costo
52,73 euros /m²

Client / Cliente
Levas Town Council



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I39 Manubles balcony

Punto panoramico di Manubles

Sergio Sebastián
Spain

Location / Sito
Paraje de San Blas, Moros, Zaragoza,
Spain

Design date / Progetto
November 2008

Construction date / Costruzione
July 2009

Area / Superficie
30 m²

Cost / Costo
300 euros /m²

Client / Cliente
Comarca Comunidad de Calatayud
Plan de Dinamización Turística





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Access Pavilion to the Wonders Cave

Padiglione di accesso alla Grotta delle Meraviglie

Sergio Sebastián
Spain

Location / Sito
Zaragoza, Spain

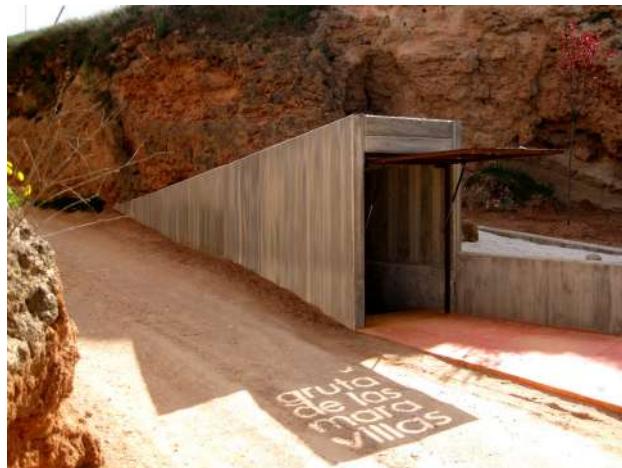
Design date / Progetto
September 2008

Construction date /
Costruzione
February 2009

Area / Superficie
20 m²

Cost / Costo
80 euros / m²

Client / Cliente
Comarca Comunidad de Calatayud
Plan de Dinamización Turística



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I41 Furtwängler Garden

Giardino Furtwängler

Maria Auböck
János Kárász
Austria

Entity / Entità
AUBÖCK + KÁRÁSZ Landscape
Architects and Architects

Location / Sito
Salzburg, Austria

Design date / Progetto
2008

Construction date /
Costruzione
2008 – 2009

Area / Superficie
5.000 m²

Cost / Costo
180 euros /m²

Client / Cliente
Salzburg Town Council





142

Urbanization of the San Fructuoso's Church surroundings

Progetto urbano dell'intorno della Chiesa di Sant Fructuós

Cristina Ansede Viz
Alberto Quintáns
Spain

Location / Sito
Santiago de Compostela, A Coruña,
Spain

Design date / Progetto
December 2008

Construction date / Costruzione
December 2009

Area / Superficie
1.792 m²

Cost / Costo
374,12 euros /m²

Client / Cliente
Santiago de
Compostela Town Council. OCIHR



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I43 Shop&Trade Green Roof

Tetto verde Shop&Trade

Helli Pangalou
Greece

Entity / Entità
H. Pangalou and Associates
Landscape Architects – M. Kokkinou +
A . Kourkoulas Architects

Location / Sito
Athens, Greece

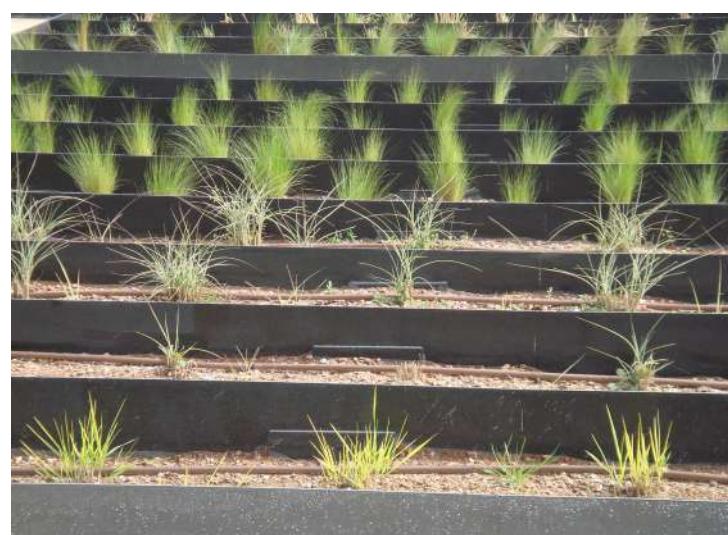
Design date / Progetto
2007 – 2010

Construction date / Costruzione
March 2010

Area / Superficie
1.200 m²

Cost / Costo
250 euros /m²

Client / Cliente
Private Enterprise Shop & Trade





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Ouagadougou Park

Parco di Ouagadougou

Jean-Claude Dubois
France

Entity / Entità
APD Dubois

Location / Sito
Grenoble, France

Design date / Progetto
2007-2008

Construction date /
Costruzione
2008

Area / Superficie
2,3 Ha

Cost / Costo
78,5 euros /m²

Client / Cliente
Grenoble Town Council



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I45 Courtyard of Tietgen Kollegiet (Tietgen Dormitory)

Patio del Tietgen Kollegiet (studentato Tietgen)

Marianne Levinsen
Denmark

Entity / Entità
Marianne Levinsen Landskab MDL
PLR

Location / Sito
Copenhagen, Denmark

Design date / Progetto
2002 - 2004

Construction date /
Costruzione
2005 - 2007

Area / Superficie
13.390 m²

Cost / Costo
150 euros /m²

Client / Cliente
Gentofte Kommune





146

Viewpoint to Macael quarries

Belvedere alle cave di Macael

Miguel Rodríguez
Noemí Lorenzo
Spain

Entity / Entitá
MNArquitectos

Location / Sito
Macael, Almeria, Spain

Design date / Progetto
January 2007

Construction date /
Costruzione
November 2007

Area / Superficie
5.450 m²

Cost / Costo
18,45 euros /m²

Client / Cliente
Mancomunidad de Municipios para
el Fomento del Empleo





147 Alai-Txoko Park

Parco di Alai-Txoko

Iñigo Segurola
Spain

Entity / Entitá
LUR Paisajistak, S.L.

Location / Sito
Irun, Spain

Design date / Progetto
2005

Construction date /
Costruzione
2007

Area / Superficie
33.420 m²

Cost / Costo
45,68 euros /m²

Client / Cliente
Irun Town Council

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148

Accessible Ribadeo: Connection and accessibility between the historical and coastal edge

Ribadeo accessibile – accessibilità e collegamento tra il centro storico e il litorale

Elizabeth Abalo
Gonzalo Alonso
Spain

Entity / Entitá
Abalo Alonso Arquitectos

Location / Sito
Ribadeo, Lugo, Spain

Design date / Progetto
2005-2006

Construction date / Costruzione
2009

Area / Superficie
8.000 m²

Cost / Costo
287,5 euros /m²

Client / Cliente
Concello de Ribadeo; Ministerio de Medio Ambiente, Medio Rural y Marino, Delegación de Costas de Lugo.



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I49 Ropemaker

Ropemaker

Robert Townshend
United Kingdom

Entity / Entità
Townshend Landscape Architects

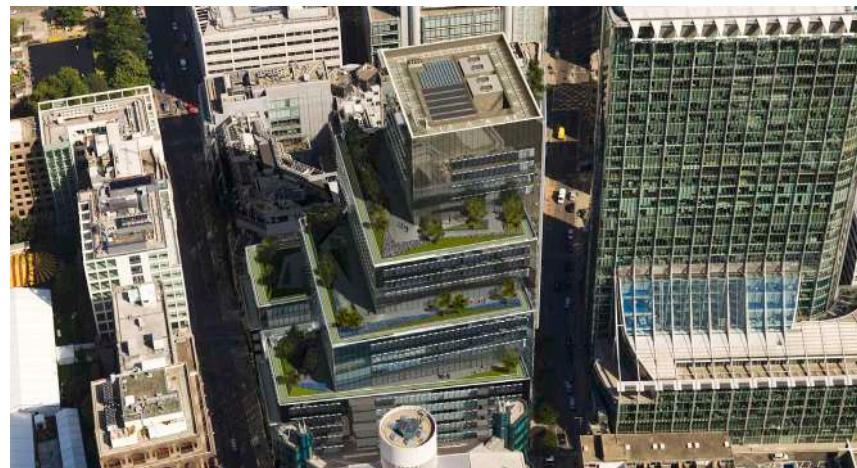
Location / Sito
London, United Kingdom

Design date / Progetto
August 2006

Construction date / Costruzione
July 2009

Cost / Costo
500 euros /m²

Client / Cliente
British Lands





150 Carter Lane Gardens

Giardini Carter Lane

Robert Townshend
United Kingdom

Entity / Entità
Townshend Landscape Architects

Location / Sito
London, United Kingdom

Design date / Progetto
September 2006

Construction date /
Costruzione
March 2010

Cost / Costo
2.500.000 euros

Client / Cliente
British Lands





I51 Mist Fountain

Fontana di nebbia

Lorenzo Fernández
Oodoñez Hernández
Spain

Entity / Entità
Estudio Guadiana SLP.

Location / Sito
Bilbao, Spain

Design date / Progetto
2008

Construction date /
Costruzione
2009

Area / Superficie
200 m²

Cost / Costo
770 euros /m²

Client / Cliente
Bilbao Town Council. Bilbao Arte

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152

Renovation of the grounds in White Mansion villa

Ristrutturazione dei giardini della Mansione Villa Bianca

Ana Kucan
Luka Javornik
Slovenia

Entity / Entità
Studio AKKA

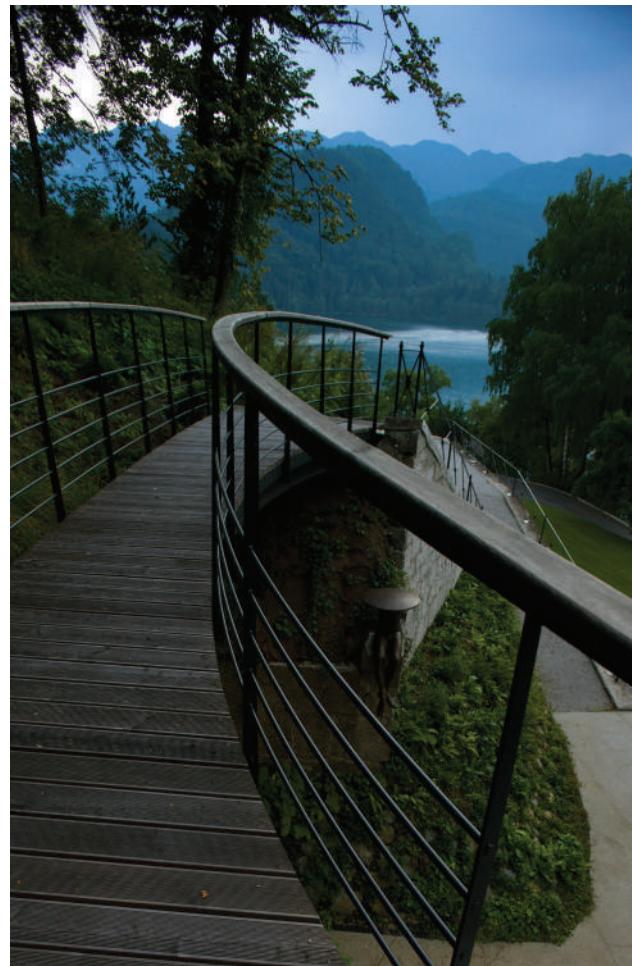
Location / Sito
Bled, Slovenia

Design date / Progetto
2004

Construction date /
Costruzione
2009

Area / Superficie
1,8 Ha

Client / Cliente
Private



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153

Ornithological Reserve at Braud & Saint Louis

Riserva Ornitologica di Braud & Saint Louis

Pierre Dabilly
Vincent Geoffroy
France

Location / Sito
Gironde – France

Design date / Progetto
2008 – 2009

Construction date / Costruzione
June 2009

Area / Superficie
116 Ha

Cost / Costo
0,48 euros /m²

Client / Cliente
Braud & Saint Louis Town Council





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Estonoesunsolar

Estonoesunsolar

Patrizia Di Monte
Spain

Entity / Entitá
Gravalos & Di Monte arquitectos

Location / Sito
Zaragoza, Spain

Design date / Progetto
July – September 2009

Construction date /
Costruzione
July 2009

Area / Superficie
4.224 m²

Cost / Costo
38,05 euros /m²

Client / Cliente
Zaragoza vivienda



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155 The Grove Park

The Grove Park

Rafael Aranda
Carme Pigem
Ramón Vilalta
Spain

Entity / Entitá
RCR Arquitectes
Location / Sito
Girona, Catalonia, Spain

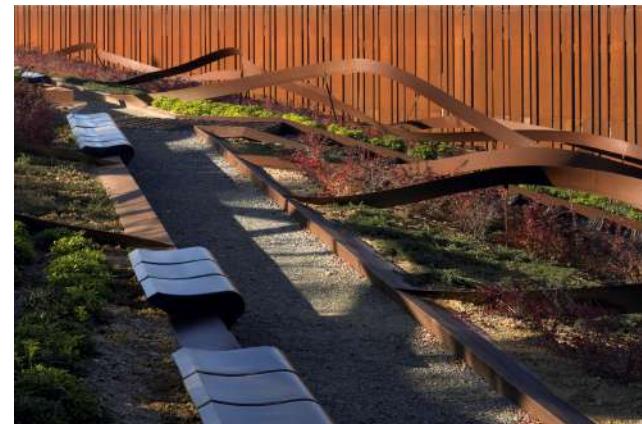
Design date / Progetto
1998 - 2001

Construction date /
Costruzione
2003 - 2005

Area / Superficie
17.439,90 m²

Cost / Costo
968.306 euros

Client / Cliente
Begur Town Council





156 Schloss Lackenbach Arboretum

Schloss Lackenbach Arboretum

Oliver Gachowetz
Austria

Entity / Entitá
3:o Landschaftsarchitektur
Gachowetz Luger Zimmermann OG

Location / Sito
Schloss Lackenbach, Austria

Design date / Progetto
2006–2007

Construction date /
Costruzione
2008

Area / Superficie
6.500 m²

Cost / Costo
100 euros /m²

Client / Cliente
Domänen Privatstiftung Esterházy





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Square and access gate at the University of Political Science and Sociology (UAB)

Nuova piazza e accesso all' Università di Scienze politiche e Sociologia (UAB)

Josep Muñoz
Spain

Location / Sito
Campus UAB, Barcelona, Spain

Design date / Progetto
2008 - 2009

Construction date / Costruzione
2009

Area / Superficie
202 m²

Cost / Costo
307.28 euros /m²

Client / Cliente
Universitat de Ciències Polítiques i de Sociologia (UAB)





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Navarra Square - Gandia Beach

Piazza Navarra - Spiaggia di Gandia

Blanca Peñin
Spain

Entity / Entitá
Peñin Arquitectos S.P.L.

Location / Sito
Valencia, Spain

Design date / Progetto
January 2009

Construction date /
Costruzione
December 2009

Area / Superficie
3.350 m²

Cost / Costo
125 euros /m²

Client / Cliente
Gandia Town Council



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159 The garden that climbs the stairs

Il giardino che sale le scale

Diana Balmori
United States

Entity / Entità
Balmori Associates

Location / Sito
Bilbao, Spain

Design date / Progetto
January 2009

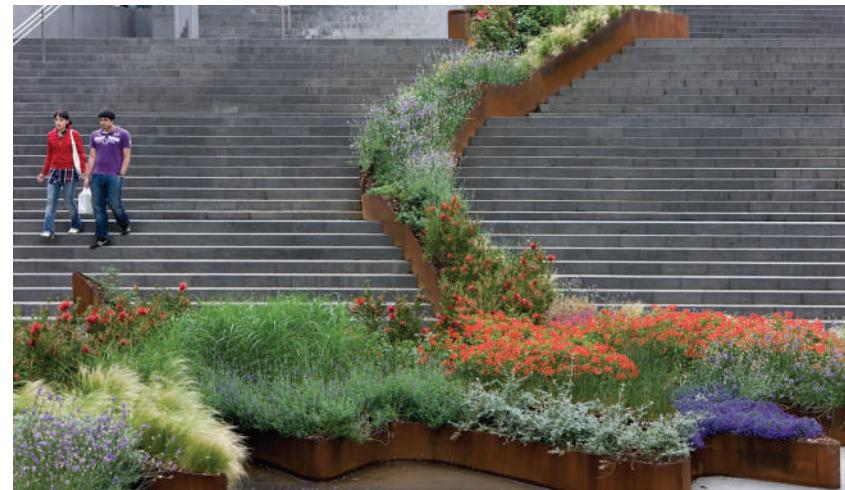
Construction date / Costruzione
May 2009

Area / Superficie
10 m²

Cost / Costo
12.000 euros

Client / Cliente
Bilbao 700 Foundation

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Place Flagey - Redesign of a City Square

Piazza Flagey - Ridisegno della piazza della città

Tilman Latz
Germany

Entity / Entità
Working group Latz+Partner / D+A International S.A.

Location / Sito
Brussels, Belgium

Design date / Progetto
2006-2008

Construction date / Costruzione
2009

Area / Superficie
24.000 m²

Cost / Costo
366 euros /m²

Client / Cliente
Ministère de la Région de Bruxelles
MRBC-AED-Dir. Des Voiries



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I61 Pedestrian walkway to Park Vinyota

Ponte pedonale nel Parco della Vinyota

Carles Anglada
Spain

Entity / Entitá
DOPEC

Location / Sito
Mollet del Vallès, Catalonia, Spain

Design date / Progetto
April 2008

Construction date /
Costruzione
January 2010

Area / Superficie
185.000 m²

Cost / Costo
34,14 euros /m²

Client / Cliente
PROMOSOL, Promoció del sòl
municipal de Mollet S. A.





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Urban Garden Park in Santa Cruz de Bezana

Gardino urbano a Santa Cruz di Bezana

David Añibarro
Spain

Entity / Entitá
Estudio de Paisajismo Añíbarro

Location / Sito
Sta Cruz de Bezana, Cantabria, Spain

Design date / Progetto
2005

Construction date / Costruzione
2007

Area / Superficie
1.380 m²

Cost / Costo
103 euros /m²

Client / Cliente
Planvica S.A.





163 Ottavi Park

Parco Ottavi

Aimaro Isola
Flavio Bruna
Saverio Isola
Michele Battaggia
Andrea Bondonio
Stefano Peyretti
Italy

Entity / Entità
Isolarchitetti S.r.l.

Location / Sito
Reggio Emilia, Italy

Design date / Progetto
2001

Construction date / Costruzione
2010

Area / Superficie
8,8 Ha

Cost / Costo
25 euros /m²

Client / Cliente
CMR Cooperativa Muratori di
Reggiolo; Parco Ottavi srl





164

Structural rehabilitation, natural ventilation and landscape treatment for the roof of A.M.B. parking

Riabilitazione, ventilazione naturale e trattamento paesaggistico della copertura del parcheggio A.M.B.

Miquel Castany
Marina Salvador
Carles Buixadé
Joan Margarit
Àgata Buixadé
Ramon Ferrando
Spain

Entity / Entitat
Mancomunitat de Municipis de l'Àrea Metropolitana de Barcelona (MMAMB)

Location / Sito
Zona Franca, Barcelona, Spain

Design date / Progetto
November 2004

Construction date / Costruzione
December 2008

Area / Superficie
16.374 m²

Cost / Costo
259,85 euros /m²

Client / Cliente
MMAMB



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165 Maria Regordosa Park

Parco di Maria Regordosa

Jordi Henrich
Spain

Entity / Entitat
Mancomunitat de Municipis de l'Àrea Metropolitana de Barcelona (MMAMB)

Location / Sito
Ripollet, Barcelona, Spain

Design date / Progetto
November 2006

Construction date / Costruzione
November 2007

Area / Superficie / Superficie
8.250 m²

Cost / Costo
126,56 euros /m²

Client / Cliente
Ripollet Town Council
Mancomunitat de Municipis





166

Planning for Ferran Ferré Park

Progetto urbano per il Parco Ferran Ferré

Roger Méndez
Maurici Sadurní
Spain

Entity / Entitat
Mancomunitat de Municipis de l'Àrea Metropolitana de Barcelona (MMAMB)

Location / Sito
Ripollet, Barcelona, Spain

Design date / Progetto
June 2006

Construction date / Costruzione
February 2008

Area / Superficie
4.400 m²

Cost / Costo
152,89 euros /m²

Client / Cliente
Ripollet Town Council, MMAMB



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167 Entrance to the Via Ferrata in Llo

Progetto d'entrata alla Via Ferrata di Llo

Michele Orliac
Miquel Batlle
Xavier Canosa
Spain

Entity / Entità
michele&miquel

Location / Sito
Llo, Cerdanya, France

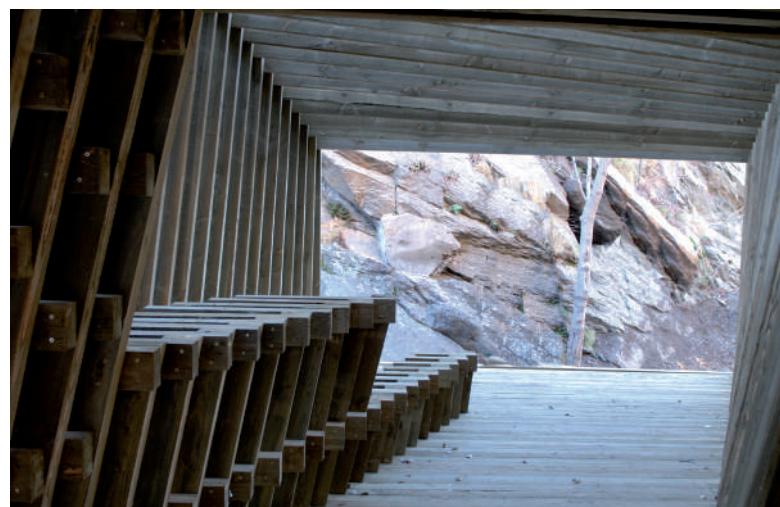
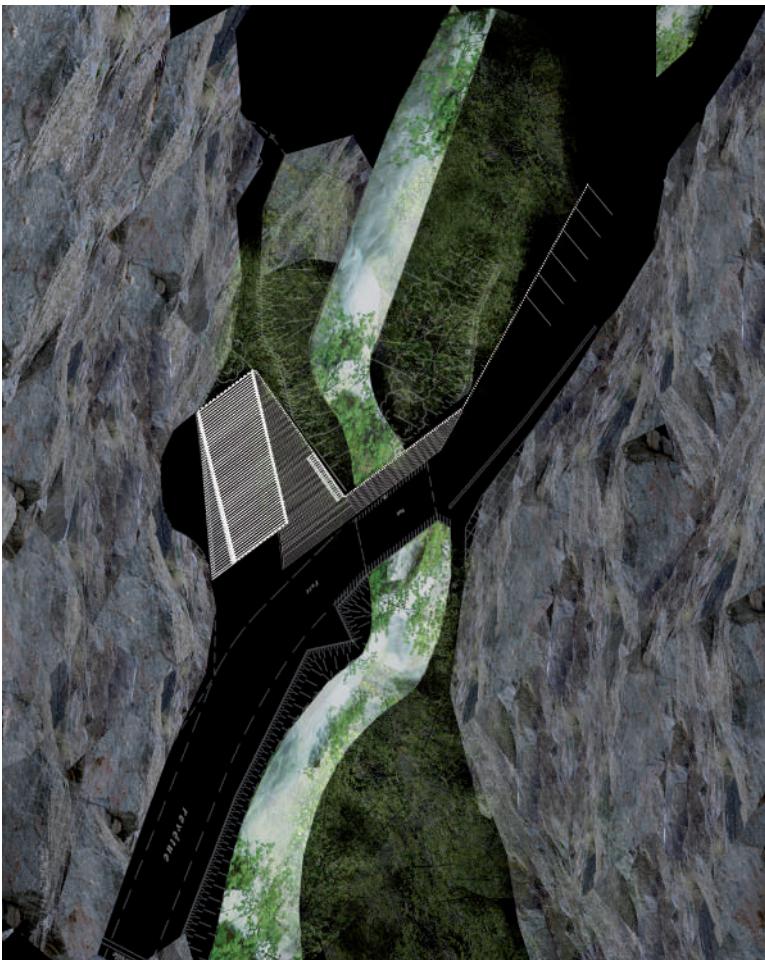
Design date / Progetto
October 2007

Construction date / Costruzione
July 2009

Area / Superficie
700 m²

Cost / Costo
85 euros /m²

Client / Cliente
Llo Town Council





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Prehistoric Park in Teverga

Parco della Preistoria di Teverga

Dani Freixes
Vicente Miranda
Eulàlia González
Vicenç Bou
Spain

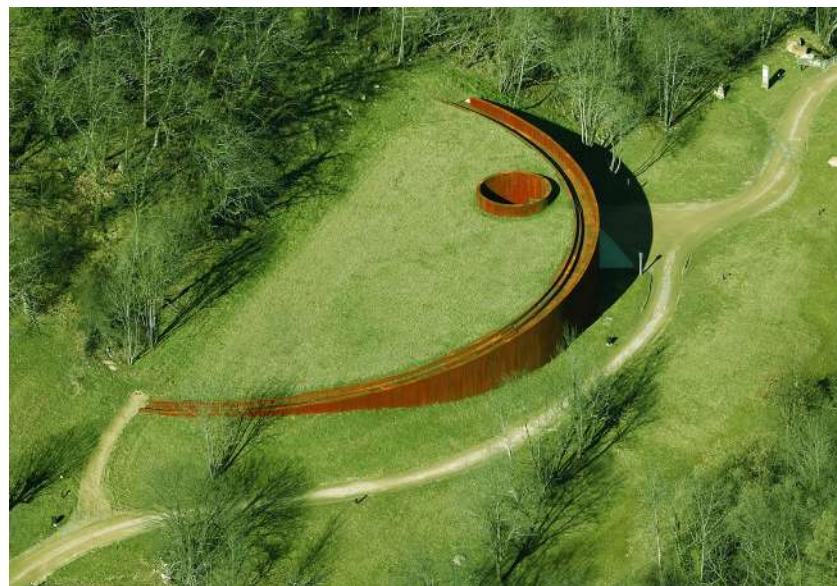
Location / Sito
Teverga, Asturias, Spain

Design date / Progetto
December 2003

Construction date /
Costruzione
May 2007

Area / Superficie
24.000 m²

Client / Cliente
Parque de la Prehistoria



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169 Memorial - Ossuary of the Ebro Battle

Memoriale - Ossario della Battaglia dell'Ebro

Esteve Aymerich
Inés de Rivera
Ton Salvadó
Spain

Entity / Entitat
STEM arquitectes
Location / Sito
Terra Alta, Catalonia, Spain

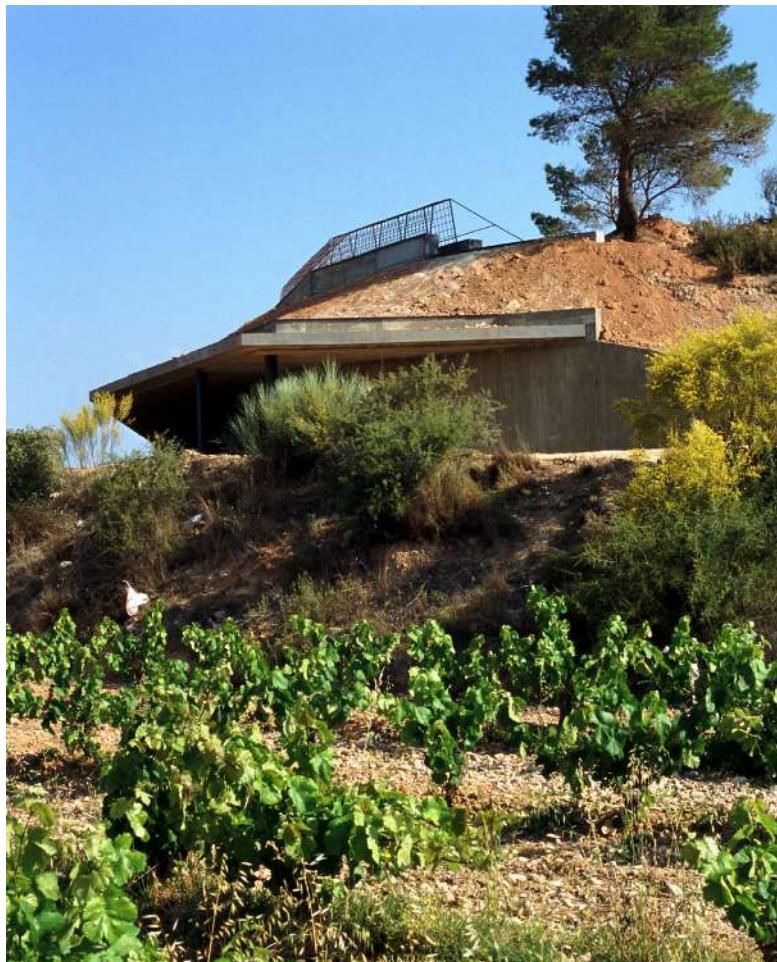
Design date / Progetto
July - November 2003

Construction date / Costruzione
June 2005

Area / Superficie
236,45 m²

Cost / Costo
468 euros /m²

Client / Cliente
COMEBE Consorci pel Memoarial dels
Espais de la Batalla de l'Ebre





170

Urban Park in Bagheria

Parco urbano a Bagheria

Luca Bullaro
Italy

Entity / Entità
Luca Bullaro architettura

Location / Sito
Bagheria, Sicily, Italy

Design date / Progetto
2009

Construction date /
Costruzione
2009

Area / Superficie
4.200 m²

Cost / Costo
300 euros /m²

Client / Cliente
Bagheria Town Council



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I71 Magdalena Fountain

Fonte Maddalena

Francisco Castellano
Rubens Cortés Cano
Noelia Martínez
Spain

Location / Sito
Jaén, Spain
Design date / Progetto
January 2009

Construction date / Costruzione
July 2009

Area / Superficie
140 m²

Cost / Costo
2.900 euros /m²

Client / Cliente
Jaén Town Council

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Carl Alexander Park

Parco Carl Alexander

Friedhelm Terfrüchte
Peter Davids
Helmut Feldmeier
Jürgen Wrede
Germany

Entity / Entità
Davids, Terfrüchte + Partner
Landschaftsarchitektur

Location / Sito
Baesweiler, Germany

Design date / Progetto
2002 – 2004

Construction date /
Costruzione
2004 – 2009

Area / Superficie
85 Ha

Cost / Costo
210 euros /m²

Client / Cliente
Baesweiler Town Council





I73 Nature at Risk

Natura a rischio

Lara Plácido
Sara Bento Botelho
Portugal

Location / Sito
Ponte de Lima, Portugal

Design date / Progetto
2009

Construction date /
Costruzione
2009

Area / Superficie
125 m²

Client / Cliente
Ponte de Lima Town Council

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Transition

Transizione

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T1 Silves Hillside Castle

Versante del Castello Silves

João Ferreira Nunes
Portugal

Entity / Entitá
PROAP, Estudos e Projectos de
Arquitectura Paisagista, Lda

Location / Sito
Silves, Portugal

Design date / Progetto
2003

Construction date /
Costruzione
2008

Area / Superficie
44.630 m²

Cost / Costo
12,50 euros /m²

Client / Cliente
SilvesPolis S.A. / Silves Town Council

finalist /
finalista





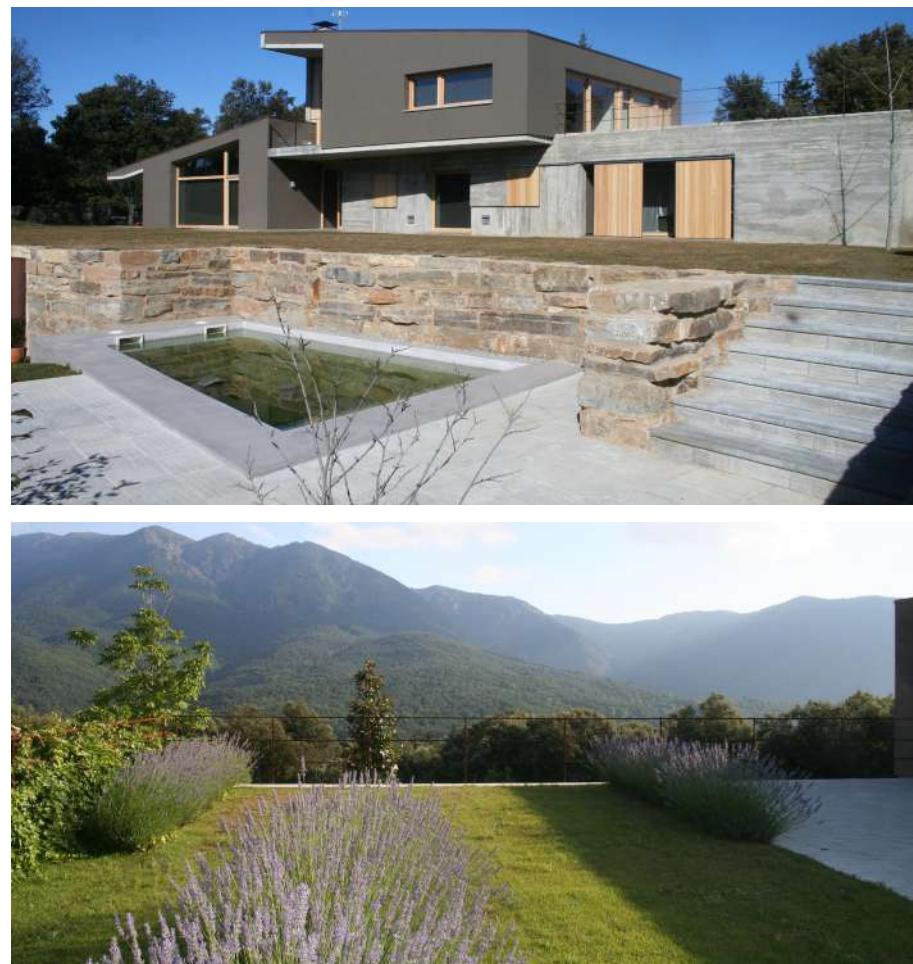
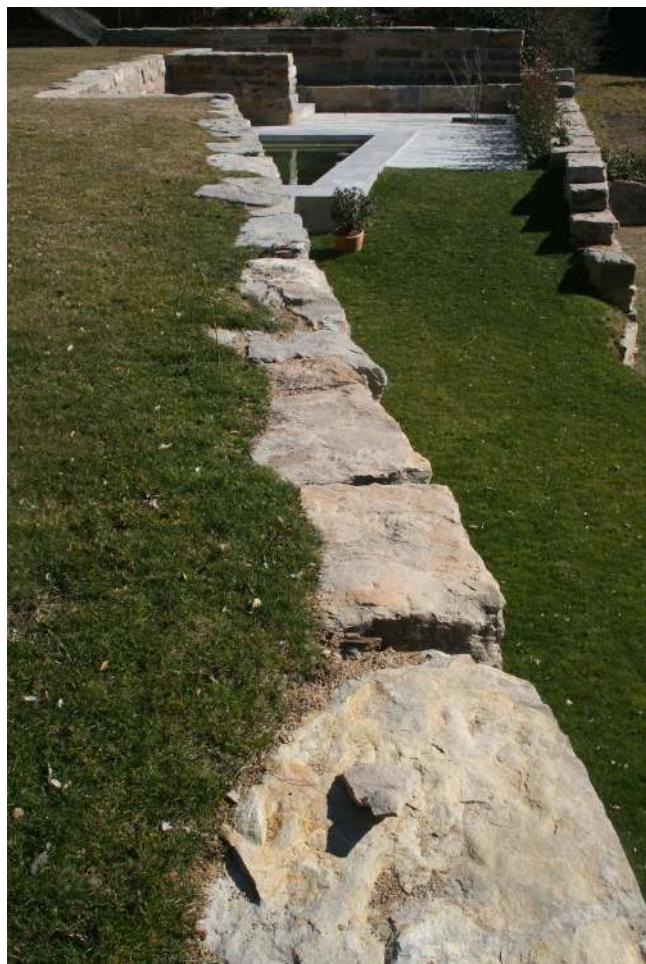
T2 Single family Garden RR

Giardino privato per una casa unifamiliare

Sara Bartumeus
Anna Renau
Spain

Entity / Entitá
Renau Bartumeus Arquitectes

Location / Sito
Viladrau, Catalonia, Spain





T3 Conditioning the "El Confital" beach

Progetto paesaggistico per la spiaggia "El Confital"

Carmelo Suárez
Antonio Suárez
Spain

Entity / Entitá
Estudio Arquitectura 74

Location / Sito
Las Palmas de Gran Canària, Spain

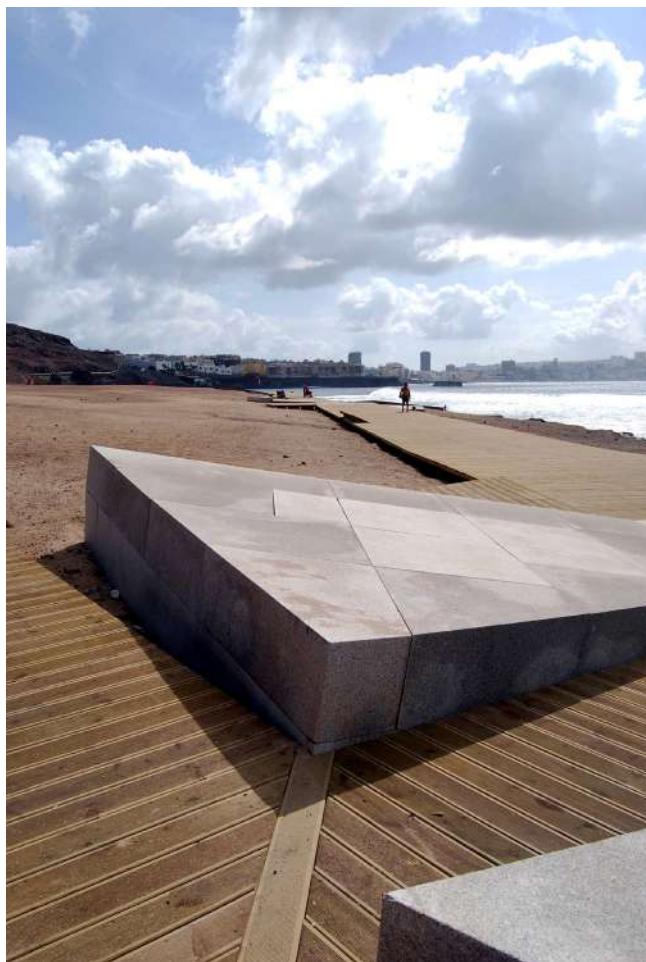
Design date / Progetto
2006 – 2008

Construction date / Costruzione
June 2008

Area / Superficie
72.500 m²

Cost / Costo
700 euros /m²

Client / Cliente
Demarcació de Costes de Canàries
Direcció General de Costes





T4

Redevelopment and awnings on the Zelilia Gallartzagoitia street

Riqualificazione di Via Zelilia Gallartzagoitia

Marta González
Martin González
Jorge Cabrera
Spain

Entity / Entitá
Gonzalez Cavia y Cabrera,
Arquitectura, Urbanismo y Paisaje

Location / Sito
Biscay, Spain

Design date / Progetto
February 2008

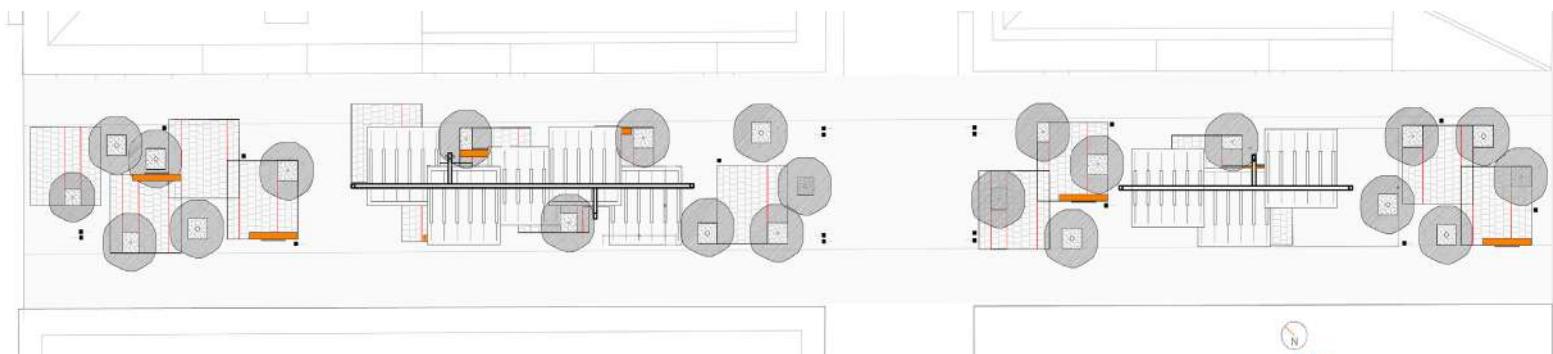
Construction date /
Costruzione
May 2009

Area / Superficie
2.200 m²

Cost / Costo
205 euros /m²

Client / Cliente
Amorebieta-Etxano Town Council

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T5 Storaa Stream

Storaa Stream

Martin Knuijt
The Netherlands

Entity / Entità

Location / Sito
Holstebro, Denmark

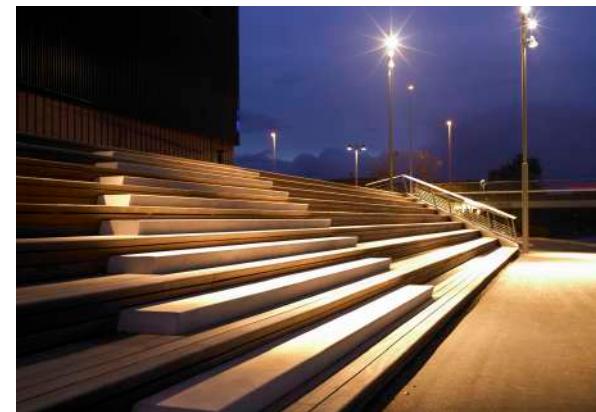
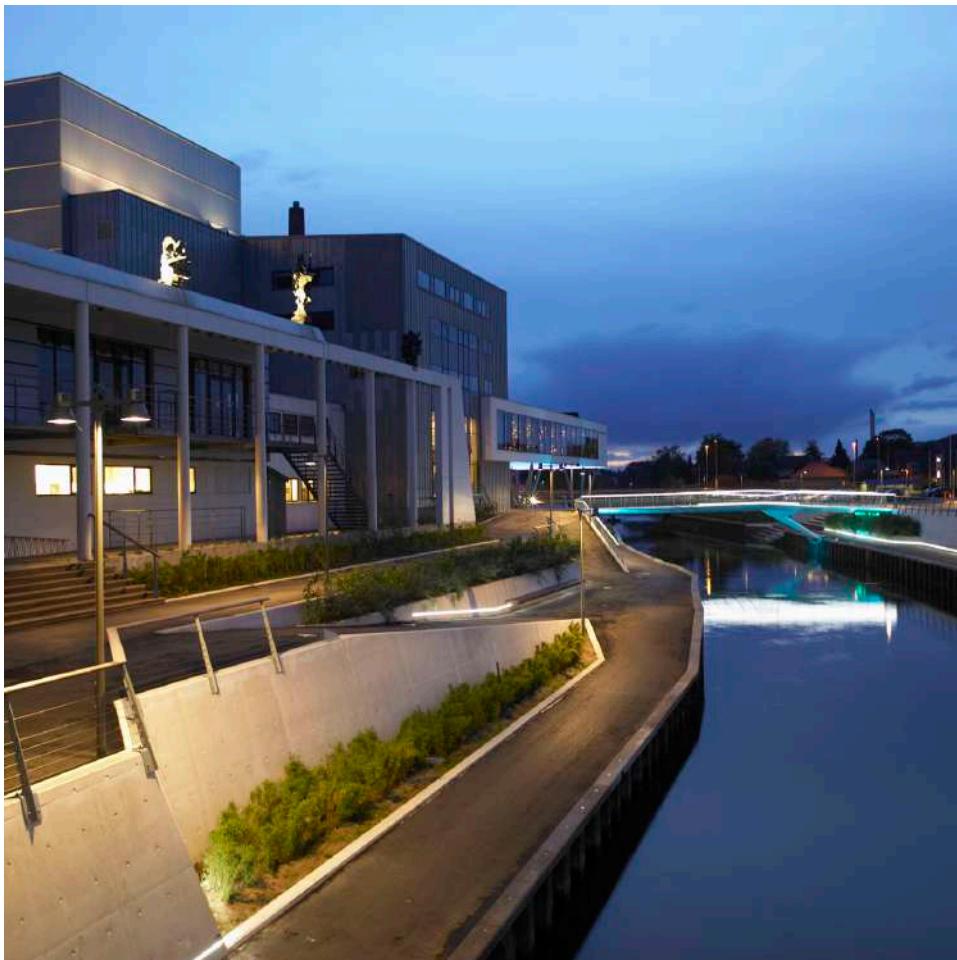
Design date / Progetto
2006 – 2008

Construction date /
Costruzione
2007 – 2009

Area / Superficie
2,3 Ha

Cost / Costo
217 euros /m²

Client / Cliente
Holstebro Town Council





T6

Covered Community Road

Covered Community Road

Martin Knuijt
The Netherlands

Entity / Entitá
OKRA landscape architects

Location / Sito
Houten, Utrecht, The Netherlands

Design date / Progetto
2006 - 2007

Construction date /
Costruzione
2007 - 2009

Area / Superficie
30.000 m²

Cost / Costo
20 euros /m²

Client / Cliente
Houten Town Council



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T7

Rearrangement of the roman aqueduct and design of the new route Spello - Collepino

Restauro di un acquedotto romano e realizzazione di un
nuovo percorso Spello - Collepino

Stefano Antinucci
Italy

Location / Sito
Spello, Umbria, Italy

Design date / Progetto
December 2008

Construction date / Costruzione
April 2009

Area / Superficie
18.000 m²

Cost / Costo
33,33 euros /m²

Client / Cliente
Spello Town Council





T8

Conditioning on Commercial Road in the Historic Centre of Santa María de Guía

Progetto urbano per la via commerciale
del centro storico di Santa María de Guía

Félix Elorza
Claudia Moreno
Spain

Entity / Entitá
EG Arquitectos, SCP

Location / Sito
Las Palmas, Spain

Design date / Progetto
July 2008

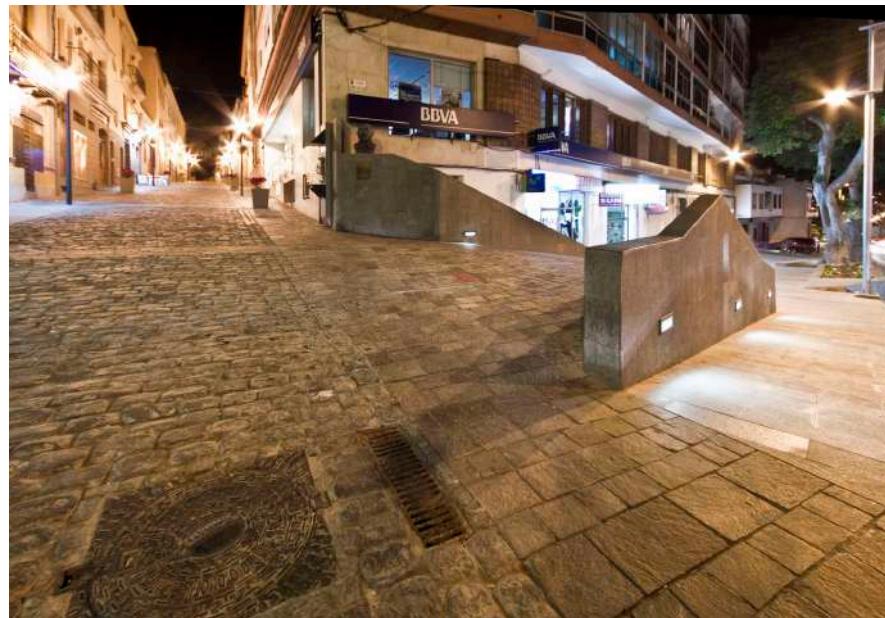
Construction date /
Costruzione
December 2008

Area / Superficie
2.140 m²

Cost / Costo
152 euros /m²

Client / Cliente
Santa María de Guía Town Council

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T9 Spielraum Grimmaische Residential Street

Area giochi per la Via residenziale Spielraum Grimmaische

Bunge
Dizici
Heurich
Schroeder
Stimberg
Germany

Entity / Entità
TH Treibhaus Landscape Architecture

Location / Sito
Inner city, Leipzig, Germany

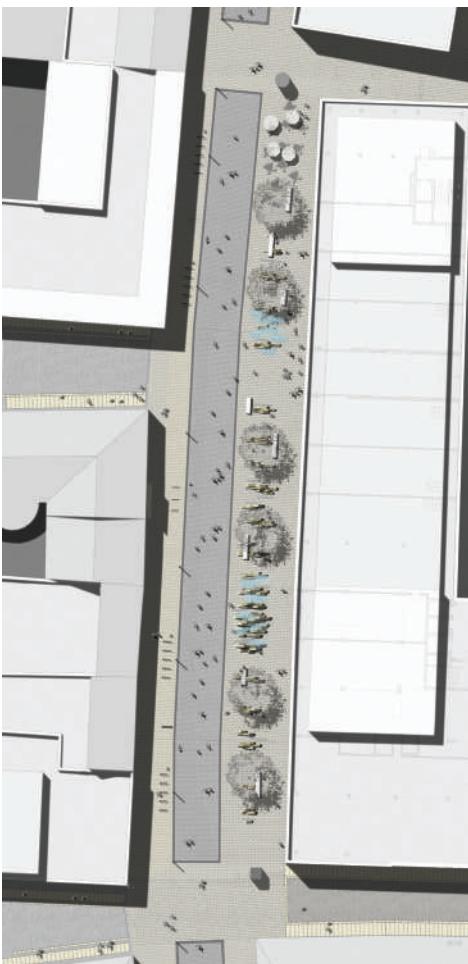
Design date / Progetto
2007 - 2009

Construction date / Costruzione
2009

Area / Superficie
1.100 m²

Cost / Costo
700 euros /m²

Client / Cliente
Departament d'urbanisme i obres
públiques de Liezpzig





T10

East Side Park – Park on the River Spree

Parco East Side – Parco sul fiume Spree

Winfried Häfner
Germany

Entity / Entitá
Häfner / Jimenez

Location / Sito
Berlin, Germany

Design date / Progetto
2006

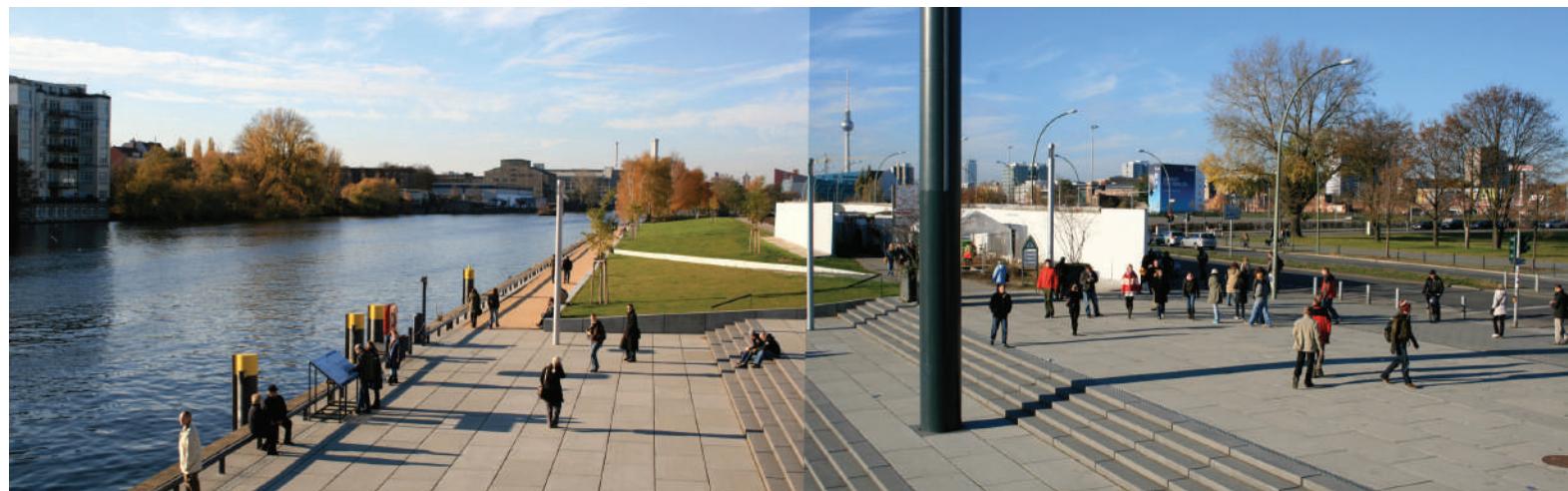
Construction date /
Costruzione
2009

Area / Superficie
38.720 m²

Cost / Costo
52,17 euros /m²

Client / Cliente
Bezirk Friedrichshain Kreuzberg

237





T11 Carpenedo Woods

Bosco di Carpenedo

Marta Baretti
Sara Carbonera
Italy

Location / Sito
Venice, Italy

Design date / Progetto
March 2010

Construction date / Costruzione
July 2010

Area / Superficie
13.000 m²

Cost / Costo
11,85 euros /m²

Client / Cliente
Institution Bosco e Grandi Parchi
Venice Town Council

238





T12

Lions Municipal Park

Parco Municipale dei Leoni

Federico Climent
Spain

Entity / Entitá
Ajuntament de Palma

Location / Sito
Palma de Mallorca, Spain

Design date / Progetto
2008

Construction date /
Costruzione
2009

Area / Superficie
1.600 m²

Cost / Costo
506,25 euros /m²

Client / Cliente
Palma Town Council



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T13

Open Spaces Kaisersteg, Craneway Promenade

Spazi aperti Kaisersteg, Promenade Craneway

Ulrike Böhm
Cyrus Zahiri
Katja Benfer
Germany

Entity / Entità
Böhm Benfer Zahiri Landschaften
Städtebau

Location / Sito
Berlin, Germany

Design date / Progetto
2005 - 2008

Construction date /
Costruzione
2008

Area / Superficie
1,8 Ha

Cost / Costo
111 euros /m²

Client / Cliente
Berzikamt Treptow Köpenick





T14

The Bocages Park

Parco Bocages

Kamel Louafi
Germany

Entity / Entitá
Kamel Louafi Landscapearchitects

Location / Sito
Airport-Stad Ost, Germany

Design date / Progetto
2007 – 2008

Construction date /
Costruzione
June 2009

Area / Superficie
45.000 m²

Cost / Costo
120 euros /m²

Client / Cliente
WFB Bremen



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T15 Opera Square Hanover – The Arabesques

Piazza dell'Opera di Hannover – Gli Arabeschi

Kamel Louafi
Germany

Entity / Entità
Kamel Louafi Landscapearchitects

Location / Sito
Hanover, Germany

Design date / Progetto
2007 – 2009

Construction date / Costruzione
May 2009

Area / Superficie
7.500 m²

Cost / Costo
120 euros /m²

Client / Cliente
Hanover Town Council





T16

Maaskade Cuijk

Maaskade Cuijk

Buro Lubbers
The Netherlands

Entity / Entitá
Buro Lubbers

Location / Sito
Maaskade Cuijk, The Netherlands

Design date / Progetto
2000 - 2001

Construction date /
Costruzione
2008

Area / Superficie
11.000 m²

Cost / Costo
377 euros /m²

Client / Cliente
Cuijk Town Council



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T17

Rearrangement of Baix Square

Ridisegno urbano della Piazza Baix

Rafael Rivera
Mateo Signes
Javier Rivera
Spain

Entity / Entitá
Rivera.signes.rivera.arquitectos

Location / Sito
Godella, Valencia, Spain

Design date / Progetto
February 2009

Construction date / Costruzione
December 2009

Area / Superficie
3.700 m²

Cost / Costo
26,05 euros /m²

Client / Cliente
Godella Town Council





T18 Riverbank Rearrangement

Progetto urbano sulla riva dell'Ebro

Antonio Lorén
Eduardo Aragüés
Raimundo Bambó
Spain

Entity / Entitá
IDOM-ACXT

Location / Sito
Zaragoza, Spain

Design date / Progetto
July 2004 – June 2005

Construction date /
Costruzione
May 2008

Area / Superficie
87.535 m²

Cost / Costo
88.42 euros /m²

Client / Cliente
Zaragoza Town Council





T19 Cycling Track - Bethlehem / Cais do Sodré

Pista ciclável - Betlem / Cais do Sodré

João Gomes da Silva
Nuno Gusmão
Portugal

Entity / Entitá
Global Arquitectura Paisagista, Ida +
P-06 Atelier

Location / Sito
Lisbon, Portugal

Design date / Progetto
2008

Construction date / Costruzione
2009

Area / Superficie
63.000 m²

Cost / Costo
15,90 euros / m²

Client / Cliente
Lisboa Town Council





T20

Planning the Village Center

Progetto urbano per il centro del paese

Marta Puig
France

Entity / Entità
Agence Territoires

Location / Sito
Sermange, Jura, France

Design date / Progetto
December 2007

Construction date /
Costruzione
September 2008

Area / Superficie
2.100 m²

Cost / Costo
116 euros /m²

Client / Cliente
Sermange Town Council



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T21 Imchenplatz

Piazza Imchen

Ugo Dagenbach
Silvia GlaBer
Germany

Entity / Entità
GlaBer und Dagenbach garden i
landscape architects

Location / Sito
Berlin Kladow, Germany

Design date / Progetto
2005

Construction date /
Costruzione
October 2007

Area / Superficie
1Ha

Cost / Costo
82 euros /m²

Client / Cliente
Bezirksamt Spandau from Berlin





T22

Watersteps

Passi d'Acqua

Arne Sælen
Norway

Entity / Entitá
Landskap DESIGN AS

Location / Sito
Bergen, Norway

Design date / Progetto
2007 – 2008

Construction date / Obra /
Costruzione
August 2009

Area / Superficie / Superficie
500 m²

Cost / Costo
3.000 euros /m²

Client / Cliente
Bergen Town Council



249



T23

Requalification of the dam in Thurins

Riqualificazione della diga di Thurins

Frédéric Reynaud
Pricilla Tétaz
France

Entity / Entità
Itinéraire Bis

Location / Sito
Thurins, France

Design date / Progetto
2008 - 2009

Construction date /
Costruzione
October 2009

Area / Superficie
19.000 m²

Cost / Costo
14,75 euros /m²

Client / Cliente
Communauté de Communes des
Vallons du Lyonnais

250





T24

Rembrandtplein

Rembrandtplein

Eriq Nijhuis
The Netherlands

Entity / Entitá
City of Amsterdam - Centrum

Location / Sito
Amsterdam, The Netherlands

Design date / Progetto
2007 – 2008

Construction date /
Costruzione
2009

Area / Superficie
7.600 m²

Cost / Costo
500 euros /m²

Client / Cliente
Public Administration



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T25 The Sandgrund Park

Park de Sandgrund

Thorbjörn Andersson
Sweden

Entity / Entitat / Entità
Sweco Architects

Location / Emplaçament / Sito
Karlstad, Sweden

Design date / Projecte / Progetto
2005 – 2007

Construction date / Obra /
Costruzione
September 2009

Area / Superfície / Superficie
40.000 m²

Cost / Costo
53 euros /m²

Client / Cliente
Karlstad Town Council





T26

Garden in single family home in Somosaguas

Giardino per una casa unifamiliare a Somosaguas

Luis Vallejo
Spain

Entity / Entitá
Arceval Jardinería s.l.

Location / Sito
Somosaguas, Madrid, Spain

Design date / Progetto
2007

Construction date /
Costruzione
2009

Area / Superficie
15.000 m²

Client / Cliente
Private



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T27

Courtyard Gerenstein III

Patio Gerenstein III

Jutta Raith
Harma Horlings
Susanne Zeller
The Netherlands

Entity / Entità
H+N+S Landscape Architects

Location / Sito
Bijlmermeer, Amsterdam,
The Netherlands

Design date / Progetto
2005

Construction date /
Costruzione
2007

Area / Superficie
1.500 m²

Client / Cliente
Patrimonium





T28

Rondje Sloterplas

Rondje Sloterplas

Frank Talsma
Yttje Feddes
The Netherlands

Entity / Entitá
H+N+S Landscape Architects

Location / Sito
Amsterdam, The Netherlands

Design date / Progetto
2004 – 2005

Construction date /
Costruzione
2006

Area / Superficie
6 Km

Client / Cliente
Bureau Parkstad



255



T29

Planning the Natural Park of Albufera de Mallorca (Phase 1): Tours Centre "Sa Roca"

Progetto del Parco Naturale dell'Albufera a Mallorca
(Fase 1): Tour centre "Sa Roca"

Llorenç Segui
Biel Palou
Spain

Location / Sito
Albufera de Mallorca, Illes Balears,
Spain

Design date / Progetto
February 2006

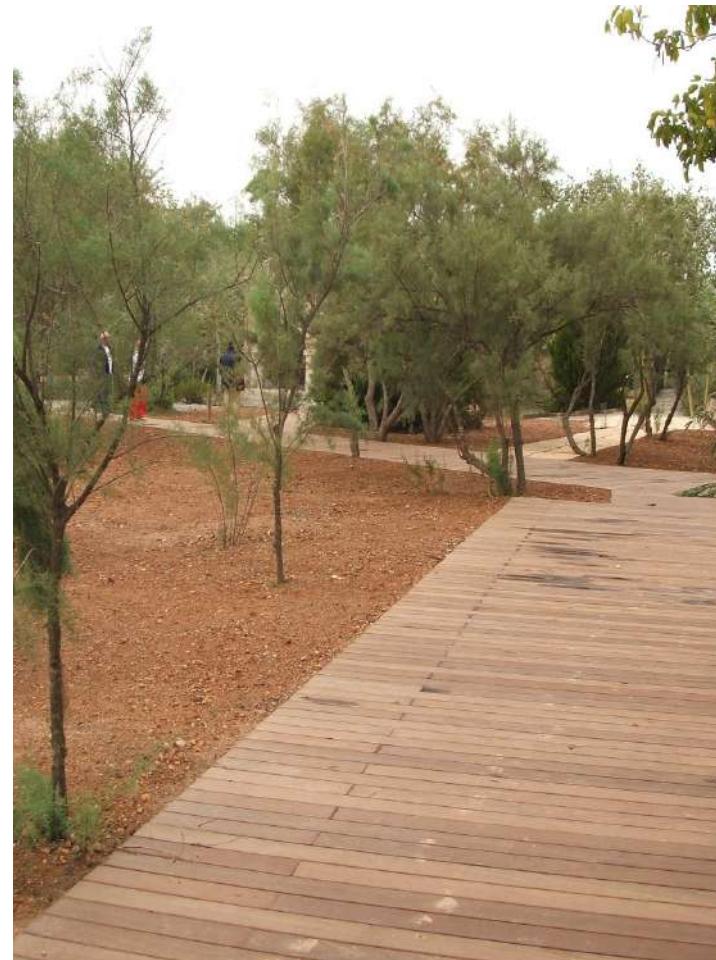
Construction date / Costruzione
October 2006

Area / Superficie
2.709,67 m²

Cost / Costo
151,75 euros /m²

Client / Cliente
Fundació per el Desenvolupament
Sostenible de les Illes Balears

256





T30

Restoration and rehabilitation of the gardens in the walk

Restauro e riqualificazione dei Giardini del Passeggio

Gianfranco Franchi
Italy

Entity / Entità
Franchi Associati

Location / Sito
Lodi, Lombardy, Italy

Design date / Progetto
2007

Construction date /
Costruzione
December 2009

Area / Superficie
31.000 m²

Cost / Costo
69 euros /m²

Client / Cliente
Lodi Town Council



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T31 Private House – Roof Garden Rijeka

Casa privata – Tetto verde

Nataša Tiška
Croatia

Entity / Entitá
Dionaea – Vrtovi d.o.o.

Location / Sito
Rijeka, Croatia

Design date / Progetto
June 2006

Construction date /
Costruzione
April 2007

Area / Superficie
820 m²

Cost / Costo
90 euros /m²

Client / Cliente
Private





T32

Dzintari Forest Park

Parco forestale Dzintari

Arnis Dimins
Brigita Barbale
Latvia

Entity / Entità
Substance SIA

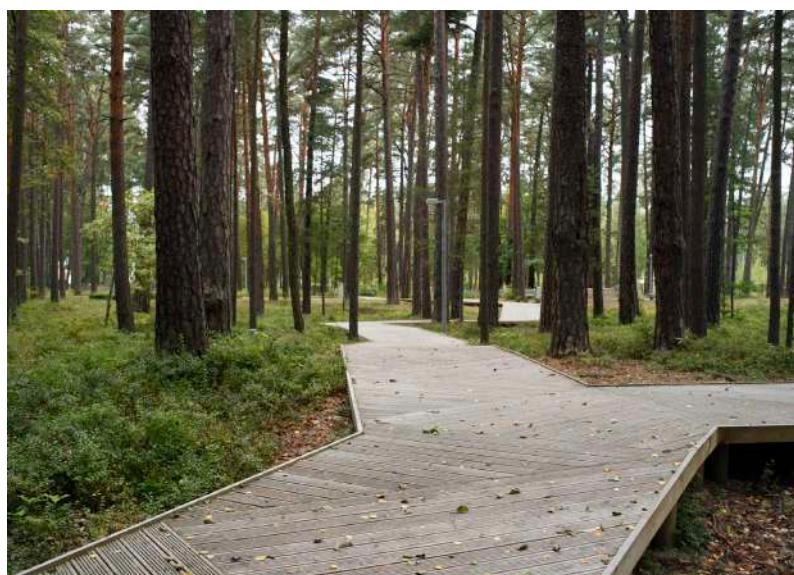
Location / Sito
Dzintari, Jurmala, Latvia

Design date / Progetto
2003 – 2005

Construction date /
Costruzione
2007 – 2010

Area / Superficie
131.108 m²

Cost / Costo
31,27 euros /m²



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T33

Events Space in Business Forum in Grenada

Spazio per eventi al Forum di Imprese a Granada

Federico Wulff
Francisco del Corral
Spain

Entity / Entitá
Federico Wulff & Melina Guirnaldos
Arquitectos

Location / Sito
Grenada, Spain

Design date / Progetto
January - July 2007

Construction date / Costruzione
June 2009

Area / Superficie
11.000 m²

Cost / Costo
220 euros /m²

Client / Cliente
Forum de Empresas de Granada S.A.

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T34

Intervention in the medieval bridge, Ponteledesma

Intervento al Ponte medievale - Ponteledesma

Elizabeth Abalo
Gonzalo Alonso
Spain

Entity / Entitá
Abalo Alonso Arquitectos

Location / Sito
Ponteledesma, Galicia, Spain

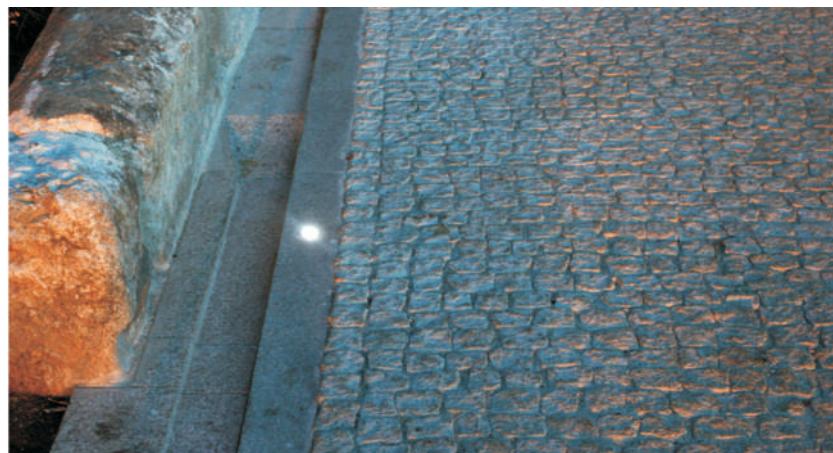
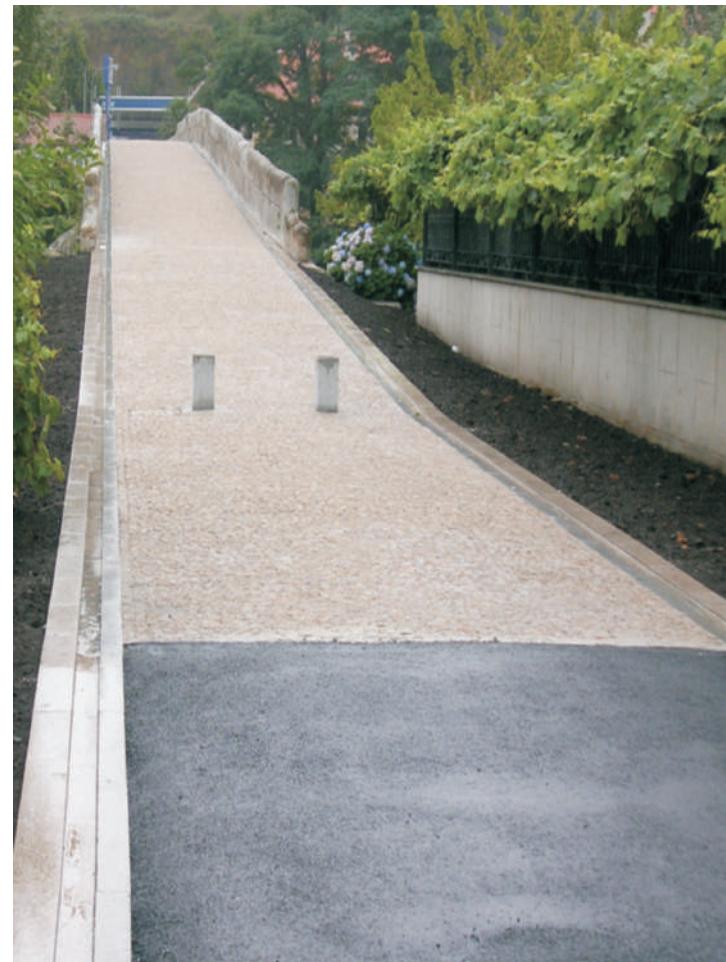
Design date / Progetto
2003

Construction date /
Costruzione
2005

Area / Superficie
400 m²

Cost / Costo
300 euros /m²

Client / Cliente
S. A. Anónima de Xestión do Plan
Xacobeo, Xunta de Galicia





T35

Rambla Pompeu Fabra Urbanization and roundabouts Vinyota

Progetto urbano di Rambla Pompeu Fabra e rotonde Vinyota

Josep M. Mompin
Spain

Entity / Entitat
Ajuntament de Mollet del Vallès

Location / Sito
Barcelona, Spain

Design date /
Progetto
December 2007

Construction date /
Costruzione
April 2008

Area / Superficie
3.100 m²

Cost / Costo
100 euros /m²

Client / Cliente
Mollet del Vallès Town Council





T36

New fence, access and inland paths in Can Mulà Park

Nuova recinzione, accesso e cammini interni al Parco Can Mule

Josep M. Rosseló
Manel Sangenís
Josep M. Mompin
Spain

Entity / Entitat
Ajuntament de Mollet del Vallès

Location / Sito
Barcelona, Spain

Design date / Progetto
December 2008

Construction date /
Costruzione
January 2010

Area / Superficie
18.000 m²

Cost / Costo
56,22 euros /m²

Client / Cliente
Mollet del Vallès Town Council



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T37

Urbanization Project in Marzana area

Progetto urbano nell'area Marzana

Arantza Iriarte
Ane Barrutia
Spain

Entity / Entitá
Local4 Arquitectura del Paisatge, S.L.

Location / Sito
Bilbao, Spain

Design date / Progetto
2005 - 2010

Construction date /
Costruzione
2010

Area / Superficie
5.937 m²

Cost / Costo
312 euros /m²

Client / Cliente
SURBISA (Sociedad Urbanística de
Rehabilitación de Bilbao S.A.)





T38

The MarSeta

La MarSeta

Sonia Miralles
Spain

Entity / Entitá
Sonia Miralles Mud. Arquitecta.

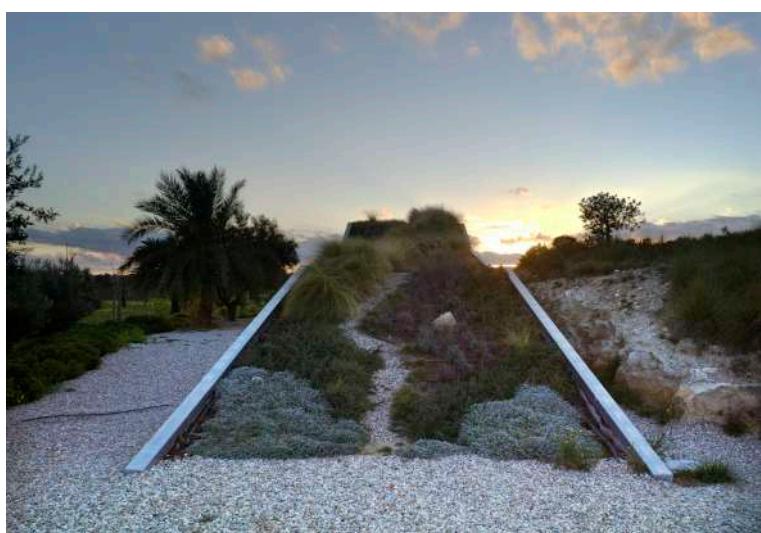
Location / Sito
Mutxamel, Alicante, Spain

Design date / Progetto
March 2007

Construction date /
Costruzione
November 2007

Area / Superficie
135 m²

Cost / Costo
160.000 euros



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T39

Padua Railway station public space project

Progetto di spazio pubblico
per la stazione ferroviaria di Padova

Paolo Ceccon
Laura Zampieri
Italy

Entity / Entità
czstudio Paolo Ceccon Laura Zampieri
architetti

Location / Sito
Padua, Italy

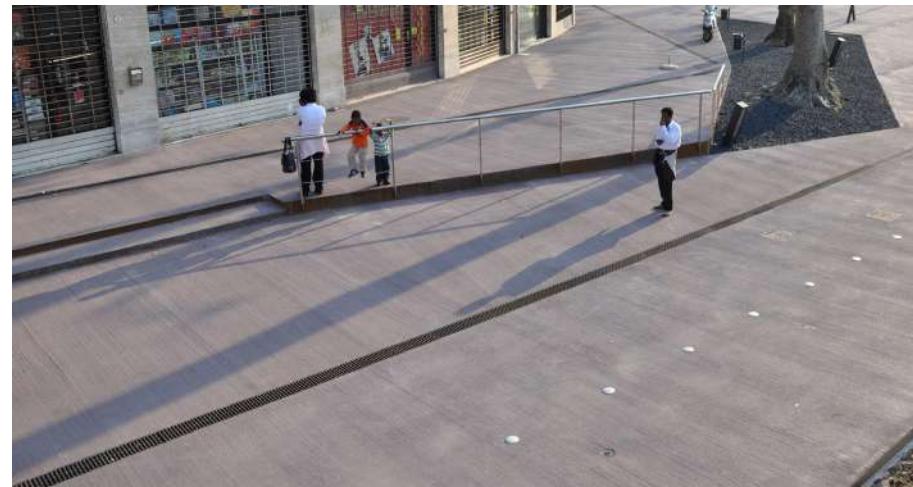
Design date / Progetto
2007 - 2008

Construction date /
Costruzione
2009

Area / Superficie
7.530 m²

Cost / Costo
100 euros /m²

Client / Cliente
Padova Town Council





T40

Planning Project in Carmen Promenade

Progetto urbano del Lungomare del Carme

Jordi Miralles Tintoré
Sergi Carulla Altadill
Spain

Entity / Entitat
Ajuntament de Vilanova i la Geltrú,
Servei de Projectes Urbanístics i
Paisatge

Location / Sito
Vilanova i la Geltrú, Catalonia, Spain

Design date / Progetto
2007

Construction date / Costruzione
2008

Area / Superficie
19.421 m²

Cost / Costo
91,51 euros /m²

Client / Cliente
Administració pública



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T41 Rearrangement for Torrent Path in Sant Cugat Sesgarrigues

Riqualifica del cammino del Torrent a Sant Cugat Sesgarrigues

Jordi Sardà
Spain

Location / Sito
Sant Cugat Sesgarrigues, Barcelona,
Spain

Design date / Progetto
September 2006 – June 2007

Construction date /
Costruzione
June 2007

Area / Superficie
3.800 m²

Cost / Costo
46,05 euros /m²

Client / Cliente
Sant Cugat Sesgarrigues Town Council





T42

Henrichof

Henrichof

DI Oliver Gachowetz

Austria

Entity / Entitá

3:0 Landschaftsarchitektur
Gachowetz Luger Zimmermann OG

Location / Sito

Burgenland, Austria

Design date / Progetto

2004 - 2005

Construction date / Costruzione

2005

Area / Superficie

630 m²

Cost / Costo

200 euros /m²

Client / Cliente

Esterzáhy Betriebe GmbH



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T43

Redevelopment of the Maritime Front Las Negras

Riqualifica urbana del fronte Marittimo di Las Negras

Jesús Torres
Spain

Entity / Entitá
Jesús Torres-arquitectos

Location / Sito
Níjar, Almeria, Spain

Design date / Progetto
September – December 2006

Construction date / Costruzione
February – August 2007

Area / Superficie
4.818 m²

Cost / Costo
152,12 euros /m²

Client / Cliente
Plan Turístico de Níjar
Níjar Town Council





T44

Rearrangement for Finisterre lighthouse environment

Riqualifica dell'intorno del Faro di Finisterre

Alberto Redondo
José Valladares
Marcial Rodríguez
Spain

Entity / Entitá
rvr arquitectos

Location / Sito
Finisterre, A Coruña, Galicia, Spain

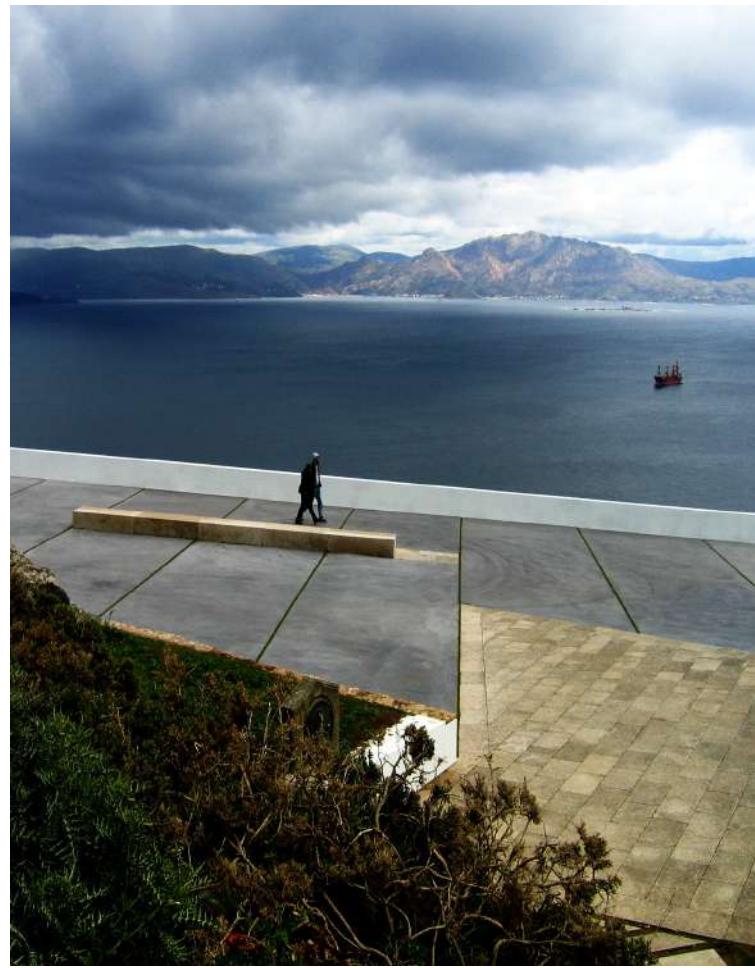
Design date / Progetto
June 2004

Construction date / Costruzione
May 2007

Area / Superficie
4.500 m²

Cost / Costo
50 euros /m²

Client / Cliente
Concello de Finisterre
Diputación de A Coruña





T45

Garden for the Multi-Unithousing Guggachzehn

Giardino per housing plurifamiliare Guggachzehn

Martina Voser
Maria Viñé
Switzerland

Entity / Entità
vi.vo.architecture.landscape

Location / Sito
Zurich, Switzerland

Design date / Progetto
2006 – 2008

Construction date /
Costruzione
2009

Area / Superficie
950 m²

Cost / Costo
220 euros /m²

Client / Cliente
guggachzehn c/o von Ballmoos
Krucker Architekten

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T46

Gran Via de les Corts Catalanes, Eastern Sector

Gran Via de les Corts Catalanes, Settore Est

Carme Fiol
Andreu Arriola
Spain

Entity / Entitat
Arriola&Fiol arquitectura, urbanisme
i paisatge

Location / Sito
Barcelona, Spain

Design date / Progetto
2007

Area / Superficie
250.000 m²

Cost / Costo
288,63 euros /m²

Client / Cliente
Catalunya Government: Direcció
General de Transports;
Barcelona Town Council: Institut
Municipal d'Urbanisme i BIMSA



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T47 Esposende Water Front

Esposende Water Front

Laura Roldão
Victor Mogadouro
Portugal

Entity / Entitá
Laura Roldão e Costa – Landscape
Architecture

Location / Sito
Esposende, Portugal

Design date / Progetto
2004

Construction date /
Costruzione
2007

Area / Superficie
11 Ha

Cost / Costo
40 euros /m²

Client / Cliente
Public Administration





T48

Sea Square, Barceloneta Promenade, Joan de Bordó Passage, public spaces of Moll de la Nova Bocana

Piazza del Mar, Lungomare della Barceloneta, Passeig Joan de Bordó, Spazi pubblici della Nova Bocana

Jordi Henrich
Spain

Entity / Entitat
Jordi Henrich i Monràs

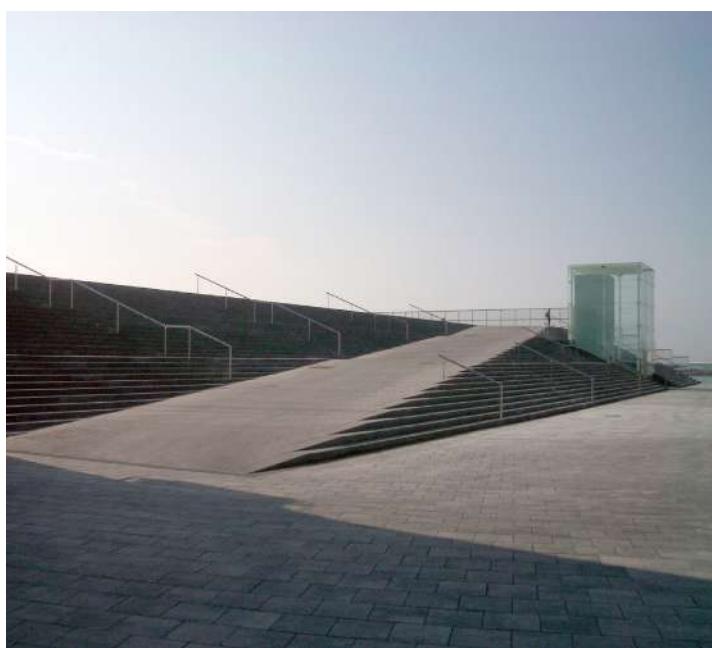
Location / Sito
Barcelona, Spain

Design date / Progetto
2004 – 2007

Construction date / Costruzione
2009

Area / Superficie
81.017 m²

Client / Cliente
Autoritat Portuària de Barcelona,
Nova Bocana



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T49 Flat Land

Terreno pianeggiante

Michela de Poli
Adriano Marangon
Italy

Entity / Entità
Made Associati

Location / Sito
Eraclea, Venice, Italy

Design date / Progetto
2007

Construction date /
Costruzione
2009

Area / Superficie
11.000 m²

Cost / Costo
50 euros /m²

Client / Cliente
L&S group_Eraclea

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T50

Banks Development of Rhône in Lyon

Progetto urbano delle rive Rodano a Lione

Emmanuel Jalbert
Annie Tardivon
France

Entity / Entità
In Situ Paysagistes

Location / Sito
Lyon, France

Design date / Progetto
2005 – 2007

Construction date /
Costruzione
2007

Area / Superficie
10 Ha

Cost / Costo
300 euros /m²

Client / Cliente
Grand Lyon

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T51

Havenwelten – Transformation and new development of the old and new harbour Bremerhaven

Havenwelten – Trasformazione e nuovo sviluppo del vecchio e nuovo porto Bremerhaven

Tilman Latz
Germany

Entity / Entità
Latz+Partner / Latz Riehl Partner

Location / Sito
Bremerhaven, Germany

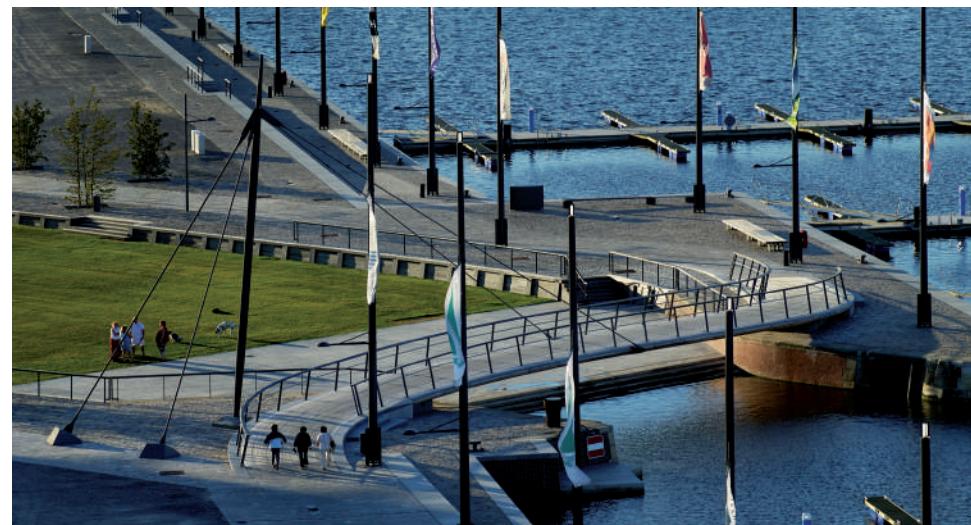
Design date / Progetto
2001 – 2008

Construction date / Costruzione
2009

Area / Superficie
95.000 m²

Cost / Costo
236 euros /m²

Client / Cliente
BEAN Bremerhavener Gesellschaft f.
Investitionsförderung u.
Stadtentwicklung





T52

Environmental, landscape and functional recovery of the river and the old road of San Medir

Recupero ambientale, paesaggistico e funzionale del Torrente e vecchio cammino di Sant Medir

Josep Mascaró
Spain

Entity / Entitat
Consorci Parc de Collserola

Location / Sito
Sant Cugat del Vallès, Barcelona,
Spain

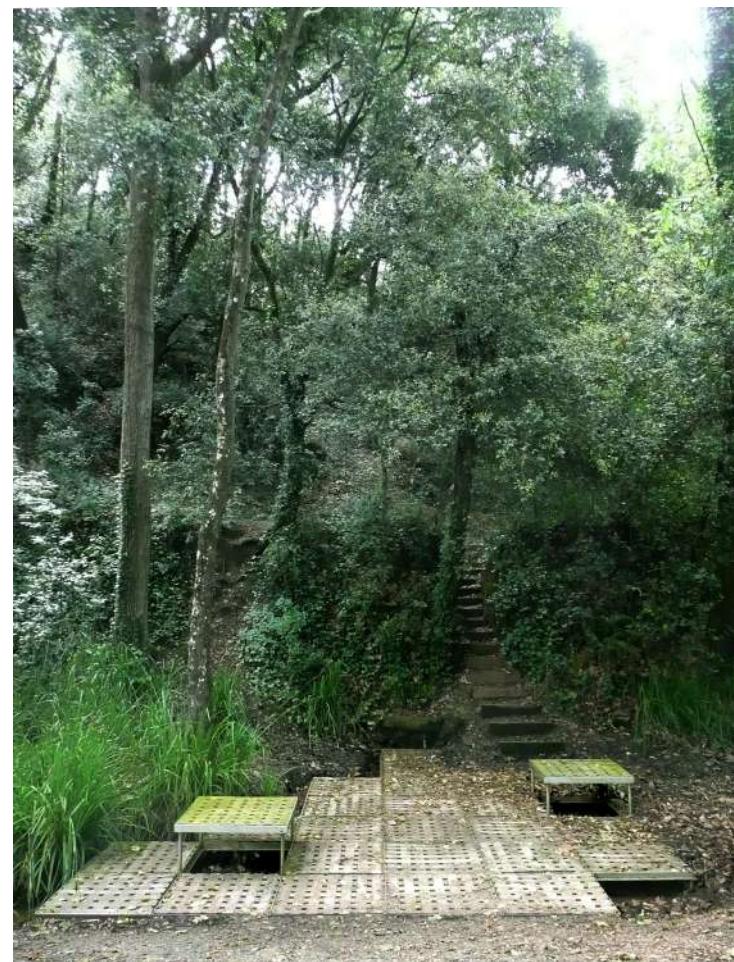
Design date / Progetto
2002 - 2008

Construction date / Costruzione
2009

Area / Superficie
102.000 m²

Cost / Costo
9,01 euros /m²

Client / Cliente
Consorci Parc de Collserola
Sant Cugat del Vallès Town Council





T53

Cacém Linear Park

Parco lineare Cacém

José Veludo
Leonor Cheis
José Lousan
Portugal

Entity / Entitá
NPK, Arquitectos Paisagistas
Associados

Location / Sito
Cacém, Sintra, Portugal

Design date / Progetto
2002 - 2004

Construction date /
Costruzione
2009

Area / Superficie
40.000 m²

Cost / Costo
50 euros /m²

Client / Cliente
Cacémopolis



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T54

Rearrangement for the Victory Passage

Riqualifica del Passaggio della Vittoria

Claudi Aguiló
Eva Pagès
Spain

Entity / Entitat
Mancomunitat de Municipis de l'Àrea Metropolitana de Barcelona (MMAMB)

Location / Sito
Barcelona, Spain

Design date / Projecte / Progetto
October 2006

Construction date / Obra / Costruzione
December 2007

Area / Superficie / Superficie
1.589,25 m²

Cost / Costo
512,51 euros /m²

Client / Cliente
Santa Coloma de Gramanet Town Council i MMAMB



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T55 Pieter Vreedeplein Square

Piazza Pieter Vreedeplein

Esteve Bonell
Josep M. Gil
Spain

Entity / Entitá
Bonell i Gil Arquitectes s.l.

Location / Sito
Tilburg, The Netherlands

Design date / Progetto
2006

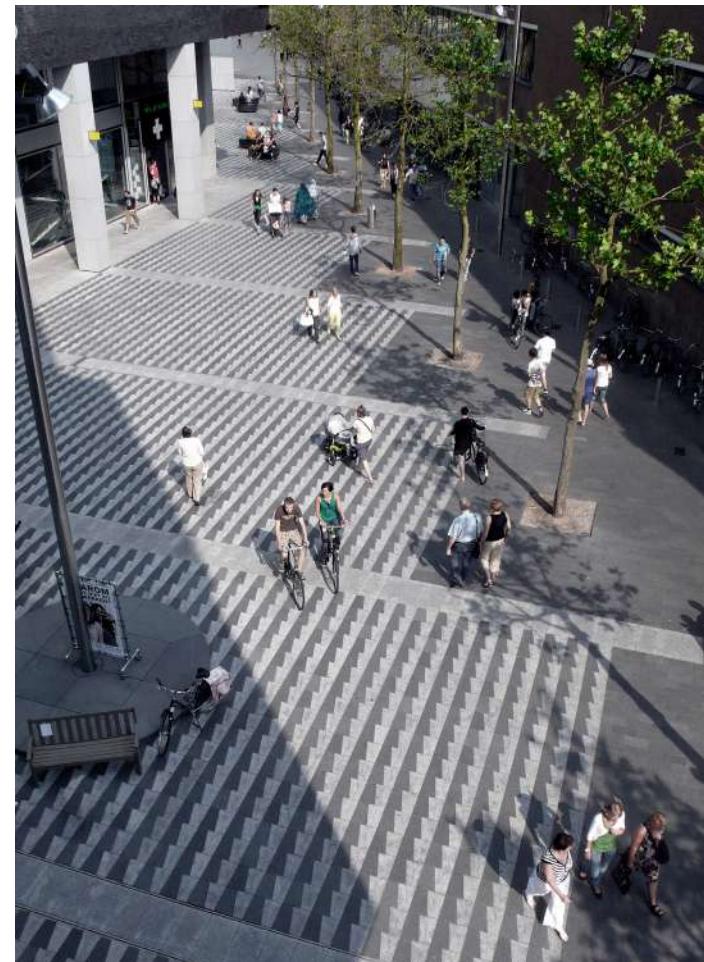
Construction date /
Costruzione
2009

Area / Superficie
6.110 m²

Cost / Costo
258 euros /m²

Client / Cliente
Pieter Vreedeplein Ontwikkeling C.V.

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T56 Agadir Promenade

Lundomare ad Agadir

Vicente Mirallave
Flora Pescador
Ángel Casas
Jin Taira
Spain

Entity / Entitá
MPC Arquitectos

Location / Sito
Agadir, Morocco

Design date / Progetto
2005 – 2006

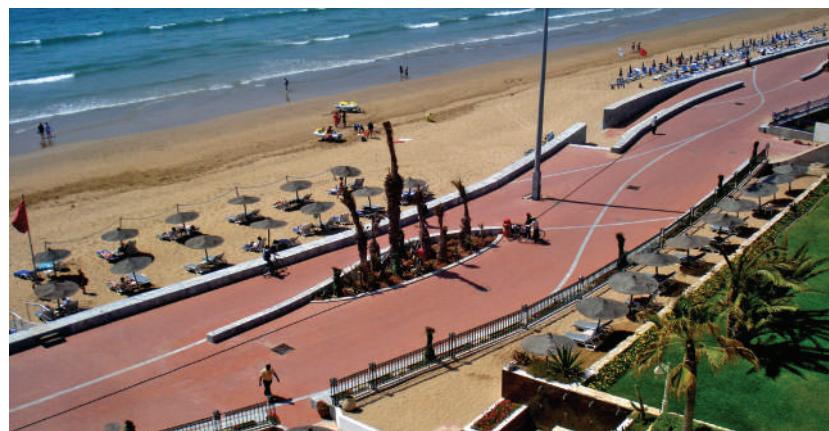
Construction date / Costruzione
2010

Area / Superficie
100.000 m²

Cost / Costo
30,03 euros /m²

Client / Cliente
Canarias Government,
Agadir Town Council

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T57

Redesign of the new Waterfront of Thessaloniki-Macedonia, Greece

Riqualifica del nuovo waterfront di Salonicco, Macedonia, Grecia

Prodromos
Nikiforidis
Greece

Location / Sito
Thessaloniki-Macedonia, Greece

Design date / Progetto
2001

Construction date / Costruzione
2008

Area / Superficie
95.000 m²

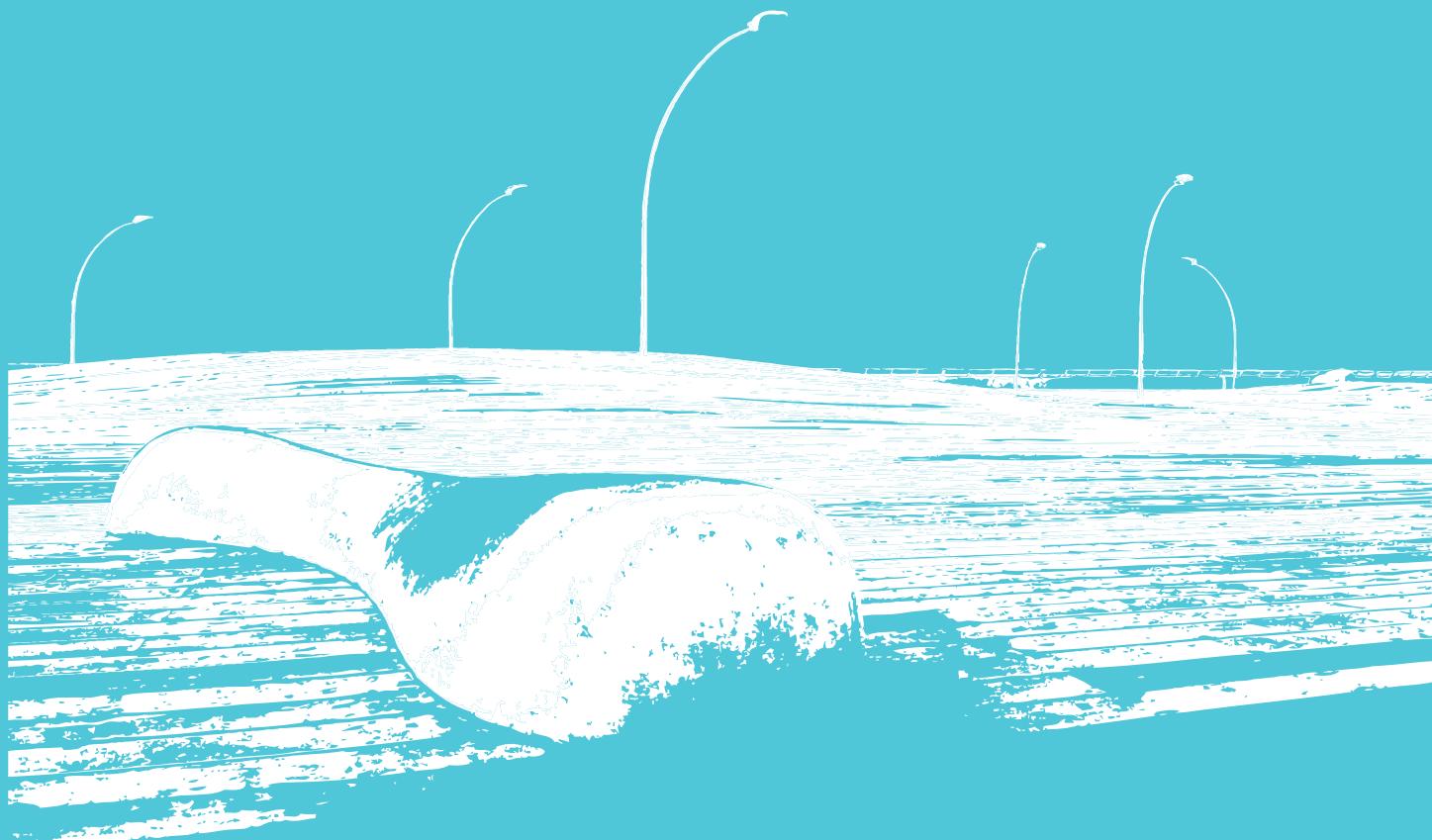
Cost / Costo
152, 63 euros /m²

Client / Cliente
Thessaloniki Town Council









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Tel Aviv Port Public Space Regeneration

Rigenerazione dello spazio pubblico del porto di Tel Aviv

Ganit
Mayslits Kassif
Udi Kassif
Israel

Entity / Entità
Mayslits Kassif Architects

Location / Sito
Tel Aviv, Israel

Design date / Progetto
2003

Construction date /
Costruzione
2008

Area / Superficie
55.000 m²

Cost / Costo
75 euros /m²

Client / Cliente
Marine Trust Ltd

*winner /
guanyador*

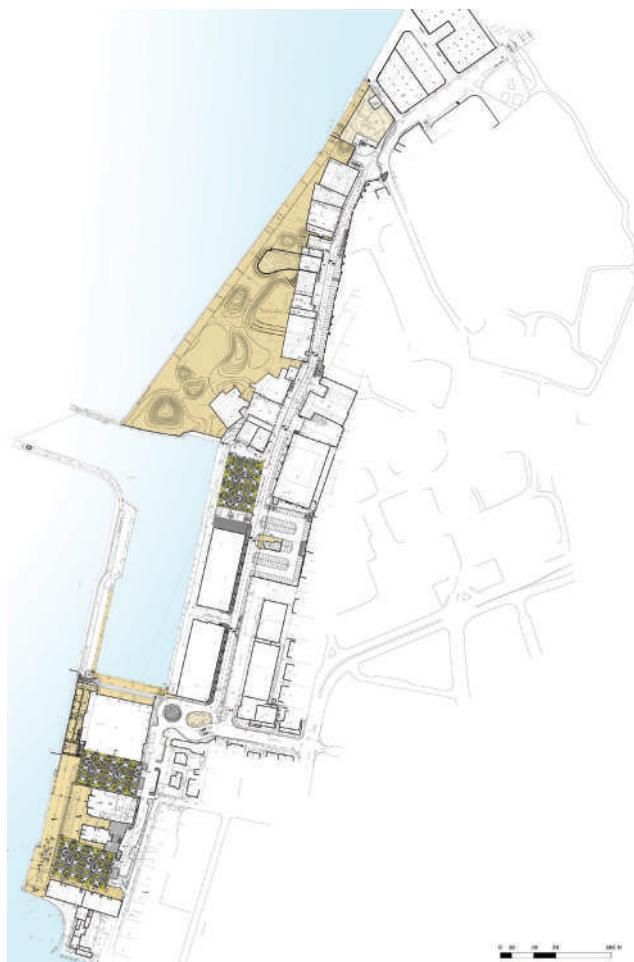
Situated on one of Israel's most breathtaking waterfronts, the Tel Aviv Port was plagued with neglect since 1965, when its primary use as an operational docking port was abandoned. The recently completed public space development project by Mayslits Kassif Architects, managed to restore this unique part of the city, and turn it into a prominent, vivacious urban landmark.

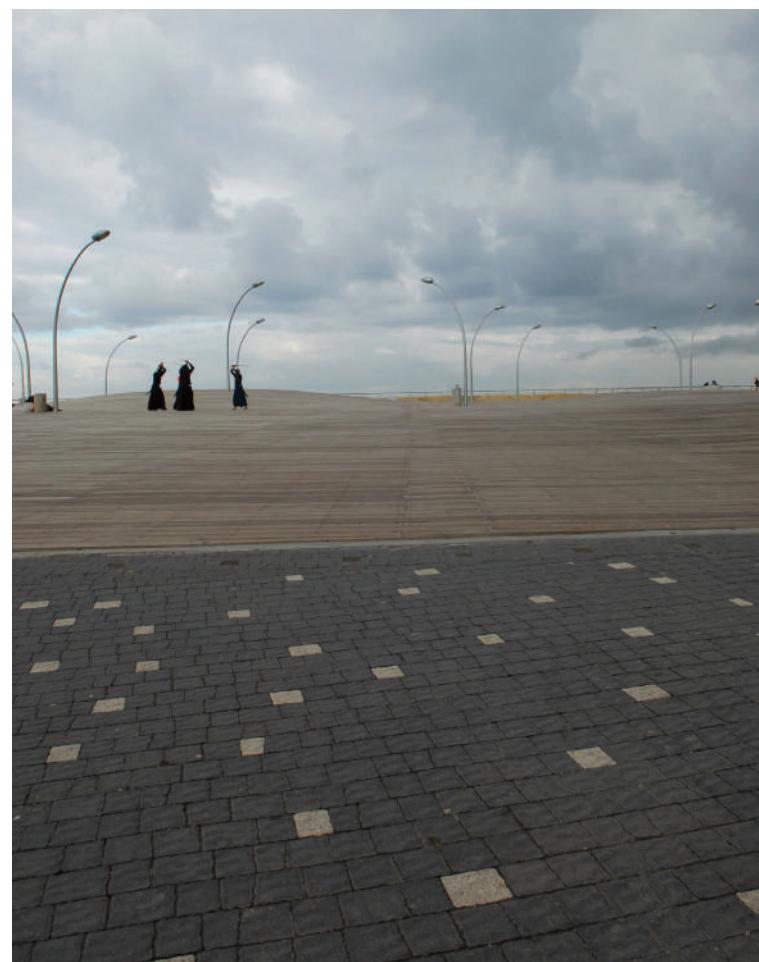
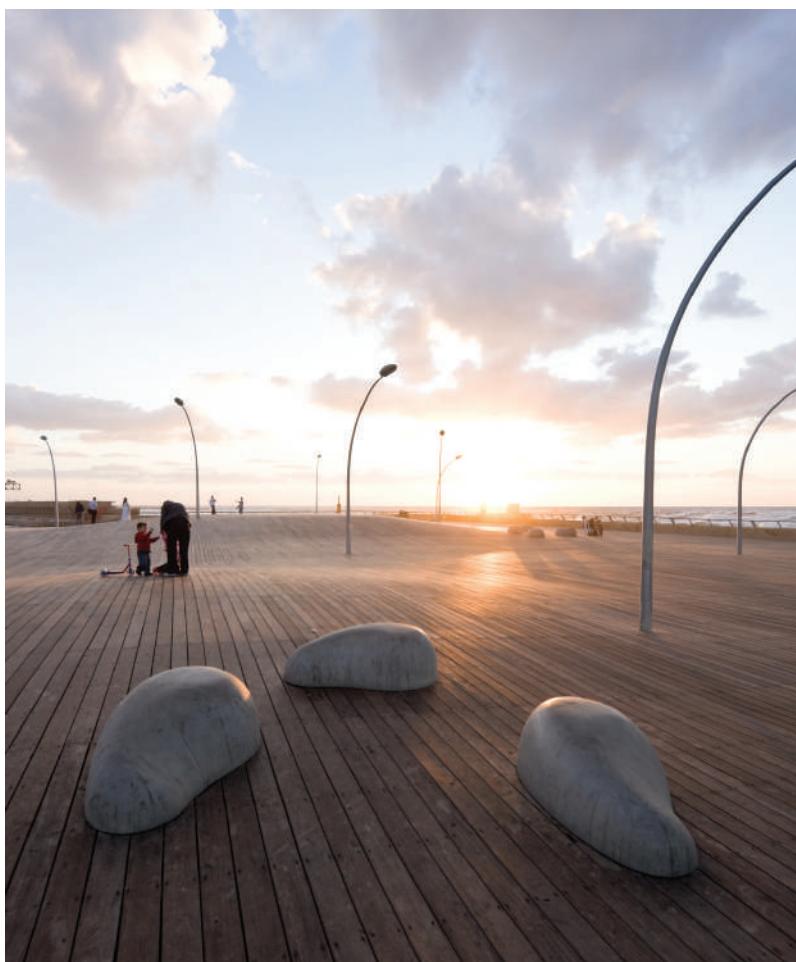
The architects viewed the project as a unique opportunity to construct a public space which challenges the common contrast between private and public development, and suggests a new agenda of hospitality for collective open spaces. The design, a winner of an open competition held in 2003 (entry submitted by Mayslits Kassif Architects in collaboration with Galila Yavin) was quickly brought to life by a new management, with locals and visitors flocking to the revamped port even before the project was completed.

Remarkably, despite city planning being dominated by market forces, and because of its immense popularity among the public, the project has been able to circumvent massive development schemes intended for the port's 5 hectares area. The suspension of all the area's rezoning plans set a precedent for creating an urban transformation not propelled by building rights, but rather by a unique design strategy, which renovates the existing hangars and invests in the public space regeneration.

The design introduces an extensive undulating, non-hierarchical surface, that acts both as a reflection of the mythological dunes on which the port was built, and as an open invitation to free interpretations and unstructured activities. Various public and social initiatives – from spontaneous rallies to artistic endeavors and public acts of solidarity – are now drawn to this unique urban platform, indicating the project's success in reinventing the port as a vibrant public sphere.

Nowadays when approximately 2.5 million people visit the Tel Aviv Port every year – a record number for a metropolitan area spanning 1 million residents, in a country of 7 million – the port's public spaces renewal is considered one of the most influential project of its kind in Tel Aviv. Alongside receiving international recognition and several prestigious architectural awards, such as the Rosa Barba European Landscape Prize for 2010, it receives great affection from the public and is ranked as the most beloved recreation space by the inhabitants of Tel Aviv's metropolitan area. Being a new urban landmark which revives the city's waterfront, the project became a trigger for a series of public space projects along Tel Aviv's shoreline which altogether revolutionize the city's connection to its waterfront.









Tel Aviv Port Public Space Rejuvenation by Mayslits Kassif Architects

The transformation of the once forgotten harbor reconnects Tel Aviv with the Mediterranean Sea. An undulating wooden platform creates an "urban living room".

Occasionally, in the span of a city's lifetime, an old and derelict part of it is rediscovered as a new center of attraction in the urban fabric. Such a rare moment, which happens once every decade or two, manifests a city's rejuvenation, as a once forgotten place becomes a vivid part of urban life. Residents are drawn to this revitalized space and visitors come there to experience an urban icon. It revives the areas around it, surfaces constantly in the media and becomes a desired location for social events. Such transformations are the foundations on which cities reinvents themselves, not only physically but also symbolically, as the image of the city changes and will never be the same again.

1936

The realization that the ever growing city of Tel Aviv needed a proper seaport led in 1936 to a decision to build a new harbor. The selected location was the Yarkon Estuary, north of the young city. No one imagined that the future would see the small city grow into a thriving metropolis and that the remote estuary would become the heart of a metropolitan area with a population of one million. Several years were needed to understand that the port did not live up to its expectations. It was too small and difficult to access from the sea. Its deterioration was inevitable and by 1965 all commercial activities in the port had ceased, leaving the city with a neglected area for nearly half a century. The unique nature of the land made it the focus of dozens of plans suggesting massive real estate development and the construction of high-rise residential towers and corporate buildings. Plans, schemes and international competitions were proposed and entrepreneurs and architects came up with various visions for the site. Its potential, though suspended was obvious, but for Tel Aviv's residents it was a place to visit only if one was looking for ceramic tiles at bargain prices.

2001

A pivotal occurrence in the port's history took place in 2001 when Marine Trust Ltd. changed its management. A new generation of people, motivated by sustainability and a sociocultural perception took it upon themselves to navigate the port towards a brighter future. Shortly after, a new vision for the area, promoting it as a public space connecting the

city fabric with its seafront, was compiled and a competition was announced. Instead of developing the area by new construction and real estate enterprise, a different agenda was put forward: re-using existing buildings and, more importantly, investing resources in the development of an open space for public use.

Public Competition

The public competition in 2003 to design the open spaces of the port proved to be a turning point for the port's future. In our winning proposal, together with architect Galila Yavin, we suggested a hybrid space that combines the qualities of the informal beach environment with the ever-present texture of the city. We hoped that the creation of a fresh, inspiring, abstract urban platform would act as a trigger for some new forms of urban and social culture.

Urban living room

The concept of the "urban living room" was developed as part of the attempt to challenge the clear gap between private and public spaces by developing a new agenda of hospitality. The team was searching for a "moving" urban moment, a moment that unites motion and emotion – an urban surface that enhances the visitors' sensations – where simplicity coexists with the open space and the city's edge meets the horizon. In this "urban salon" we tried to achieve a new type of sphere for public expression. A space that is not bound to symbols of tradition, detached from hierarchy and order – a liminal space where patterns of behavior are created organically, as time progresses, and are in a constant state of change. It is a space that belongs to everyone and no one, equally.

Shortly after the first stages of the rejuvenated port were opened to the public, people from all walks of life gravitated to the new urban space, eager to experience the multitude of possibilities offered by the new relationship between the city and the Mediterranean Sea. Almost three million people visit the Tel Aviv Port every year, an unprecedented figure for a metropolitan population of one million residents and a country of seven million.

The large, open, undulating platform has become a host for anyone who wishes to be alone or in a crowd: to run, ride a bike, watch the sun set and rise, get married, sunbathe, sit, stand, eat, practice yoga, go fishing, or just simply be there.

Specificity, Abstraction and Joy

The tools the team developed in this project were part of our ongoing research, which rethinks the familiar relationship between the environment and its users. Perceiving the user as an active reader and attempting to encourage vital use of spa-

ce leads to the search of an environment which is constantly open to interpretation, while offering a variety of ways to interact and experience space. Therefore, the design team was preoccupied with the issues of specificity, abstraction and joy, as an alternative to the passive preconceived interpretation of the familiar, the project aimed to evoke a fresh and sensual experience and an exciting physical and intellectual exploration.

Material manifestation

The material manifestation of the project was persistently the focus of our attention. Our primary goal, in this aspect, was to create a vast wooden surface that would unify all parts of the port by using a material that encourages contact and intimacy. Our second goal was to create a distinctive, yet subtle, vocabulary that maintains the values we wished to achieve: a lack of hierarchy, a sensual materiality and a clear level of abstraction in all of the project's elements. Standard "off-the-shelf" products were found unsuitable and a new set of words and elements was conceived:

Dunes. Inspired by the sand dunes on which Tel Aviv was built, we proposed the wooden decks as an undulating, curvaceous surface. In the move from computer modeling to real life, we used small scale models made of balsa wood to explore the way in which the planks would be placed and bent, but we quickly decided to build a life-size model on site to test all aspects of the design and technology. This model proved a nice surprise: in its actual size, the wood turned out to be rather flexible and its performance exceeded our expectations, which gave us the confidence to start constructing the 14.000 square meters of dune-scape decking.

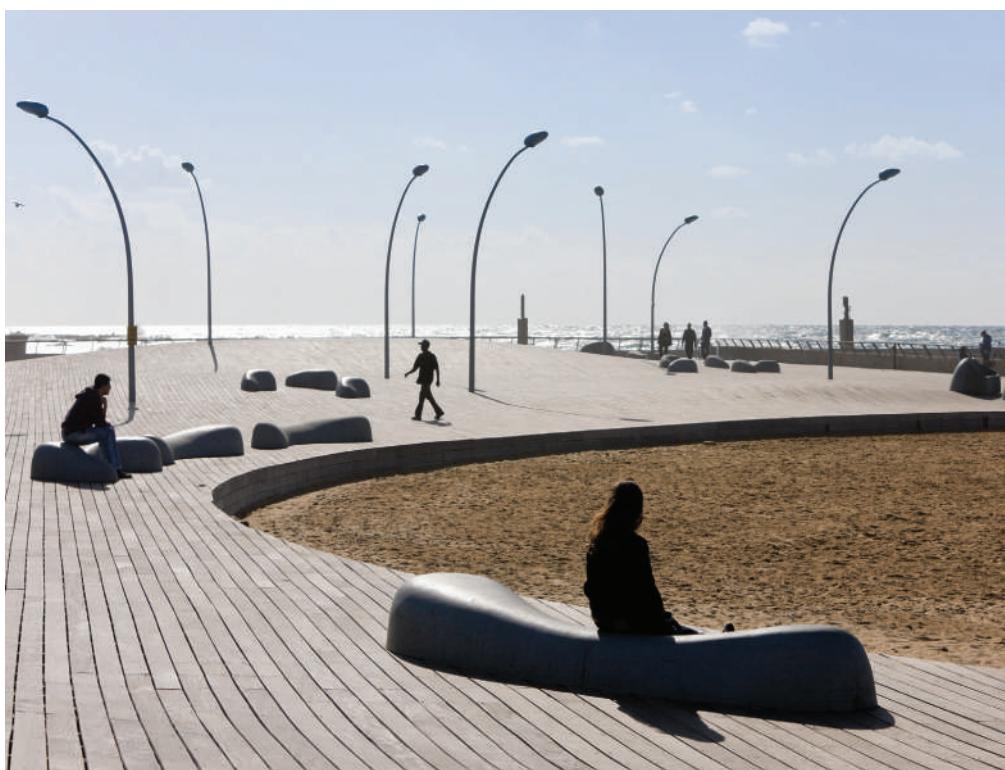
Boolboos pebbles. The unique nature of the wooden texture made it possible to think of it not only as a walking platform but also as a sitting and lounging surface. Therefore, we designed abstract rounded objects named "Boolboos" out of molded Glass Reinforced Concrete (GRC). The large pebbles turned into playful objects, open to various interactions such as sitting, leaning, sliding and sometimes even hugging.

Soof lights. To avoid any structured and geometrical space arrangements, the lighting features were designed as tall canes and scattered all around the surface without any specific orientation, as if their composition was affected by the wind itself. The unique "field like" spatial arrangement created a distinctive silhouette to the port area. Low intensity lighting was chosen to maintain the subtle balance between light and dark, between nature and city.



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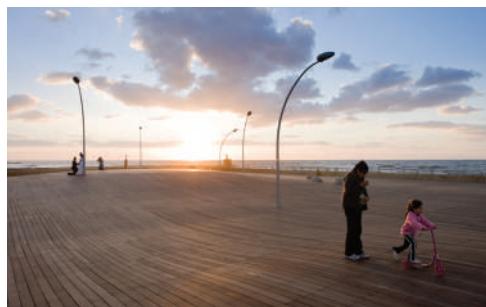
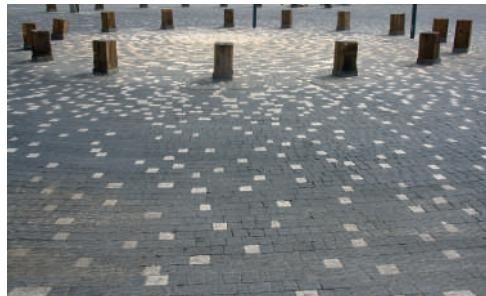




Carpets. The parking areas function as multipurpose zones, and the desire to make the entire port into a "hosting surface" led to the decision to name these areas "carpets". The polyurethane carpets were designed as huge graphic patterns, which mark and designate the parking areas not only for parking but also for large events, such as markets and festivals.

Parasols. Drawing from the beach culture, it was only natural to import some of the beach experience into the deck surface. One of the characteristics of the beach is the freedom to relax wherever one chooses simply by placing a parasol in the sand. Accordingly, the entire deck is designed as an "intelligent surface" with hidden anchors that accommodate parasols across its surface. In summertime, beach chairs and parasols are placed throughout the deck, offering the general public free seating shade.

The project's success has instigated a new set of public space projects along Tel Aviv's shoreline, binding the city and its waterfront. Historical seafront blockades are now being removed with a series of projects offering city dwellers the option of uninterrupted free motion along the metropolitan shoreline. Along with its regeneration, the port is gradually becoming a host to various spontaneous organizations, artistic endeavors, public petitions and diverse acts of solidarity, from public weddings to clear water campaigns. These spontaneous events, more than anything, are signs for us that the port area is more than another collective public space. As we had hoped for and aspired to, it has become not only a public space but, more importantly, a vital public sphere.









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Encuadres de fragmentos: sobre la obra presentada en la VI Bienal Europea de Paisaje

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El VI catálogo de la Bienal Europea de Paisaje muestra 267 proyectos de la obra total presentada por profesionales que se dedican al proyecto del espacio abierto. Este espacio que suele ser denominado libre o verde, en este caso es sobre todo público, una característica identitaria de la manera de hacer Europea. Pues, las obras que se exhiben aquí -sencillas o complejas, de diverso repertorio instrumental, y sin embargo todas bien implementadas, ya que para poder desplegarse han necesitado conocer datos y narrativas, historia y deseos sobre el lugar a transformar- se han de entender como intentos de defender el espacio abierto, el lugar por excelencia del despliegue cultural pero, a la vez, el lugar de permanencia variable de la naturaleza y sus sistemas. Los proyectos enseñan de algún modo la amplitud de la cultura de la intervención en el paisaje: unos yendo sobre seguro, otros tensionando la noción de la identidad como algo perenne, y otros haciendo propia la exploración de lo sutil. Sin embargo, todos proponen una transformación, que es un término menos ideológico que el de la "mejora" o la "ordenación", por ejemplo y, a la vez, indica el cambio que vehicula el acto de proyectar. Proyectar pues el paisaje, construirlo, es decir, tomar opciones arriesgadas o no sobre su futuro, buscar *in situ* la complicidad de otras disciplinas que intervienen en el mismo entorno con todas las limitaciones de la compleja realidad es el rasgo fundamental de la práctica profesional del Paisajismo.

El presente texto celebra la diversidad y la calidad de la implementación de la obra de paisaje contemporáneo Europeo; es crucial hacerlo, creo, sobre todo en unos momentos de un más que probable estancamiento de la actividad en el continente. Rubrica también, la necesidad de llevar a cabo una reflexión seria sobre su fisionomía, taxonomía, evolución, e impacto ambiental y social, y como no, pensar de forma estratégica sobre su incierto futuro. Y finalmente, aunque el material mostrado en la Bienal Europea de Paisaje estos últimos años requiere muchas y diferentes lecturas sistemáticas, este texto aboga por la necesidad de ver las convergencias proyectuales que hemos detectado estos años de forma intuitiva, resultado de procesos de intensa colaboración y de aprendizaje continuo entre nosotros, convir-

tiendo muchas veces las influencias externas a préstamos adaptados a nuestras realidades. No obstante, ya que se trata de un catálogo de exposición de la obra construida en Europa me parece absolutamente pertinente no perder la oportunidad que se me brinda para comentar algunas cuestiones sobre una relación que en mi opinión es fundamental: la relación entre la obra y el cómo se representa.

Miro lentamente la obra en mi pantalla de ordenador; intento reproducir el efecto de su exposición, siempre digital. Tengo delante mio imágenes transparentes, líquidas, que enseñan la más reciente producción del Paisajismo Europeo. La obra se muestra, también esta vez, de forma directa mediante imágenes relativamente pequeñas, mediante fotografías que han decidido enviar los autores y hemos seleccionado nosotros; es decir, que la obra se muestra otra vez a través de ventanas favorecedoras que guían nuestra mirada hacia una realidad imposible de palpar pero, que deja sospechar logros y resistencias de los lugares. Hay que dedicarle tiempo como siempre. Dejo que me hipnotice momentáneamente el ritmo de proyección, la luz que emite cada paisaje. Primeros planos, detalles de pavimentos, mobiliario como manifestación de la innovación en el diseño urbano de los últimos años en el proyecto de Paisaje en Europa. También, encuadres cercanos hacia la vegetación sin miedo de mostrar innovaciones jardineras como parte consustancial del proyecto. Intento no impresionarme por los detalles mostrados como logro de una buena implementación y adentrarme en el fondo, cuando se me permite, de cada ícono. Es casi imposible, como lo es entender el proyecto desde una planta o sección.

Se puede decir que el catálogo ofrece una visión panorámica compuesta de fragmentos. No obstante, en el encuadre del fragmento la pérdida de la supervisión de la totalidad, es decir, el acercamiento al detalle, suele ofrecer una visión menos diferenciadora, ordinaria por no reconocible. Se entiende pues que los fotógrafos o los propios autores suelen confiar en el contraste o en el artefacto cuando se aproximan al encuadre concreto, ya que es el artificio que hace reconocible en la mayoría de las veces el proyecto. Sobre todo si fal-

ta su información sobre su entorno. Entonces hay que preguntarse, ¿por qué hay ausencia de planas? Será que los paisajistas confían en la fotografía para enseñar aquellos parámetros, aquellas características del proceso del paisaje que no se pueden transmitir con el dibujo técnico convencional? ¿Es que nos hemos acostumbrado y, este catálogo no es una excepción, a usar la fotografía como prueba de la realidad y el encuadre fotográfico del detalle como prolongación de nuestra manera de contactar con ella? ¿es entonces, inevitable que la mirada panorámica que ofrece este catálogo sea una mirada fragmentada? Y aún más, si las palabras frágil y fragmento comparten raíz latina, ya que ambos son derivados del latín *framen* -inis n. [o *fragmentum* -i], *frangere*, esta muestra panorámica se hace más frágil?

De ahí el título encuadres de fragmentos para indicar la visión panorámica pero sesgada de esta muestra y, al mismo tiempo, expresar una sensación que compartimos los que trabajamos en la producción de este catálogo: los proyectos se muestran como fragmentos autónomos de su contexto dando una parcial y, por eso, falsa impresión de autonomía. Esta descontextualización que se detecta, a pesar de que en su mayoría son proyectos urbanos, impide leer una de sus mayores virtudes, creo, la de articular y conectarse con su contexto, incluso recomponer la continuidad espacial, muchas veces perdida de los sistemas geográficos y naturales, un logro indiscutible del paisajismo contemporáneo. Debido al hecho que nos parece directa y "completa" la imagen fotográfica, cuya brutal influencia en la construcción de valores del sistema cultural occidental han interpretado tan magníficamente autores como Sontag, Barthes, Flusser, por comentar algunos nombres clave, la obra de forma casi mayoritaria suele mostrarse "desnuda", sin rastro de las implicaciones que producen las decisiones proyectuales más allá de los límites físicos de su ejecución. Se limita normalmente en enseñar un buen hacer de un sitio que de deteriorado, abandonado, intersticial, o expectante se deviene un lugar "singular" con nombre, pero sobre todo legible y así, reconocible, fácil de identificar y recordar. Podríamos decir que para conseguir destacar, para diferenciarse en muchos proyectos de paisaje se



utiliza el artificio en representación de la totalidad de la obra como una extraña sinédoque que traslada el peso del argumento central de la propuesta en la exposición del mobiliario o a cualquier detalle bien construido como muestra estática(?) de la materialidad del proyecto. Con la sobreexposición periodística estos elementos acaban siendo elementos representativos de la obra.

La gran presencia del artificio en los proyectos que muestra esta exposición sobre paisaje como consecuencia de todo lo anterior revela una de las grandes paradojas creo, del paisajismo contemporáneo: por un lado defiende el espacio abierto como lugar de oportunidad para que se desarrolle lo colectivo y que a la vez, este espacio vacío de funciones urbanas pueda llegar a ser un lleno biológico activo, concepto que tan bien ha sabido formular Gilles Clément; por otro, la exposición selectiva del proyecto donde el tema continua siendo el artificio en contraste con un fondo homogéneo o abstracto.

Después de la explosión de diseño urbano durante los años noventa hoy en día, hay muchas voces que critican la sobreexposición de elementos diseñados en el proyecto del entorno contemporáneo. Así, que nos podemos preguntar: ¿son signos sofisticados de convivencia entre los hábitos urbanos y la naturaleza y sus procesos o resultado de la inercia de la urbanización? No hay respuestas fáciles ni generalizables; sin embargo creo, que en el escenario actual merece la pena volver a pensar lo esencial que conlleva el paradigma del paisajismo y al que seguramente debe su éxito contemporáneo: volver a definir nuestra relación con la naturaleza integrando aquellos procesos que permiten añadir valores excluidos en el terreno proyectual definido desde la arquitectura: el cambio que incluye aceptar la incertidumbre dentro del proceso proyectual, la materialidad desde la materia viva y no solo desde la textura de lo mineral, la recuperación del confort ambiental sin el obligatorio uso de la técnica pero, sobre todo, recuperar la continuidad física de los sistemas para poder volver a hablar de estructura desde lecturas continuistas de la geografía de los lugares.

El paisajismo contemporáneo más innovador ha de seguir pues reivindicando el papel de los procesos naturales y sus efectos positivos y ha de revalorizar el fragmento natural/verde/abierto. Ya que es solo una cuestión de tiempo el poder comprobar si acabarán siendo actuaciones inconexas que usan la naturaleza en fragmento como una sinédoque más bien con objetivos pedagógicos o bien verificar sus efectos positivos sobre el ecosistema con en el cual interactúa y sobre la potencialidad de formar un sistema.

Las necesidades contemporáneas en una ciudad habitable hacen pensar que hoy en día una naturaleza domesticada ligada al espacio cotidiano es urgente. A pesar de que pueda parecer como actitud nostálgica, a modo de la "importación" de la naturaleza en los parques del XIX que muchas veces fue "en representación de", la propuesta actual habla de recuperar trazas, procesos de una naturaleza que existió y ahora se revela reinterpretada con la ayuda de un bagaje proyectual amplísimo y hipertextual, beneficio de estos últimos años que se hace constar en éste y en los anteriores catálogos de la obra Europea del Paisaje.





POROSALIQUIDAINSTABILESCIUMANÉURBANANÉRURALEINFINITA: L'impossibile sostenibilità della città non città

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Una conoscenza da lontano, eppure sempre tocante, mi ha legato con continuità alla figura di Bet Figueras, durante un periodo di ormai molti anni. Il suo pensiero è stato così importante per la cultura del paesaggio europeo, mai gridato, appena suggerito con straordinaria grazia e discrezione, eppure così ispirato e solido. Voglio ricordarla qui con voi, come una delle prime testimoni della grande nuova stagione catalana e quindi europea della architettura degli spazi pubblici, quel movimento che negli ultimi venti anni del secolo scorso ha cambiato radicalmente la scena urbana nel nostro stesso immaginario, e per essere lei stata una autrice sempre puntualmente presente in temi di grande apertura, come il Giardino botanico di Barcellona. Toccava a lei oggi parlarvi al mio posto, e io non la posso certo sostituire, perché se le dobbiamo i gratitudine per il dono irripetibile di una visione e di una scrittura sempre nuove e originali, che lei ci ha dato con generosità finché ha potuto, le dobbiamo anche gratitudine per come porgeva queste sue idee, attraverso il diaframma di un sorriso, di un profumo, di un colore poetico che davano alle soluzioni più semplici un'aura preziosa e irripetibile.

Una nuova città, del tutto diversa

Oggi, in margine a tanti progetti che abbiamo vagliato in questa sesta edizione del Premio Rosa Barba, provenienti da ogni parte del mondo, per il mio discorso ho cercato un tema rappresentativo della crisi dell'habitat contemporaneo e al tempo stesso di questa novità, la volontà così netta, così caparbia di reagire che da quei disegni emana, una specie di stato nascente che mi sembra di aver colto, una consapevolezza della rilevanza economica e sociale del paesaggio e della sua urgenza politica di essere posto come una questione prioritaria. Ho scelto alla fine il tema dello spazio delle conurbazioni, dove il progetto di paesaggio è di fronte a problematiche non note in uno stato di evoluzione molto rapida, una grande questione culturale da porre al centro della nostra attenzione attraverso uno spettro critico che deve necessariamente essere diverso da quello solo di ieri, perché una grande discontinuità si è prodotta nell'ultimo secolo ed è precipitata negli ultimi anni. Anche nel paesaggio, come in tutti i momenti di grave

crisi, a sapere ascoltare, si possono osservare in filigrana fenomeni molto interessanti di segno opposto, segnali di rinascita. Nel mio titolo uso l'espressione "città non città". Cosa è una città non città? E' difficile capirlo, è un fenomeno in piena esplosione che segue all'urbanesimo forse più forte mai conosciuto nella storia umana. Porosa (è sempre vivo il termine di Walter Benjamin), liquida (Zigmunt Bauman), instabile (molti autori), schiuma (Ugo Volli), né urbana - né rurale (Marc Augé), delle reti (Manuel Castells), infinita (Alberto Abruzzese, Aldo Bonomi), multiculturale e multinaturale (Gianfranco Marrone), quanti aggettivi per descrivere la città della nostra epoca, una città che non ha più molto a che fare con l'idea di città nella quale siamo nati, la cui sostanza sembra essere inafferrabile, indecisa fra uno stato di luogo e uno stato di non luogo. Nominare i fenomeni di dissoluzione della città tradizionale è diventata una gara fra molte interessanti teorie interpretative, con ipotesi di nuovi modelli di analisi rispetto a avvenimenti la cui dimensione e rapidità non ha paragoni in nessun altro momento storico. Lo sprawl, spazio amorfo e al tempo stesso pieno di energia, violento come una nuova invasione barbarica, fa terrore e affascina allo stesso tempo. Come sempre il caos è un ordine che non si capisce.

Vivere secondo il bene

Sono convinto che questo magma dove le parole "centro" e "periferia" non hanno più alcun senso, sia la nostra vera frontiera. Il nostro compito è di creare dei principi di orientamento, ridare significato a attività e flussi, stabilire relazioni interessanti e sistemi strategici, introdurre nuove qualità di centralità, lavorare su ogni categoria di mobilità ristabilendo il gusto e l'interesse del viaggio. Quando avremo progettato dei parcheggi che possano dirsi caravanserragli e delle piste ciclabili che sembrino corsie di un museo potremo dire che stiamo facendo un buon lavoro. Nuovi valori etici, estetici, e di conoscenza devono essere proposti per interpretare la nostra posizione in latitudine e longitudine rispetto a quella che appare come una tempesta perfetta, che sposta radicalmente lo si voglia o no la nostra abitudine dell'abitare. La crisi dell'ambiente e del paesaggio sono due aspetti distinti e fra loro concomitanti che em-

trambi agiscono su questa condizione: il primo, l'ambiente, è più chiaro all'opinione pubblica, il secondo, il paesaggio, per ora, è meno capito ed non è sentito come una priorità. Eppure la qualità del paesaggio è una delle ragioni fondative più radicate del rapporto fra noi e una comunità, e fra una comunità e un luogo, la base di quel patto dal quale possiamo trarre le direttive una moderna concezione di cittadinanza. Non ho alcuna certezza filologica per dimostrarlo, ma credo che i concetti di città e di paesaggio giungano insieme a maturità nella storia del pensiero occidentale, paralleli e coagenti, due fra i più importanti fondamenti della cultura classica greca. La polis è infatti l'invenzione straordinaria di un'istituzione umana in perfetta simbiosi fra la comunità e il suo habitat antropico e naturale. Aristotele dice nella *Politica* che il fine della polis è il "vivere secondo il bene, sia in comune per tutti gli uomini, sia per ciascuno separatamente", e che l'attaccamento alla vita è "come se vi fosse in essa una sorta di serenità (euemerìa) e una dolcezza naturale". Così è per il paesaggio: l'uomo filosofico, sia solo che associato, lo percepisce come un intimo valore etico che lo rappresenta, come se si proiettasse in esso una sorta di euemerìa. Dunque forse conviene partire da qui, fare una breve riflessione su quale sia la nostra visione del vivere secondo il bene e che parte vi abbia una parola così facile da pronunciare, bellezza, e così difficile da interpretare nel suo essere un diritto e un dovere.

Bellezza, responsabilità, comunità

Una aspirazione di armonia, di ricomposizione, di sobrietà sembrerebbe essere la chiave di un'idea di bellezza che aleggia nel nostro tempo, ma è solo una fra le tante idee latenti in una società ormai multiculturale. Tanto la bellezza è enunciata, tanto meno sembra essere realmente voluta. Naturalmente la bellezza, come ogni fenomeno legato a un profondo amore per la libertà, invece si manifesta spesso proprio dove più ci sorprende, perché più inattesa. La bellezza è creatività e talento, ma anche coraggio, è libertà dagli schemi, eresia, follia ... Ed ecco un'altra parola semplice, responsabilità, che ci trova in affanno. Riportare la bellezza a essere un valore connesso a una nostra esigenza vitale, significa assumere la responsabilità di atti di governo creativi, partecipati quanto



più è possibile ma poi capaci di essere anche scelte decisive, a volte difficili. Fatichiamo a renderci conto che questa è una condizione obbligata per una riqualificazione del nostro habitat: l'affermazione di un'idea avanzata di bellezza, che sia l'esercizio di una cultura estetica del nostro tempo, e parimenti di un'idea avanzata di responsabilità, che sia l'esercizio di una cultura della democrazia del nostro tempo.

Con "Saper vedere l'architettura", scritto a Londra in una settimana sotto i bombardamenti tedeschi prima di partire per il fronte, Bruno Zevi traccia un'introduzione all'architettura che è un monito di impegno morale e civile fra spazio e società. L'interazione fra bellezza e responsabilità, parole come pietre, ci porta a recuperare un rapporto stretto fra la storia di un luogo e la sua visione di futuro, perché si possa parlare a pieno titolo di un paesaggio. Certamente il paesaggio è parte importante della nostra storia, ma spesso non ne riconosciamo che un significato al passato remoto, cerchiamo di musealizzare un contesto, come nel dramma di Faust vorremmo fissare per sempre un'immagine immobile nel tempo. Ma il paesaggio è un processo in costante evoluzione, che richiede con continuità azioni progettuali. Paesaggio è progetto. Accanto ai paesaggi storici consacrati dobbiamo pensare anche, e forse soprattutto, ai nuovi paesaggi necessari per sostenerli, ai luoghi marginali e degradati, difendere, valorizzare innovare caratteri propri del nostro tempo. In effetti i paesaggi che hanno fatto parte della storia di Europa, dalla loro percezione al loro consumo attuale come un genere di turismo, sembrano avere esaurito una fase del loro ciclo creativo, o per lo meno sono incapaci di ricrearsi spontaneamente e di evolvere, così che sono sempre più come delle isole, diventano delle riserve più o meno protette, appunto perché giudicate beni rari e irriproducibili. Questo deficit ha la sua prima causa nell'estrianiamento da parte delle popolazioni dalla consapevolezza dei paesaggi che abitano, vivono, conoscono. Così è di molti centri storici, di plessi archeologici e industriali, coltivazioni di pregio, aree naturali. Un po' parco, un po' museo il paesaggio è vissuto sempre più come una facility, proprio in senso tematico, una parte del territorio da tutelare come valore iconico, almeno nei suoi aspetti visibili. Causa questa che non potrebbe essere più nobile ma che è segnata da una crescente frustrazione per una eccessiva estensione fisica dei beni da proteggere, rispetto alle limitate risorse umane e materiali ragionevolmente disponibili – il patrimonio paesaggistico si è molto ampliato grazie a una maggiore sensibilità -, ed è segnata anche da uno squilibrio anch'esso crescente, rispetto a altre azioni progettuali che sono proprie della fisiologia di un paesaggio, la gestione e l'innovazione.

Così dovrebbe essere oggi una nostra consapevolezza del paesaggio, adeguata al nostro tempo, un solido anello di continuità concettuale fra nuovi e vecchi paesaggi, che non possono non essere fra loro interagenti. Non c'è futuro per un paesaggio storico senza questa proiezione critica, altrimenti diventa fatalmente sempre di più uno stereotipo caricaturale, né un nuovo paesaggio può prodursi felicemente senza la consapevolezza della storia del luogo, altrimenti si traduce solo in sterili misure materiali. E' importante capire che il problema del paesaggio non è circoscritto a un immaginario agropastorale, a quanto sembra ancora non urbano o in uno stato (apparentemente) prevalentemente naturale, né limitato a un immaginario turistico. Se il dovere di proteggere il nostro paesaggio storico è sacrosanto, lo è altrettanto il compito di perpetrarne la stessa qualità nel tempo presente. Anzi i due doveri sono simbiotici, altrimenti denotano una comunità priva di memoria, di equilibrio e di progetto.

Ecco un'altra parola semplice e difficile, comunità. Il termine comunità torna con la Convenzione europea del paesaggio al centro della scena, ad adombrare la necessità politica di un cambiamento e a nutrirsi anche di un'attitudine di speranza.

As found

Dobbiamo non perdere mai il nostro compito critico ma dobbiamo anche amare il malato che pretendiamo di curare. Il punto è come percepire gli scenari del nostro quotidiano, con nuove forme che ne accettino la crescente discontinuità. Quali caratteri, quali qualità di nuova centralità sono necessari per rappresentare i nostri valori soprattutto dove vi è urgenza di nuovi paesaggi? Quanto è adeguato il nostro immaginario per interpretare una possibile inversione di tendenza della caduta di qualità dell' habitat? Cosa è in noi trascurato e represso?

"As found" è un tema-slogan geniale proposto dalla VI Conferenza di World in Denmark (Copenhagen University, Forest and Landscape, Research Group for Landscape architecture and -urbanism) tenuto a Copenhagen nel giugno 2010, che rappresenta bene un atteggiamento che io trovo quanto mai opportuno per un progetto della città non città.

L'approccio del progetto di paesaggio tende a privilegiare lo studio di relazioni, piuttosto che di oggetti fra loro coordinati, e tende in conseguenza a procedere per sistemi a scale anche molto diverse, non necessariamente continui nel tempo e nello spazio. Ogni autore creativo che si occupi di paesaggio ha sviluppato in questo periodo una visione laica delle aree di recente edificazione, un mondo con aspetti di degrado e di abbandono diffusi, molto vasto, troppo per poterlo affrontare

con mezzi finanziari idonei nella sua totalità. Per questo ci sembra giusto affrontare la contestualità dei siti, accettare il loro status "come sono", ascoltarli e accettarli come un punto di partenza positivo ("con una pietas che ricorda quella dell'Arpa Birmana", come dice Pier Paolo Balbo), "saperli vedere" ed accogliere le loro vocazioni a trasformarsi.

Questa accettazione non è cinica, anzi, coglie gli aspetti dinamici dei paesaggi urbani post-industriali, preferisce i particolari alla totalità, nasce come ricerca di un'opera aperta (Umberto Eco), sceglie il volgare e l'ordinario quando sono promettenti di implicazioni pratiche, il quotidiano invece dell'alta cultura, una ana-estetica curiosa e sperimentatrice in luogo di una estetica priva di angolo critico. Certamente è un percorso non privo di rischi, ad esempio di una indulgenza eccessiva per il vernacolo (Robert Venturi, al quale dobbiamo peraltro le due geniali intuizioni di Ambiguità e contraddizione nell'architettura e Imparando da Las Vegas, senza le quali la nostra storia sarebbe oggi diversa), ma nell'espressione libera straordinarie energie ("Il paesaggio grado zero del linguaggio in architettura", ancora Zevi). Questo è in fondo il lascito dell'ultima produzione dei grandi maestri dell'architettura (Aalto, Wright, Corbu, Mies, Kahn), di tanti autori che non potremmo definire altrimenti che paesaggisti (Burle-Marx, Barragàn, Halprin, Noguchi, Kienast, Shigemori, Pikionis, Porcinai ...) e di tanti artisti a partire dagli anni Settanta, della landart (Smithson, De Maria, Heiser), o minimali e concettuali (Serra, Morris, Trakas, Warhol, Sol Lewitt, Judd). L'obiettivo non facile di dare corpo a nuovi paesaggi è il tentativo di stabilire dei nessi condivisi di senso in quella dimensione non più rurale né urbana che caratterizza tanti insediamenti contemporanei. Sotto questo aspetto si potrebbe dire che i nuovi paesaggi, se capiti, voluti, progettati, gestiti da una comunità consapevole e partecipe, sono come i monumenti della contemporaneità, perché fissano nello sprawl riferimenti e caratteri vitali per la comunità.

Noi non crediamo che questa attitudine si possa definire come una anti-utopia, anzi. Lavorare in omeopatia con gli stessi elementi che troviamo nei nuovi contesti e vogliamo fare evolvere, lavorare in agopuntura per sistemi discreti, spesso discontinui, lavorare per informazioni e in rete, per flussi per punti e segmenti, nella speranza che punti di applicazione di risorse umane e materiali molto limitate, scelti in modo intelligente, possano generare virtuosi effetti indotti, tutto ciò ci sembra descrivere bene un'idea utopica. Le idee di identità e di ecologia vi hanno entrambe un riferimento centrale ma faticano enormemente per il momento a depositarsi in processi proget-





tuali unitari. L'imperativo ecologico, figlio della emergenza, purtroppo informa e trasforma il nostro modo di considerare l'interazione tra uomo e natura sopprimendo ogni esigenza simbolica (non è così per alcuni pensatori, tra i quali Lucien Kroll). Questo dipende dalle storie diverse della crisi dell'ambiente e della crisi del paesaggio, entrambe gravissime, spesso tra loro confuse, la prima con interpretazioni che privilegiano aspetti fisico-materiali in forza alle normative europee sulla sostenibilità, la seconda con adesioni invece estetizzanti e conservatrici nonostante la novità della Convenzione Europea del Paesaggio, che in molti paesi come l'Italia è ora una legge operante di indirizzo avanzata e colta. La via della ricerca di identità spettacolari e eccezionali, figlia della straordinaria forza della pubblicità, sembra circoscriversi in uno stallo autoreferenziale, produrre al contrario squilibrio e non aggregare, non suggerire né emulazione né attività indotte. La via invece di identità meno spettacolari sembra poter interagire bene con ciò "che è trovato" e essere promettente rispetto a nuove pratiche professionali.

Un ambito disciplinare

Il paesaggio come approccio, come disciplina, non compete con altri saperi, li integra e li completa nei processi progettuali di tutela, gestione e innovazione, è spesso dirimente nel definire un ambito disciplinare, che è necessariamente molto complesso, fra cui naturalmente sono in evidenza l'architettura e l'urbanistica, discipline creative fondamentali ma non più sufficienti per diagnosi e interpretazioni generaliste che si perdono in oggetti e misure. *Landscape as project* è una mia intervista a molte università europee afferenti a Uniscape sul progetto di paesaggio per l'attuazione della Convenzione europea (2009). Credo che il corpo delle risposte offra un'idea chiara di un'attitudine creativa, di una esperienza acquisita e di un metodo che sono quanto mai fertili e in progress: un ambito disciplinare molto ampio e variegato è in movimento in cerca di maggiori sintonie, si sente la necessità di un colloquio ininterrotto fra tutti gli attori dei processi progettuali con nuove forme di partecipazione e concertazione, dalla esperienza degli osservatori diffusi ormai in tutta Europa si tende a serrare un rapporto più stretto di interazione continua fra diagnosi e interpretazione dei contesti in cui si interviene, in ogni momento, dalla ideazione alla realizzazione e gestione. In questa visione che segue rotte polari a volte anche molto diverse – storia, geografia, economia, architettura, urbanistica, pianificazione, agraria, ingegneria ambientale, biologia, ecologia, etnologia, semiotica, comunicazione... – tutti concordano che il paesaggio è una qualità dell'habitat profondamente legata alla comunità che lo vive (o lo subisce), da difen-

dere e mantenere dove esista, da creare se sia assente o sbiadita.

Emergono alcune importanti questioni: Ci si chiede, ad esempio, come relazionare gli insegnamenti di paesaggio con quelli di architettura e urbanistica, come adattare le prescrizioni della sostenibilità all'attuazione della Convenzione, se la Convenzione possa essere proposta validamente in altri continenti (ad esempio in Cina). Fino a chiedersi – trovo molto interessante anche solo pensando all'habitat, che conterrebbe anche l'ambiente – se si possa immaginare una Convenzione internazionale più ampia che contenga anche quella del paesaggio. Ci si chiede infine se vi sia la capacità di convergere di tante discipline diverse su obiettivi comuni condivisi che non limitino la ricchezza semantica e il radicamento sociale del paesaggio, se siano sufficienti gli attuali aprocci per la formazione di una nuova scienza del paesaggio o se sia necessario crearne di completamente nuovi, sapendo però che vi è una domanda che è certamente sbagliata, chi debba dirigere il progetto di paesaggio.

Il paesaggista

L'IFLA, the International Federation of Landscape Architects, definisce le competenze del paesaggista, che sono riassunte in questo punto: lo sviluppo di teorie, linee programmatiche e metodi nuovi o innovativi per la pianificazione, la progettazione e la gestione del paesaggio a livello locale, nazionale e multinazionale;

Credo che il nostro lavoro di paesaggisti sia essenzialmente questo, cercare di evocare e interpretare quelle vocazioni della città che possono generare qualità di centralità che il mondo contemporaneo, segnato da una crescita per accumulazione, fa invece fatica a produrre spontaneamente. Questo approccio agisce, nella diagnosi come nella interpretazione dei temi, con un metodo fortemente indiziario, capace di cogliere il senso di un'evoluzione dinamica del territorio in armonia con il patrimonio e con l'ambiente, senza disgiungerla dalla cultura figurativa, oltre che materiale, del proprio tempo. Una delle ragioni di particolare efficacia che lo caratterizzano è una accezione diacronica alle diverse scale di progetto, dalle immensamente grandi alle più piccole. Opera prima, durante, e dopo i vari momenti della pianificazione di un territorio, con strategie di intervento del tutto particolari, processuali e partecipative, con una grande necessità di sperimentazione essendo le fattispecie sempre diverse e difficilmente tipizzabili, definite con decisioni in tempo e spazio reale secondo le esigenze. Suo fine è di esprimere quei caratteri carismatici nei quali la comunità possa rappresentarsi e riconoscersi. Questi caratteri devono avere una visibilità che

"buchi" l'esuberante folla di immagini che acceca lo spazio quotidiano. In questo quadro le idee di patrimonio e di ambiente sono state assunte dalla società come valori positivi propiziatori che si sono tradotti in immagini, secondo i nuovi dettati della cultura della comunicazione, molto vitali ma non privi di salti logici e di semplificazioni aberranti.

Una faccenda astrusa e complicata

Il nostro modo di saper vedere il paesaggio nelle sue nuove forme, come quelle della nuova città, non più urbana, né rurale, né naturale, deve essere illuminato da una conoscenza delle sue leggi che solo l'esperienza del progetto può cogliere nella loro integrità, di processi che dalla ideazione alla realizzazione di un'opera vedano la responsabilità di individui e comunità e poi di autori precisi, partire da sintesi di diagnosi e interpretazione delle dinamiche dei contesti in cui interviene e cogliere obiettivi che devono essere ambiziosi quanto le condizioni lo consentano. Difficile? Naturalmente. "Che imparino a pensar difficile, perché né il mistero né l'evidenza sono facili" diceva Umberto Eco (1997). Il lavoro del paesaggista non è molto diverso da quello di chiunque sia dedicato e appassionato, divorzato, da una passione di scoperta per il bene comune. La sua forza è in un approccio, una mentalità, un'esperienza basate su una visione indiziaria che ha capacità di analizzare il contesto in cui opera se già appoggiata da un'intuizione progettuale. Non è altro, in fondo, che una vocazione comune a tutti quei cittadini che si pongano in modo creativo rispetto al territorio in cui vivono, rappresentato in un modo così esemplare da un personaggio che dovremmo accogliere ad onore fra le nostre fonti più autentiche, Sherlock Holmes di Conan Doyle. Ascoltatele: "Oh, il mistero!" Rispose (Holmes), tornando di soprassalto alla realtà della vita. "Beh, sarebbe assurdo negare che si tratti di una faccenda molto astrusa e complicata, ma le prometto che esaminerò la cosa e le farò sapere se ci sono dei punti che mi colpiscono particolarmente." "Vede qualche indizio?". "Me ne ha forniti sette, ma naturalmente devo controllarli prima di pronunciarmi sul loro valore." "Sospetta di qualcuno?" "Sospetto di me stesso". "Come?" "Di giungere troppo rapidamente alle conclusioni."



Room for the River

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Throughout the centuries, space for the rivers in the Netherlands has become more and more limited. The closing of the river dikes in the mid of the 15th century were the first step. From the 15th to the 18th century the river was regulated by building dams pushing back the river to let it erode itself to navigable depth. The 19th and 20th century this work was perfected by building the smaller groynes (breakwaters) to normalize the river in its summer bed. Urbanization along the rivers did not limit the space left for the river but made the rigid corset that was already tightened irreversible. Nowadays the rivers are wedged between high dikes, while the subsidence of the soil behind the dikes is making things worse. If a flood would occur under these conditions, the amount of casualties as well as the economic and emotional damage would be huge. In 1993 and 1995 the river water reached an alarming high level and the dikes just managed to hold their own. In 1995 almost half a million people were evacuated from the river area. Climate change will effect the rivers too. Higher (and lower!) discharges will have to be met now that the Rhine will change character from a melt water/rain water to a rain water river. To meet this challenge in 2006 the Dutch Cabinet has created a package of measures called the Key Spatial Planning Decision 'Room for the River'. The main objectives are flood protection by 2015 and improved overall environmental quality in the river basin region.

Room-for-the-River is a remarkable project in many ways. After the Cabinet acknowledged in 2004 that climate change was set off and that the Netherlands had to prepare and adapt itself to it, Room-for-the-River is the first large scale adaptation project (budget 2.3 billion Euro) to make our vulnerable country climate-proof. It is to give a better flood-protection to 2-4 million people. In 2015 the Rhine braches will safely have to cope

with a discharge of 16.000 m³ per second (Now 15.000 m³/s). Safety will further be enhanced in an analogue follow-up project after 2015 that will dimension the system to discharges up to 18.000 m³ per second.

The project is also remarkable because the Dutch Pavlov-reaction to answer the new threat with another cycle of raising the dikes was suppressed. Instead the solution is being sought in giving more room to the river. There are six ways opening up to more safety. One could relocate the dikes to allow more room for high discharges. The second is making flood by-passes through the flood plains. Shaving off the top soil from the flood plain is also very effective. Lowering the groynes decreases the resistance for the water too. 'Green rivers' between new dams are a possibility also. They can act as spatial reservations that can be used in special cases but are still able to support normal land-use. And finally removing or mitigating obstacles such as bridges or old ferry piers are also a very effective ways to lowering the mean high water. The projects in the Room-for-the-River program all use a mix of two or more instruments from this six-pack of space makers. And of course as an addition the 'traditional' strengthening of the levees are employed where urgently needed.

A real trend crack is the organization of the project. In the 20th century a project like this would have been organized top-down by our Rijkswaterstaat (1) that once was dubbed 'A State within a State' by critics. Because times have changed and we need all the support that can be rallied – remember Room-for-the-River will have an even more ambitious follow-up – it was decided that the State would facilitate and finance the project as a whole but that the execution would be mostly decentralized. In that way lower governments would be able to make use of the momentum of the pro-

ject and link local programs to the water planning project. Making local governments responsible for sub-projects would lead to more customized results and in the end would be more effective and more swiftly executed than trying thing the old fashioned top-down way. A long-list of almost six-hundred possible measures to give room to the river were identified in the preliminary phase of the project. A design study was being executed to see if coherent clusters of measures could lead to more effective and/or more elegant solutions. A shorter list of potential measures were negotiated with local governments, provinces and district water boards. Those local governments that seemed most eager to take on this responsibility almost all had own programs that could only materialize by linking up with Room-for-the-River. The State budget is of course restricted to the safety goals but sometimes the way of reaching these goals can produce synergy with a lot of local spin-off. Finally thirty-nine projects that together would be able to reach the goals set were selected in the Spatial Planning Key Decision that was approved by Parliament in 2006. The SPKD Room for the River contains a general description of the types of measures, the locations for most of the measures and the expected effects. Before a measure can actually be implemented, it has to be worked out further in a planning study in which the exact location and details are determined. An environmental impact assessment is required for many of the measures, giving local residents, authorities and other stakeholders the chance to have their say.

The last reason to use the word 'remarkable', and the motive to address readers of Topos magazine, is that Spatial Quality was introduced in this project as the second main-goal, next to safety. The sub-projects and as well as the overall project have to



result in the improvement of spatial quality (including nature, recreation and accessibility). In my capacity as the State Advisor on Landscape I made a proposal to initiate a Quality-team that would advise the Rijkswaterstaat and the Minister, solicited and un-solicited, on the Spatial Quality aspects of these thirty-nine projects, a proposal that was also greeted by the local governments that were to be involved. This independent Q-team was established at the very start of the project, in 2006. We work with a rather broad definition of spatial quality. We define it as the consistency between hydrological effectiveness, ecological robustness and esthetical soundness with possibilities for recreational or urban development. If you could translate the Vitruvius triangle of firmitas, comoditas and venustas into value for the future, value for use and beauty the family resemblance is still visible. The Q-team includes an urban designer, an ecologist, a river-expert, a hydrologist and is chaired by a landscape architect. At four moments in every of the thirty-nine project the Q-team is involved, from the early start to the preliminary and definitive design where we advise on 'architectonic specifications' in the tender documents. The first three visits, discussions and advises are collegiate. The advices are send to the project-manager and the political responsible and to the Rijkswaterstaat. Our final and more formal advise is to the Minister to report if the project has the confidence of the Q-team. This is part of a more comprehensive final proofing before the budget is made payable to the local government involved in the sub-project.

The first year the complete cohort of projects had to go out of the starting blocks. That's why the Q-team has been on the job for one day a week. Our sessions are mostly held on location so that the essential field trips can be included. We try to be an ally to the designers, ecologists and hydrologists in the project teams but also a close advisor to the Project management and the Rijkswaterstaat that feels the Q-team is their eyes and ears on the shop floor. Our aim is to stimulate the formation of design teams where the disciplines can truly work together. Where possible we try to release and make use of local knowledge. All the scales have their own specific design questions. The Q-team stimulates designing through the levels of scale: from formulating the concept to crucial details (and back!).

Room-for-the-River has to report to Parliament through a special protocol. Because spatial quality is more difficult to measure or to scale than the financial of the hydrological figures of the project the Q-team brings out a yearly report where the progress is being described in detail and the projects are illustrated by design drawings.

Looking back on 2,5 years of experience we can

conclude that the Q-team is more than accepted in this technically dominated context. It forms an integral and integrative part of this decentralized project. The Q-team's effectiveness is both preventive and curative. Preventive in the sense that the large firms that are tendering for these works get incentives to hire talented landscape architects and other designers because they know they have to face the Q-team. Curative because there is no better way to boost quality than collegiate debates and we help the designers to get in an optimal position to make their contribution. Of course the real proof that spatial quality has been enhanced will be in the completion of the works round 2015. Rijkswaterstaat is currently discussing a possible role of the Q-team during the execution phase of the works.

(1) *Rijkswaterstaat, founded in 1798 as the 'Bureau voor den Waterstaat', is part of the Dutch Ministry of Transportation and Water Management that is delegated the task of the practical execution of the so-called waterstaat, this includes the construction of waterways and roads and the maintenance of these.*



About Expectations, Preconceptions and Beauty: Man-Made Landscapes in Dry Climates

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For landscape architects working in dry climates the question of what kind of landscaping is appropriate for a particular site and type of project is critical to answer. In dry and hot conditions the desire for green is no less present than in moderate climates, but its realization has a prize, both environmentally and economically. We know today that we have to depart from common stereotypes of 'green' beauty in order to create resilient and lasting projects. Influencing and changing people's perception and their subsequent acceptance of new types of designed landscapes is therefore an additional aspect of our work. We have to understand where these preconceptions and ideas about landscape beauty come from: it helps explaining people's pre-conditioning as a result of their emotional and cultural background, and it can give us clues about how to satisfy or modify them.

Our professional world is full of ideas as to how we will create functional, green and special projects for the future. It is those three attributes that are typically mentioned by clients when starting a new project, meant to ensure the design of successful new landscapes. Functional projects should be program responsive, site specific, cost effective, easy maintainable and socially responsible. Green projects should be sustainable, ecologically conscientious, culturally connected, but also in a more literal reading of the word they might have to answer to the public yearning for lush-green open spaces; and finally under the heading of Special we are asked to create artistic, recognizable, iconographic or unique works of landscape architecture. Most projects do not answer to all of these aspirations, many do not have to. An inner-city neighborhood park will have different design priorities than the landscape treatment of an interstate highway or of a kilometer-long urban traffic island.

And underlying, there is always the overriding expectation to create beautiful new landscapes. Achieving this goal is very much influenced by the aesthetic and emotional preconceptions of what we collectively perceive to be beautiful: as landscape architects our interventions are always instigated by people for people, or at least the needs of

people. The positive emotional response to a new landscape by its users and clients plays a key role in ensuring the future survival of any work.

In order to advocate new aesthetics for sustainable landscapes, we as planners of new landscapes and open space systems have to understand the concept of beauty and how we can use it: not only to please but also to change present preconceptions. Both Christophe Girot and Gerd Aufmkolk are mentioning beauty as a central argument and tool to make people understand and subsequently treasure landscapes that carry negative connotations. Strengthening the connection between a landscape's beauty and its 'usefulness' and productivity will help preserving it.⁽¹⁾ Elizabeth K. Meyer emphasizes the role of aesthetic experiences to trigger people's sense of stewardship and passion for sustainable landscapes by adding beauty as part of the architectural design language: Design that adds aesthetic experiences to the performance and understanding of natural processes.⁽²⁾

If we can convince people through our work that a desert landscape – as an example – has beauty not only because of its intense austerity and its ability to make us focus on the essential, but also because of its fragility and role in preserving biodiversity, we increase our ability to defend it against development pressures and advocate it as an aesthetic model for designed landscape projects in arid areas. Striking the equilibrium between the degree of intensive landscaping specific to the type of project and its natural setting is the most important and basic goal we strive to achieve. This is where we frequently have difficulties to convince our clients: testing beauty not on the level of aesthetic architectural design but when answering the question of what is appropriately beautiful for a particular climate, type of project and its natural and cultural environment.

What are then the reasons for the global infatuation with lush-green landscapes – preferably with some sort of water feature in it? If we want to modify the aesthetic ideal of a successful/beautiful landscape, and expand the repertoire of possible 'models', it helps to understand where our ideas

about desirable landscapes come from, at least in reference to western civilization.⁽³⁾

It was the Persians that gave us 2500 years ago the word pairi-daeza (enclosed space), describing the hunting grounds of the kings. "The Zoroastrians idealized the concept of a protected place as the origin of the world. This paradise gave us paradise, an ideal that was passed onto the three monotheistic religions".⁽⁴⁾ These hunting grounds were divided into four quarters, containing irrigation channels, a central pool, and forests for wood and fruit. The mastering of rainwater retention and the management of water runoff for agriculture held the key to survival. As a result, water was recognized and celebrated as a symbol of life, and as an expression of culture, sophistication and status. Cultivated and well-tended landscapes were associated with security and plenty, the 'wild' was feared.

The design of this earthly paradise was exported by the Muslims to the Arabian Peninsula and to the Mogul gardens of Northern India, and in Europe to Andalusian Spain. Over the centuries the original design of the hunting grounds with its trees, orchards and running water in the form of water channels and fountains found its way into the design of medieval monastery gardens, renaissance gardens and filtering down in various degrees to every other subsequent landscape design style. It was such that originally formal and spiritual yet highly utilitarian paradise garden developed into an abundantly green open space with sweeping meadows, large trees and water. The word paradise has gone far from its meaning as an earthly manifestation of heaven onto becoming a marketing concept to describe and promote a myriad of different commodities: paradise holidays, cruises, resorts, paradise golf courses and islands, to name a few. Swaying palm trees along dark-blue lakes and waterfalls are inseparable from today's public image of a paradisiacal setting and an ideal landscape. The formal design language of these open spaces varies today, but many of them require high maintenance and large amounts of water to sustain their plantings. There is probably no better example than the man-made landscapes of the desert town of Las Vegas that so concisely illustrate





the public's desire for status-laden grass-green open spaces.

The 20th century saw an unprecedented global export of western values, including its ideas about landscape beauty. It is partially because of this that we find today the same three basic landscape building components – admittedly oversimplified – all over the world: trees, grass and water. The problem is that we are asked to use them no matter where we are and what we have to design. Municipalities, private clients and corporations all want their share of 'lush-green'. And so we are coming back to the original premise that the key to arriving at more functional, green and special landscape designs – in short successful and sustainable designs – is to influence the expectations and preconceptions about what is beautiful.

As a starting point to achieve this premise it was helpful to study the existing natural and cultural landscapes that are often deeply loved and appreciated by the public. What we understood was that landscapes which are meaningful to people – whether because they are culturally and socially rooted, productive, useful, or natural – will be perceived as beautiful. Thus the elements of these landscapes can become alternative themes for new landscape designs. Examples in Israel include the ancient terraced slopes of the Judean Hills planted with olive groves which symbolize man's survival in an otherwise inhospitable environment (Picture 1), the agricultural landscapes of citrus groves and wheat fields which's order and productiveness we understand on the most basic level as the foundation of our existence; and the rock formations of the Negev desert and the forested slopes of the northern Galilee whose sheer vastness inspires awe.

From the viewpoint of our office's experience of working in the dry climate of Israel, we will present projects that generated positive public feedback and debate through site specific designs. With these projects, we focus on five different approaches: using agriculture as a design concept, creating landscapes by taking advantage of natural processes, using abstraction to fit in, blending into the background, and strategic phasing allowing for a change in public opinion.

Using Agriculture as a Design Concept: The Example of the Ben Gurion International Airport and the Ben Shemen Highway Interchange

The landscape design for the international airport of Israel exemplifies the use of agriculture as a means to achieve both sustainability and cultural identification. The landscape area of the airport is a sixty-five acres site, which includes the in-

terchange and approach roads, and a central enclosed garden (five acres). Our overall approach to the airport landscape design was to relate strongly to the agricultural landscape of the surroundings: the traditional citrus groves and agricultural fields. This was done by planting new citrus groves on a massive scale (4,500 grapefruit and orange trees). The trees are planted, as in a commercial orange grove, in rows on a grid without groundcover, and plowed once a year. Hundreds of thousands of cubic meters of soil (from the building foundation excavations) were moved to sculpt the gentle slopes between adjacent roads and ramps, creating continuous ground surfaces with little surface erosion in spite of the complex topography of the road system. It was imperative to create a low maintenance landscape for such a large planting, as well as low water consumption for most of the airport grounds.

The central garden is an abstraction of the natural region with its particular topography and its man-made agricultural development, graphically presented to the view of the passersby. The design is a clear summary of the physical characteristics of the iconographic landscape from the coastal plain around Tel Aviv up to the mountains of Jerusalem. Just as in the real landscape, the garden begins with the sea, followed by palm and citrus groves, past agricultural fields, and up to the olive groves and cypresses of the Judean Hills. As the newcomer leaves the airport, he might well travel immediately through the real landscape as it is represented in the airport garden.

For a very long time the ascent to Jerusalem has been a treasured journey for visitors and pilgrims of all denominations alike. By incorporating this experience into the garden it is hoped that the traveler will have a deepened feeling for this place wherever he may go.

Creating landscapes by taking advantage of natural processes: Afforestation Models in the Desert through Erosion Control

Once in a while we come across a project that sets out to remedy a particular disturbance without the conscious attempt to know and fulfill its potential as a green infrastructure at its outset. The following erosion control project in the Negev desert is such an example. When it was initiated forty years ago, it was mostly void of human settlement activity. Today, this area is increasingly populated by the rapidly expanding population of Bedouins who abandon their nomadic lifestyle in favor of permanent settlements, and by the expansion of existing Jewish agricultural communal settlements. The growing and very young population of these places also has a growing need for recreational open space.

In the early 1950s, the Jewish National Fund initiated this afforestation program in the Negev desert, which was expanded in the 1960s with our participation into a broad effort of plantings combined with general changes to the topography of the ravines. Without vegetation, semi-arid lands such as these are subject to severe erosion. To limit erosion in areas of strong runoff and flooding it was decided to re-grade the wadis (ravines) and plant various types of trees in the shallow bowls that were created. Low earth dams surrounded the catchment areas to prevent rapid dispersal of floodwaters. Where big floods were known to occur, simple damming methods were employed, such as the laying of wooden posts and tree branches across the watercourse. This one-time grading and planting effort with no irrigation or any further maintenance necessary is an example of how small-scale systematic alterations in land use or techniques can trigger dramatic changes of a landscape.

These changes resulted in adjustments both to the flora and fauna of the immediate area and, in time, to the region as a whole. There are, of course, debates about the ecological meaning of these changes, which are bound to bring about the loss of some species and the gain of others. In the case of the erosion control in ravines, it is felt that positive results have arisen from this practice. The new habitat corridors, which have come into existence, have been beneficial for a great number of animals and plants. In addition, these green corridors might well turn into the future parks for the growing human population, providing much needed shade for picnics and other recreational activities. This work represents one of those open-ended projects whose full potential might only be met in the future.

Using Abstraction to fit in: Negev Phosphate Works

One of Israel's major mining industries is the exploitation of the phosphates in the Negev Desert. For decades the Negev Phosphate Works had been removing these materials by open-pit mining. The result has been the creation of a desolate landscape of huge holes with adjacent waste heaps some 40 meters high. Mounting public pressure compelled the company to commission a plan to deal with the ecological and environmental damage caused by its mines.

Our strategy called for new mining procedures that eliminate the open pits by refilling them once the phosphates have been removed. The area, slope, and shape of the fill deposits are predetermined in the plan and echo the surrounding crescent-shaped geological formations. The end result is that a new landscape is created, an abstraction of its natural environment: in effect a gigantic envi-



ronmental sculpture.

Blending into the Background: Yad Vashem Holocaust Museum Complex

The design for the Holocaust Memorial was intended to create an environment of support and reflection on the past while emphasizing its connection to the present by making it feel part of the surroundings of Jerusalem. The Museum presents the tragic history of the Jewish Holocaust of the 20th Century. Bearing in mind the subject of the Museum, we felt that the design for the new Museum complex should not draw any attention to itself, and that the landscaping of the open spaces should provide the background to the experience of the exhibitions. The design had to allow for the flow of a great number of visitors through the site in a simple and quiet way, controlling the masses of people while still allowing for private and intimate experiences for the individual visitor. In accordance with the desire for a minimalist treatment of the physical surroundings of the memorials and museum, we developed an overall language of light-washed stone-paved plazas contrasting with dense plantings of trees and bushes. Based on the same palette of materials, the individual character of each plaza was defined by different interpretations of the same design elements, by using different stone sizes and finishes, and by the use of differing tree species for each space. On the larger scale the landscape design of the site integrates the complex in its natural surroundings by the choice of vegetation and materials as well as by maintaining open views from and into the grounds.

Strategic Design allowing for a Change of Mind: Park Herzeliya

The site of this large urban park in the Tel Aviv Metropolitan Area (180 acres) is a historical flood basin draining toward the Mediterranean Sea via an ancient Roman aqueduct. More than half of the surrounding town's storm drainage ends up on the site. Large seasonal winter ponds protected the land from real estate development in the center of an otherwise very densely populated area. This rare urban habitat for migrating birds and amphibians was however hidden from view and widely snubbed as mosquito breeding grounds. At the time of the first stage design we had no public support on any level to advocate a park design based on an ecological platform. As part of a public survey and a workshop we did know however what the public's wish list included: playgrounds, lawns, a lake and an amphitheater. We therefore made a strategic decision to design the first 40 acres as an active and intensively developed park section that addresses the first wave of demands of its projected users, hoping that the public would discover in time the value and beauty of

the winter ponds with their rich wildlife. The first stage park also contributed actively to this process of learning: earth mounds were created that afford viewing platforms toward the winter ponds and separate the active areas from the more quiet areas of the park and its surroundings: concrete-lined drainage channels were naturally rehabilitated, showing people the workings of the water; finally, the entire irrigation system of the park was based on waste-water use, making the extensive use of lawn justifiable.

Two years after the opening of the first stage we started construction on the second development stage, extending the park to the north past the winter ponds. The strategic phasing of the park's program fulfilled our expectations and those of the public, and it helped to change the agenda for the second phase: protecting the existing wetlands, letting people experience and learn about this particular piece of urban nature, with bird watching trails and observation facilities, bicycle and running lanes that provide connections to other parts of the site and to the town, and alternative sport attractions like a bicycle pump track.

Conclusion

As architects we strive to create successful, special, sustainable, and lasting projects. The key to achieving this goal is to mediate between the expectations and needs of clients, users and planners, and the realities and needs of the natural environment. Especially in dry climates design approaches have to be site-specific, in respect to water availability and natural processes but also in respect to people's interaction and cultural connection with these newly designed landscapes. The success and survival of these landscapes over time depends on the acceptance of the people who experience them: whether they connect to them on a social, cultural or aesthetic level, considering them interesting, useful, engaging or just simply beautiful.



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(4) Sue Freeman, Manuscript for the lecture 'Looking for Eden', Limudfest, London 2009



Verticalscapes

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Lo que hoy entendemos por parque nace en el momento en el que alguien traza un camino sinusoidal atravesando un fragmento virgen de naturaleza y descubre lo atractivo que es conseguir que nunca coincidan las direcciones del ojo y los pies, que los caminos rodeen el objeto de la visión y construyan una escenografía de la mirada y un ballet con la motricidad del cuerpo. Este interés por la "experiencia" que se inaugura a finales del siglo XVIII como tema de orden estético basada en el empirismo, cien años después la modernidad lo reelaboró introduciendo esos caminos en los edificios –Le Corbusier los llamó acertadamente "promenades architecturales" y con ellos atravesaba sus proyectos que se convertían así en naturalezas muertas cinematográficas, encontrando un duplicado del jardín pintoresco en el interior de sus arquitecturas (las ventanas-paisaje unían y separaban ambos, al exterior los jardines enmarcados, al interior las naturalezas muertas cubistas, haz y envés de una concepción que ampliaba a tres dimensiones el ballet y la escenografía sinusoidal).

Hoy, las formas sinuosas más complejas han entrado a formar parte de la arquitectura y el paisajismo incorporando nuevas referencias plásticas, nuevas técnicas y materiales, nuevos paradigmas científicos y nuevas "dimensiones", con la incorporación del tiempo como instrumento de proyección. Aún está por escribir la historia de esta línea sinusoidal en arquitectura y paisajismo pero también está aún por imaginar lo que semejante expansión de sus posibilidades espacio-temporales puede dar de sí en el futuro próximo. Algo conoceremos si miramos al lugar en el que surgen las ideas, esas incubadoras que son las Escuelas de Arquitectura y de Paisaje. La línea sinusoidal recibe en ellas, actualmente, una atención y una evolución vertiginosas. Vayamos donde vayamos, sea cual sea el país o el profesor, la escuela o la tendencia dominante, los futuros arquitectos/paisajistas ensayan y repiten inconscientemente pero al unísono un mismo gesto aún frustrado, casi nunca exitoso, pero con esa obstinación que solo da el estar abducido por una idea que "hay" que hacer, y que va consolidándose así como necesaria. Y lo que se modela con esta reiteración es algo que difícilmente puede catalogarse en los comportamientos de la "arquitectura" o del "paisaje",

porque busca obstinadamente fundir ambos, enroscarse formando hélices o nidos o cestos o tornados. Se trata de construir una entidad híbrida que solo la inercia nos permite llamarla momentáneamente aún construcción vertical o "arquitectura". Esta "entidad" vertical es una amalgama, un material a la vez natural y artificial, y busca construir una experiencia análoga a la que nuestros maestros modernos llamaban parque, espacio público, ágora, tecnificando para ello su hilazón sinusoidal. Al hacerlo, generalmente enroscándose sobre sí misma, genera no solo una naturaleza diferente, cuya manipulación permite construir programas híbridos, de ocio y productivos, explícados frecuentemente como ecosistemas, parques naturales, parques temáticos, laberintos, granjas agrícolas y ganaderas... También genera "entidades" autosuficientes y abiertas, parques energéticos que utilizan el viento, el agua, la luz o la tierra como materiales activos de construcción, capaces de almacenar energía y servir a la vez como recursos públicos y económicos.

A lo que asistimos con estos ensayos es a la disolución simultánea y sincronizada de los dos momentos álgidos de la modernidad: el rascacielos y el gran parque urbano como momentos intrínsecamente "opuestos"; a la disolución de la dicotomía entonces planteada y que hoy no está vigente, no tiene sentido como tal, pues todo, desde la vida cotidiana a los grandes titulares de las catástrofes naturales, desde lo cutáneo a lo cósmico, desde la respiración a la publicidad, nos dice que hay otro mundo al margen de las oposiciones modernas y que es ese otro mundo, su ser híbrido y múltiple, el que debe ser objeto de nuestra atención, el que se construye a sí mismo como un nuevo material –una nueva amalgama y un nuevo tiempo –el presente, nuestro tiempo, no el de otros–.

Esta amalgama vertical es en definitiva una nueva entidad, un nuevo parque ajustado a una nueva percepción y a una nueva noción de ocio: una entidad dirigida a establecer nuevos diálogos entre los humanos y los no humanos, levantar un nuevo "parlamento de las cosas", para utilizar la expresión de Bruno Latour (cuya influencia no es desdenable). En ella se da de forma privilegiada

la necesaria integración de arquitectura, paisaje y medioambiente. Es, por así decirlo, su culminación. Y en ello reside su interés, en ser a la vez origen y cristalización final de una comprensión "termodinámica" del espacio público capaz de fundir tres disciplinas –arquitectura, paisaje, medioambiente– en una nueva idea en la que tanto elementos naturales y artificiales como sistemas de captación energética sirven a una materialización híbrida. No es difícil vaticinar que veremos esta idea construida en pocos años, como resultado actualizado de un artificio proyectual con más de 200 años. El último parque será vertical, se construirá en todas las grandes metrópolis y dará nueva vida al paisajismo como disciplina del espacio público y el medioambiente.

Presentamos a continuación cuatro proyectos de nuestra oficina que suponen distintas formas de aproximación a la idea de "verticalscape".

1. Hotel M-40, Madrid

El hotel M-40 se ubica en las afueras de Madrid, en un paisaje desierto cruzado por los lazos de las autopistas, colgado en el aire sin ninguna conexión con la cota del suelo, y con entrada directamente desde la M-40. Volumen principal a modo de una montaña con las texturas y los colores escogidos del paisaje silvestre del lugar está sujeto sobre diez torres de hormigón que lo atraviesan, con las habitaciones del hotel, una en cada planta, revestidas con vidrio de alta reflexión solar haciendo confundir y desaparecer sus volúmenes. Una vez dentro la carretera atraviesa el volumen de la 'montaña' hasta la cubierta pasando por diferentes usos públicos accesibles desde el coche, y diferentes espacios públicos con programas típicos de la vida del suburbio: centro comercial, multicines, feria de convenciones y exposiciones, instalaciones deportivas, etc. El espacio central, el gran foyer, es un parque exterior cubierto, que corta el edificio en el medio y se alimenta del sol, agua (lluvia) y aire a través de grandes cráteres que lo perforan.

2. Fundación Telefónica. Centro de Ciencia, Arte y Tecnología, Madrid

El proyecto propone transformar el edificio de Telefónica de Madrid en una roca accesible por fuera y por dentro, por arriba y por abajo, en un nuevo



jardín tecnificado del siglo XXI.

Planteamos el reciclaje integral del edificio Telefónica a nivel programático, tipológico y como condensador de actividad pública en la ciudad. El objetivo no es sólo transformar la estructura original –el primer rascacielos de oficinas de España– en un gran centro de producción e investigación cultural sobre las mediaciones entre Ciencia, Arte y Tecnología, sino modificar drásticamente el carácter introvertido de las oficinas utilizando los recursos ya existentes en el edificio para convertirlo en una estructura extrovertida, pública y plenamente accesible, insertada en la trama de la ciudad a la vez como un nuevo tipo museístico y como un jardín vertical, una roca a la que subir y desde la que contemplar y conocer la ciudad: un observatorio hacia fuera y un centro experimental hacia dentro. A nivel de suelo el edificio se vacía ampliando la Gran Vía con una nueva plaza y acceso al metro. El uso de cerramientos cerámicos fotovoltaicos, generadores eólicos y la propia geotermia del metro para abastecer las demandas energéticas del centro permite equilibrar el consumo y recuperar la cubierta del edificio para usos públicos.

El programa se organiza en torno a plantas agrupadas por escalas (en homenaje al libro y película "potencias de 10" de Ray y Charles Eames): cosmos, tierra, ciudad, hombre, ADN y átomo componen sus secciones temáticas.

3. Parque Cristina Enea

La demanda de un espacio público singular y contemporáneo exige un gran gesto unificador que resuelva rotundamente no solo la conectividad entre las áreas diferentes del Parque sino entre éste y el centro histórico así como con cada orilla o barrio implicado. Proponemos materializar una secuencia espacial que atraviesa en planta y en sección el conjunto del área de intervención abrazando todas las piezas y éstas con la ciudad de San Sebastián. Un jardín interpuesto entre las cotas altas y bajas que introduce precisamente los elementos esenciales de la estética pictórica –la gruta, el agua y el puente sobre el río– para a la vez intensificar la experiencia del lugar histórico, implicar al río y sus riberas y ampliar drásticamente la accesibilidad del parque, ofreciendo a San Sebastián una topografía contemporánea y respetuosa con el jardín histórico, un paisaje que funde lo natural y lo artificial, memoria y futuro; el espacio público que activará el sur de la ciudad. La secuencia se apropiá del área en forma de media luna que remata Ribera de Loiola para abrir desde ella paso al parque histórico lanzando un Puente Parque singular que se incrusta en el seno de la colina generando una Gruta con varios ámbitos de intensidad geológica, un jardín interior que alcanza su climax en las vistas panorámicas sobre la ciudad y hacia el Nuevo Centro de Arte

Contemporáneo, atravesado a su vez por una galería pública que nos deja a los pies del puente de María Cristina y por lo tanto del centro de la ciudad. Mediante este gesto unificador la ciudad se congrega en torno a un espacio natural e histórico que aparece investido de un sentido completamente nuevo sin apenas alterar su presencia histórica.

Los materiales vivos se utilizarán para precisar y reforzar las unidades escénicas apenas apuntadas hoy en el jardín histórico y crear con las superficies añadidas nuevas unidades que integren el Urumea, el Centro de Arte y el Jardín histórico. Se utilizará el contraste topográfico para reforzar el carácter pintoresquista de éste, el más espontáneo de las riberas del Urumea prolongadas en Lau Haizeta y dotar de estructura formal al área de tabacalera, que se organiza a modo de Salón o acceso principal, trabados todos entre sí por el jardín interpuesto y el reciclado de los excedentes arbóreos.

4. Estación Intermodal, parque urbano y cinco torres residenciales, Logroño.

Nuestra pretensión es aprovechar el soterramiento de las vías y estación de ferrocarril para crear un acontecimiento urbano memorable, mezcla de naturaleza y artificio, capaz de reequilibrar por sí mismo las áreas de centralidad de la ciudad. Y hemos creído desde el principio que unificar bajo un único gesto abarcante la estación ferroviaria de Alta Velocidad y la de autobuses no sólo traerá beneficios funcionales sino, sobre todo, permitirá crear un gran espacio peatonal, un parque o colina artificial, que culmina la realización ininterrumpida de un gran anillo verde donde antes las vías segregaban la ciudad en dos.

Bajo esta colina las estaciones de trenes y autobuses conforman un "landform building" que acomoda mediante su geometría triangular las formas orgánicas exteriores y las constructivas interiores, generando en torno a una cúpula central dos naves hipóstilas craqueladas que amplían a modo de 'grutas' la dimensión pública del parque. Mientras al norte, junto a la ciudad histórica, una gran plaza ovalada acoge las actividades más intensas, subrayadas y acompañadas por la disposición de cinco construcciones verticales, hacia el sur un telón continuo de conjuntos residenciales de altura media permite un cierre amable de la intervención. Las torres, coronadas por baldaquinos solares, componen su sección como una hélice de plataformas o jardines colgantes, compartiendo con la Estación Intermodal una misma materialidad para ampliar el efecto unitario del conjunto. El Parque despliega el patrón triangular en parterres urbanos que, según ascienden, se van transformando en cultivos semirurales, pasando de riego por aspersión a goteros. El Parque,

la Estación Intermodal y las cinco torres componen así un conjunto que busca integrar arquitectura, medioambiente y paisaje mediante el desarrollo coordinado del espacio público, la arquitectura y las infraestructuras. (El proyecto formó parte de la exposición y conferencia Ecological Urbanism, celebrada en el GSD Harvard en primavera de 2009).





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In April 2010, Catalan landscape architect Isabel Figueras Ponsa passed away after a long disease. With her, Spanish landscape architecture has lost one of its main creative figures and striving personalities. She has disappeared in the year of the 10th anniversary of Barcelona's European Landscape Architecture Biennial, which involved an increasing number of colleagues from all over Europe and which positioned Barcelona and its architectural ambiance as a place for international meetings and intellectual exchange on landscape architecture. Bet Figueras was a founder of the Biennial and a key person for its success. And she is a founder in general, more even, a female "chevalier de la profession", having always been committed to various initiatives that aim at establishing and developing the discipline, such as the Master Course in Landscape Architecture at Barcelona's architecture school, approved by EFLA, and such as the Foundation Landscape Architecture Europe, set up in Wageningen, The Netherlands, as an observatory of the state of the art in European landscape architecture, and to which she was a member of the executive board. The core group of this foundation, Meto Vroom, Michael van Gessel, Harry Harsemann and myself, were convinced that for an efficient operation a close contact with events and people in Barcelona was important. During our meetings in Wageningen we admired her capacity to communicate and moderate, with a great sense of humour and a knack for making the right sort of decision. Her presence was not only valuable but also brought wit and fun. However, besides all these commitments, Bet was also a practicing landscape architect with an oeuvre that is far too less known on an international level – we are probably all familiar with the Botanical Garden of Barcelona on Montjuic, which has received several awards and has been widely published. The Botanical Garden, though, is only the tip of the iceberg, and this is the reason we want to dedicate this last presentation of the day, the practitioners' day, to Bet's career as a landscape architect and to her built work. It is more meant to be an eye-opener, as it is almost impossible to unfold a lifetime's oeuvre in a half-an-hour talk, and I have opted to talk less and show more, in order to give you a visual overview completed by quotes of Bet's credos and a tentative line through

as seen from my European point of view. Some of shown works are part of the excursion on Sunday, to which I vividly invite you as only first-hand experience can provide you with full pleasure of spatial experience.

Bet's Career

Bet was born in 1957, actually the same year as her husband Alfonso Echegaray who is with us today. As they both once pointed out, 1957 was the year in which Jack Kerouac published "On the Road". I leave the wider significance of this reference to your own interpretation, but one thing is sure: Bet and Alfonso have always been moving forward, and Bet's road was the one of landscape architecture. As a young woman, it lead her out of Spain where in the late 70s this discipline was not yet possible to study. She got her technically focused landscape training in Berkeley/ California and a wider culturalistic vision of the discipline in Edinburgh in Scotland, where she graduated. Scientific rigour and the search for solid concepts are the values she described as those she brought back to Spain in the early 80s. In Barcelona, she was plunged into the sparkling atmosphere of the emerging new Barcelona, into the works of urban renewal led by Oriol Bohigas in the run-up to the Olympic Games of 1992. Working since 1982 at the Bohigas Martorell Mackay office, she opened her own landscape architectural practice in 1985, along with María Jover, and participated in the making of the new city that was redefining its identity through the creation of urban open spaces – a new approach in urban planning and a kick-off for the understanding of landscape architecture as a resolutely urban profession, as seen from a European point of view. Among Bohigas' "golden feathers", all trained as architects, Bet was probably the only one considering and conceiving urban space as landscape architecture.

The new Barcelona – rigour of uses and the art of creating public spaces

I selected two of her early works of the emerging Barcelona that show her art of creating public spaces.

Olympic Village Courtyards

Bet realized this project together with Carlos Ferrater, and its scope consisted in breaking up the

classical Cerdá blocks in order to create an interior rambla running through them and providing the district with a new type of semi-public space. This action to turn something into something else is probably well complemented with Bet's following words: "Oriol Bohigas used to say that the architect has to take his client up the garden path. As designers we have to add something to what the client wants, on all levels. If I manage to take the client up the garden path, I have won." (original words in Spanish: "El arquitecto debe dar liebre por gato. Ha de buscar qué puede anadir a lo que el cliente demanda, desde todos los punto de vista. Si consigo dar liebre por gato he triunfado.")

Illa Diagonal Courtyard

This project was conceived together with Rafael Moneo and Manuel de Solà-Morales, and it is interesting to observe how Bet organized the spaces on two structuring levels, the one of the Diagonal street, which is defined as the level of circulation and intensive uses and which is made of hard materials, and the one of the underlying landscape, on a lower level, which is formulated as the area of stay and extensive uses, with organic, soft materials.

Her early works of this time, the open spaces for the Olympic Village and Illa Diagonal clearly depict one of her essential convictions, namely that there is no work without a reason to exist ("nada de gratuito, todo tiene una razon de ser"). Bet strives for essential creations and refutes frivolous works ("No quiero crear obras caprichosas, obras que frivolizan"). She is convinced that necessities should direct creation more than taste, and that the site's imprint is to dominate the author's imprint. In this respect, she is not looking for formal extravagancies or yet another style, as other Barcelonese designers of that time might have done, which has been ingenious in that specific historic moment and on that specific location, but unfortunately also widely and badly copied all over the world, reducing the Barcelona mindsets to formal spleens. Bet's work, as oriented to site and not to style, is probably hard to copy. The rigour of uses has to be set up in every project anew, and so is the pleasure of senses. Bet works with circulation grids and lines of contact between people and the landscape. This lesson learnt from creating public spaces can be seen in the next set of works.



Parks / people meet plants

I selected five projects, less oriented towards the surrounding architectural blocks but more autonomously unfolding their existence as parks and places where people and plants meet, and where the elements of nature are cultivated in order to enrich the artificial world of men.

Barcelona's Botanic Garden

This project was realized with Carlos Ferrater and Luis Canosa and transforms a 15 ha waste dump on Montjuic. The team won the international competition in 1989, and it took them 10 years until finalization. She says herself about this project: "It was the conjunction of ideas from the world of botany with those of landscape architecture and most of all architecture. We broke with the traditional way of displaying individual plants and went for grouping them into Mediterranean landscapes and ecosystems as you find them in reality." The aim was to display the Mediterranean type flora in a botanic garden while creating a public park at the same time. The park's new topography integrates everything: pathways, irrigation, illumination. It relies on a triangular grid that solves all at once – a morphologic approach. This project shows Bet at her best, interweaving her solid knowledge of botany and her urban experiences from public space.

Cervantes Rose Garden

Bet started this project during the final works on the Botanic Garden, in 1998. It is about the renovation of the existing 9 ha rose and scent garden of 1965. Again, the project is made from a grid, this time an existing one as of the previous garden design. Bet decided to keep it and to create within it a new vegetal landscape, new irrigation, and new urban furniture. Today the Cervantes Garden is the most important rose collection of Spain, comprising 1800 varieties. This project shows Bet at her best again, being a specialist for cultivating roses herself.

Bodegas Bilbaínas

This second renovation project involves the front terrace of a winery, designed at the beginning of 20th century, in the Rioja region. The existing terrace displayed hay lined parterres and lines of old chestnuts, and opens views onto the village of Haro, located in front of the hill of the bodega. Here, Bet created new accesses and parking lots for the visitors to the bodega, and she arranged better growth conditions for trees and shrubs. We can again observe her respect for the design of old, for the movements of people that structure this place, and how she provides for the pleasure of senses through site and motion.

Palau Robert

Another renovation project concerns an old palace, which since time has been open to the public and been turned into a green oasis in the middle of the dense Barcelona city centre. The building,

the park, the old palm trees of World Expo 1888 are all considered as cultural heritage, and Bet approaches with the same respect as we have seen in the previous projects. She again improves access and use for people, and the living conditions for the flora. The outstanding element of this design is a 45 cm high metal border that is laid around the vegetation areas in order to separate people and plants and to finally organize the whole structure of the park. Equally outstanding is the formalization of pathways, with a great sense for detailing hard works. Let me complement this project with the following words of Bet: "Every site has its essence and its history but also a moment (cada lugar tiene su esencia y su historia pero tambien momento). The car f.ex. changed completely the urban landscape, and so will current pedestrianization change our cities again. Interpreting the moment of a site is fundamental."

Tanatorio de Dalt

Bet designed the exterior spaces of this chapel of rest conceived by Ribas & Ribas. It groups funeral services and ceremony rooms in a single building that is situated on a slope of Collserola mountains in the west of Barcelona, with breathtaking views over the city and the sea. Bet created spaces of rest on a platform in front of the building, an access zone to one side, and she had the slopes covered with vegetation. Bet interpreted these spaces as a place where life and death meet, where highly artificial urban sites celebrate their exposure to the natural elements of the surroundings, where single city spaces meet the wider landscape and form a unique universe.

Small urban plots in the Ensanche / open to the wider (urban) landscape

The desire to embrace the universe can be observed throughout Bet's entire work. It is almost easy to realize on a terrace hovering over the city as we see at the Ronda de Dalt chapel of rest. It is more tricky inside the dense urban fabric of Barcelona, but Bet takes this challenge and commits herself to offer the wider landscape even in the smallest urban plot. Three small urban projects from the Ensanche show how she sets up relationships.

Sabadell Courtyard

This project is about a renovation of a building by Francesc Mitjans of 1969. The first choice Bet made was to maintain the original palm tree and other vegetation she found on site. Therefore she had to keep the levels of soil and adapt the new garden topography, while renewing its structure and materials.

Cahispa Roof Garden

This roof garden of an office building is conceived as a garden of contemplation, animated by views over the cityscape towards the wider landscape, especially the Tibidabo peak. It is also animated

also by a particular choice of vegetation and water features, complete with their textures and sounds, their seasonal changes, and their changes from day to night.

Hotel Oriental Mandarin Terrace

Bet designed this terrace for a big hotel with Carlos Ferrater and Juan Trias de Bes. It is her last realized work, inaugurated in spring 2010. The scope was to organize a Mediterranean garden in the interior of an Ensanche block situated on a concrete cover, on top of the hotel lobby, which implied heavy structural limitations and the need to integrate the central skylights. As this garden had to develop on an artificial ground, Bet decided to highlight this ground in formulating it as a tiled floor with a special texture: She took over the 2x1 proportions of the traditional rasillas, used in Ensanche patios, and developed a new contemporary tile type with a special colour palette. Accordingly, contemporary clay pots refer to the traditional Mediterranean planters. Mimosa is the main tree species. Inside this city block, the wider Mediterranean landscape is present now, and city and surroundings can be experienced as being part of the same universe.

Gardens / creating sites in the wider landscape

Bet's love for the Mediterranean garden becomes clear through these projects. The Mediterranean garden as the essence of a cultivated landscape remains for her an essential source of inspiration. For this reason I want you to have a look at her gardens, of which she has created a series for private clients, mostly situated outside the dense city on the coasts of Catalonia and Balearic islands. Here are two of them.

Margalida Garden

This private garden in Mallorca features walls as structuring elements to create and dissolve the limits of the space, which is in fact a hortus conclusus. Here Bet is opening windows and views towards the valley, is modeling light, shade, and atmosphere. Let me again quote her: "The most touching moment is when the exterior space starts to interact with the built-up. Points of contact are emerging here and there, where nature starts to be domestic, turns into architecture, while still remaining nature. It is almost magic (El momento más emocionante es cuando el espacio exterior entre en contacto con el construido y se crean esos puntos donde la naturaleza se domestica y pasa, sin dejar de ser naturaleza, a ser arquitectura. Es casi mágico.)"

Begur Garden

Another garden project, in collaboration with TenaLorenzo architects, evolves on a steep plot a hundred metres above sea level in the Costa Brava region, on the edge of the Las Gavarres mountains. Here, two landscapes get in touch: mountains with its Mediterranean forests and the sea with its huge



expanse of a water surface. The main piece to negotiate in between the two is the water basin of the garden. The whole project is about a play of contrasts: soft vs hard materials, light vs shade, introverted vs extroverted spaces, controlled and elegant vegetation vs rustic thicket.

Big landscapes / qualifying the cultural landscape

If the garden is cultivated land, and landscape architecture the art of cultivation, then this practice should not be restricted to the small scale. And as the next projects will show, Bet worked with the territorial scale of the cultural landscapes of Europe, be they agricultural or infrastructural. Four final projects show how she enriches the cultural landscape by means of punctual interventions, and that her design decisions stem from a particularly sensitive analytical approach.

Ferrer Bobet Winery

Bet says: "I want to create a relationship between the exterior spaces and the natural components of a particular locale, starting from visual and sensorial analyses. Besides the good development of plants, I'm aiming at structuralizing the site and lending it appropriate forms." As an example, this reorganization of the territory of a winery shows her capacity to move from analysis to structure and to form. This is definitely not a garden project, as the garden would be the opposed concept to the austere landscape found here, rough, steep, almost desolate. Bet went into a meticulous observation and collection work of local material to understand the essence of this landscape. Her method of interpretation consists of depicting the relationships between relief, vegetation, and built elements. Then she defined punctual small interventions: The road that served the construction of the main building is transformed into the main access road, the platform where materials were deposited turns into the parking space, small groups of selected trees are integrated into the austere landscape.

Port Ginesta

This project developed from the extension of a marina, an infrastructural zone that is primarily functional. Ports often have a landscape architectural origin, being installed in natural harbours or protected coastal strips where ships can easily moor, but with evolving technology and economy, they turned into independent structures that do not have to respect the original landscape any more. As other infrastructural works, they even refute respect to site. Even if marinas are light versions of industrial trade ports, the principles are the same. With her projects, Bet states examples for how to design ports as constitutive parts of the cultivated landscape, be they as artificial as they want, and how to integrate

these artifices ingeniously into the greater landscape context. Situated on the edge of the Garraf mountains south of Barcelona, the Port Ginesta project asked for a particular respect of the topography and stormwater drainage. Furthermore, the extension of the marina was allowed only if the public beach, that was to be consumed by the extension, would be recreated elsewhere. Bet's design proposes to decline the existing mountain landscape into the new beach, arranging it as the encounter of the rocks of the mountains with the water of the sea, the mediating element being a zone of dunes. She provides access to new beach via a driveway lined with local rocks that doesn't close off a water run-off zone but formalizes as a bridge and let the water pass underneath.

Port San Carles

This second extension of a marina is situated in the delta of the Ebro, and the landscape architectural challenge was to work with the flow of waters. The project makes use of an existent infrastructural element: A dyke had been built before and had created a zone of brackish water, which has become the habitat for a protected Catalan fish species, the Fartet. Bet wanted to conserve this zone as a habitat and consequently conceived all new constructions as floating structures, in order to not to disturb the course of the water. Furthermore, she modulated the profile of the coast line in order to even enlarge the habitat of the fish. At the end, the whole project downplays its nature as port infrastructure and highlights its existence as part of the delta landscape.

Valdebebas Park

This international competition has been won in 2009 by a team of three, namely Bet Figueras, Proap of Lisbon, and Opera of Spain. It aims at creating an 80ha park outside of Madrid, next to a new urbanization. Today, the area is characterized by agricultural land of low value, and the authorities wish for the development of a forestry park. The design proposes the park as a structure with a frame to hold it all, and with an agricultural infill of mainly citrus plantations and low budget forestry. It also proposes to observe how this area and its urbanization evolves over the next years – if the adjacent land raises in value, more budget for the park is available, and the infill can successively be changed into more sophisticated park forms. Basically, the local economic evolution will be shaping the park. Let me quote Bet again: "I don't believe in a garden that could be equally planted in Tokyo and in Barcelona. A garden that wants to be international ends up being banal because it doesn't take benefit from the paramount feature a garden can have, which is its site."

Bet's Heritage

All these projects have given you an overview

about Bet's oeuvre. Still I'm convinced that it is growing, in many ways: Spanish ports take example on San Carles and Ginesta and promote them as guidelines for best practice in the design of marinas. Valdebebas park in Madrid will hopefully be built under the auspices of the Proap office over the coming years. Bet's students of the ETSAB are spreading out in the world right now, being landscape architects in her way. The Biennial draws an ever growing audience, and our Landscape Architecture Europe network is spreading out her message. Finally, Bet's collaborators at her office, Stefania Sabatini, Valentina Greselin and Giulia Manenti, have founded their own practice, called F3paisajearchitecture, building up their own road from the one Bet took them to. All this may lend Bet's spirit to the time that is in front of us, and in need of us.

Bet as a Pioneer

I presume that the 21st century with its climate changes and shrinking resources is the one in which conflicts must be solved in another way than before. The old cowboy method is obsolete: shoot and triumph. From now on, winning means conflict solving in an open-minded, diplomatic, and elaborate way. The Dutch know a lot about this, being installed on an extremely fragile territory: they collaborate or drown. Solidarity, sensitivity, reflection, reliability, beauty – this is all Bet, these are also female qualities, and they are absolutely not restricted to women. Please share! As a female "chevalier de la profession", Bet was fighting in her very personal way, combining will-power with an unrivaled elegance and generosity. I wish that the 21st century be inspired by these values, and that Bet be our pioneer.







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La participación de la China como país invitado a la sexta Bienal Europea de Arquitectura del Paisaje se concretó en la tercera jornada del simposio liderada por el Profesor y paisajista Konjiang Yu, quien, a su vez, fue comisario de la muestra *Liquid China*, exposición que tuvo lugar en la Pedrera en las semanas previas, y durante, el encuentro.

El lema de la VI Bienal, *Liquid Landscapes*, paisajes líquidos, nos invitó a una doble lectura: a la aproximación más teórica que nos sugería la aplicación al paisaje de la tesis del sociólogo Zygmunt Bauman sobre la modernidad líquida donde nos hallamos inmersos, donde todo es flexible y cambiante, donde las antiguas estructuras sociales, económicas o, incluso, espaciales ya no nos sirven para entender el mundo, y a otra lectura distinta de la liquidez, más física y directa, que nos condujo a la revisión de proyectos de paisaje al entorno del agua como elemento central. La China líquida, tanto a través del contenido de la muestra como del de las intervenciones de los conferenciantes invitados, consiguió entrelazar con gran éxito ambos enfoques del lema bajo un único argumento, el del la recuperación del arte líquido y, yendo más allá, la del paisajismo, como arte de la supervivencia.

Bajo la fuerza de una imagen de Mao –aprovechando su energía– el profesor Kojiang Yu nos habló de la urgencia de un cambio, de la necesidad de una Revolución, la “Revolución del Pie Grande”. De manera muy gráfica nos describió la situación actual, en China y en el mundo global, del urbanismo y de la arquitectura del paisaje, utilizando con ingenio la analogía del pie vendado de la mujer china culta y urbanita, contraponiendo esta imagen a la del pie de una campesina. Y nos incitó a desvendarlo, a desatar este paisaje, al que metafóricamente hacía referencia/se refería, a desafiar los cánones estéticos establecidos que producen un paisaje estéril y encorsetado, que lo deforman hasta la ridiculez, sacrificando funcionalidad por ornamento, que lo alejan cada vez más de la belleza que conlleva su productividad. Habilmente, desde la dualidad y la contraposición: pequeño versus grande, contrahecho pero “bello” versus natural pero “busto”, disfuncional versus funcional, sofisticado y culto versus bási-

co y rústico, urbano versus rural... Kojiang Yu nos muestra cómo, a consecuencia del rápido proceso de urbanización que ha sufrido China, los paisajes productivos han pasado a ser jardines ornamentales, a ser lugares regidos por la estética del pie pequeño, apreciados por la misma élite social y urbana que rehúye características inherentes en la naturaleza como la salud, la supervivencia y la productividad.

Al llegar a la ciudad, argumenta, vendamos los “pies naturales”, canalizamos ríos para controlar la inundabilidad, pavimentamos suelos, transformamos el paisaje azaroso y productivo en un jardín ordenado y estéril, aunque “bello”. Tampoco se salva la arquitectura, deformada por edificios icónicos, tan espectaculares como inútiles, resultado de la herencia de un urbanismo de pie pequeño al que se le ha añadido el ingrediente del sueño americano, de la atracción por lo colosal. Y ante la evidencia de que con un “pie pequeño” y un “cuerpo enorme” es imposible sobrevivir, reclama con rotundidad retomar un paisajismo atado a la funcionalidad y nos urge a entender otra vez la arquitectura del paisaje y el urbanismo como arte de la supervivencia.

Al grito de la “Revolución del pie grande” el profesor Yu nos plantea dos estrategias para la supervivencia, la primera es espacial, construir infraestructuras ecológicas a distinta escala –desde el plan al detalle– que enmarquen y dirijan el desarrollo urbano; mientras que la segunda nos apunta hacia una nueva definición, una nueva estética, de lo urbano, aquella que se basa en principios ecológicos e implica sostenibilidad, un bajo coste y poco mantenimiento, la que nos conduce hacia un urbanismo ecológico.

La exposición *Liquid China* mostró el potencial de una disciplina, de una realidad paisajística emergente, que más allá de la búsqueda de modernidad, parte de una seria conciencia ecológica y nos enseña una cara distinta, la opuesta a la más mediatisada, a la que solo se hace eco de la rápida y brutal transformación del gigante asiático. Paisajes líquidos que, aunque no dejan de ser el producto resultante de este acelerado proceso de urbanización y de la crisis del agua –en cuanto a inundaciones, sequía y contaminación–, se

erigen como decidida respuesta a una incipiente preocupación sobre paisaje y medioambiente que entronca con la antigua sabiduría china en cuanto a la ordenación del territorio y a su adaptación al agua.

El comisario Kojiang Yu, no quiso enseñarnos tan solo la contemporaneidad del diseño de una arquitectura líquida que aprende de los paisajes de la China tradicional, sino ilustrarnos el concepto acuñado por él mismo, lo que ha denominado la recuperación del **arte de la supervivencia**, evidenciando el compromiso de este paisajismo naciente con los actuales retos medioambientales y ecológicos, del todo innegociables, al trabajar con un recurso escaso y vital como es el agua.

En la forma, en el diseño y desarrollo del proyecto expositivo, fue determinante la oportunidad de contar con el altillo de la Pedrera, cedido por Catalunya Caixa, para realizar la exposición. No solo la potencia del espacio y las condiciones “líquidas” de la arquitectura de Gaudí fueron el marco ideal, sino que las restricciones impuestas por el edificio también contribuyeron a conseguir una atmósfera líquida. Una serie de lienzos con la información gráfica y escrita sobre los proyectos colgaron delicadamente de un haz de cuerdas que entrelazaban las columnas pétreas y exentas. Huendo de la rigidez se desplegaban sinuosamente al llegar al suelo, como queriendo levitar sin límite de forma, longitud o directriz, intentando adquirir condiciones casi líquidas, como el movimiento y la fluidez, conformando en sí mismo otro paisaje líquido.

El contenido de la muestra, la selección de 15 paisajes líquidos más, producidos todos ellos por despachos de paisajismo y Universidades de la China, se dividieron en cinco categorías –**paisajes protegidos, parques, waterfronts urbanos, plazas y paisajes residenciales**– trabajos de escalas muy diversas, que van desde la escala territorial de la reserva natural nacional a la escala doméstica del jardín residencial ligado a la vivienda, pasando por escalas intermedias de proyectos de espacio público o de espacio colectivo terciario. Proyectos que, a su vez, se insertan en entornos con distintos grados de naturalidad, des de parajes protegi-



dos y de excelencia hasta proyectos de renovación urbana en contextos totalmente urbanizados, en antiguas ciudades, o de parques de nueva creación en crecimientos o ciudades ex-novo. Con el agua como común denominador trabajan sobre formas más naturales de contener la inundabilidad, la recuperación de antiguos humedales, la captación del agua de lluvia o el tratamiento del agua contaminada como temas clave del proyecto de paisaje.

El objetivo común de los proyectos expuestos en la categoría de **paisajes protegidos** es la protección y regeneración del ecosistema de unos paisajes extraordinarios para el uso y disfrute de los mismos como espacios educativos y de ocio. En todos ellos el agua juega un papel principal: en forma de corriente natural en un complejo eco-turístico, de una antigua laguna que se transforma para integrarse en la ciudad o de un parque de humedales, productivo en el pasado, que teje una red de ríos interconectados con zonas urbanas y agrícolas.

China ha experimentado, simultáneamente a una escala y velocidad de urbanización sin precedentes, una "era de parques". Todos los proyectos expuestos entienden el parque como infraestructura ecológica, aquélla que ofrece y condensa múltiples servicios en cuanto a la gestión de las aguas pluviales urbanas, al tratamiento del agua y al control ecológico de las crecidas. A través de proyectos de restauración paisajística en espacios deteriorados en la periferia de las ciudades se plantean alternativas a las duras soluciones de la ingeniería que, en el contexto actual de rápida urbanización, están canalizando con diques de hormigón la mayoría de ríos chinos, substituyéndolas por terrazas inundables o marismas que no sólo recrean el paisaje agrícola chino y permiten de nuevo aproximarse al agua, sino que devienen auténticos sistemas de almacenamiento y de depuración del agua fluvial contaminada. Contemplamos des de paisajes más "diseñados", donde la ordenación de una nueva ciudad aprende del legado del jardín chino tradicional para establecer estrechos vínculos con el paisaje líquido de un lago, a otros que nos hablan de lo "informal", de preparar las condiciones para que la naturaleza genere un rico y aleatorio mosaico vegetal, de biodiversidad no planificada, de belleza genuina.

En cuanto a las **plazas**, tanto desde aproximaciones contemporáneas al diseño del espacio público como del espacio colectivo terciario, de oficinas y puestos de trabajo, se pudo constatar como los proyectistas han explorado en profundidad el significado cultural y social del agua, tradicional elemento de atracción y de centralidad en los asentamientos chinos. Los proyectos apuestan

por integrar desarrollo y contexto, por establecer continuidades y interactuar de manera bella y eficiente con su entorno natural. En algunos atrios el agua se revela como elemento de transición para desdibujar los límites entre espacio interior y exterior. Mientras que otras intervenciones re-interpretan el paisaje vernacular -hoy substituido por nuevas ciudades densas y compactas- inspirándose en la morfología de estanques y diques de zarzas para que el ciudadano se reencuentre con la memoria local, o recrean una estructura de canales y balsas de laminación del agua, aprovechando las cualidades secuenciales del agua que nos remiten a lo mejor de la filosofía del jardín tradicional chino, en busca de la recuperación del significado del lugar, de la truncada relación de éste con su río.

En la ferviente competición inmobiliaria que se ha producido en China en los últimos años –donde se han construido el cincuenta por ciento de las viviendas de nueva creación– el papel del jardín ha tenido un protagonismo principal, pasando de ser un accesorio de lujo a ser una dotación esencial de la vivienda colectiva. Entre millones de **paisajes residenciales** se seleccionaron para la muestra dos proyectos, dos intervenciones paisajísticas que re-interpretan el estilo de vida chino ideal, el fengshui, para adaptarlo a las necesidades contemporáneas de sus habitantes e integrar armoniosamente la arquitectura y su jardín en el paisaje. Proyectos de urbanización que, más allá de hacer participar a las viviendas de un potente paisaje emocional, superan la escala del espacio colectivo residencial para proponer conectores paisajísticos: elementos de agua y de vegetación que establecen vínculos de continuidad natural entre el jardín privado individual y el paisaje de su contexto.

Asimismo, la revalorización del agua juega un papel clave en los proyectos urbanos del paisajismo chino, tanto en la renovación urbana de antiguos muelles portuarios como en la ordenación y diseño de **waterfronts** en las ciudades de nueva implantación; tanto por la aportación de nuevos valores sociales, culturales y económicos, como por la preservación de la belleza natural y de la integridad ecológica de este sistema acuático en un nuevo contexto urbano. La regeneración de kilómetros de frentes urbanos con nuevos proyectos de reforma fluvial han transformado los márgenes de algunos ríos en parques –en corredores verdes continuos, a veces inundables aunque siempre accesibles– o en rosarios de espacios públicos más urbanizados –plazas, paseos y tarimas para cafés, muelles de pesca y miradores– que no solo han conseguido transformar sus lugares y mejorar la calidad de vida de los residentes, sino que han implicado nuevos impulsos económicos para la regeneración de barrios antiguos de la ciudad, así como para el

desarrollo de nuevos barrios de viviendas con la construcción de equipamientos culturales y centros comerciales.

Por primera vez en muchas décadas, se ha dado la vuelta al concepto de espacio público como escaparate político y algunos de estos espacios abiertos en China no han sido proyectados, por su simbolismo y dimensiones monumentales, para ser respetados y admirados, sino que han sido concebidos para ser usados y disfrutados por la comunidad. Trabajos, todos ellos, representativos de las tendencias más recientes, obras emblemáticas de un país en transformación con un gran potencial por delante, que, desde una tradición paisajística ancestral y desde su capacidad de intervención a gran escala, pueden hacer interesantes aportaciones al paisajismo de la vieja Europa.

Se puede decir más alto, pero no más claro. Aceptamos el reto y la responsabilidad a la que el Profesor Yu nos aboca.

Los paisajes culturales que hemos heredado de nuestros antepasados son el arte de la supervivencia y son los recuerdos de nuestra adaptación a un entorno cambiante. La industrialización y la urbanización en las últimas décadas había interrumpido el proceso de adaptación y nuestros recuerdos de supervivencia se habían ido desvaneciendo.

Ha llegado el momento de recuperar la memoria y de continuar el proceso de adaptación y evolución. En este proceso, la arquitectura del paisaje tiene la oportunidad de asumir el liderazgo en la reconstrucción del paisaje adaptado al agua, tanto a las inundaciones como a las sequías, en la convivencia con el agua y en el tratamiento del agua como un tesoro. La clave es construir una infraestructura ecológica basada en el proceso del agua a distintas escalas, desde la nacional y continental, hasta la local y específica del lugar. Esta infraestructura ecológica proporcionará múltiples servicios de ecosistema, de abastecimiento, de depuración, de producción primaria o cultural.

Profesor Konjiang Yu





Wetlands Conservation and Mankind

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Wetland is the evolution of soil, water and life on earth over billions of years, an ecological landscape containing richest biodiversity in the nature, and one of the most important habitats human depend on for livelihood. Wetland provides valuable ecological homeland for the people, thus is closely linked to human living, evolution and development. From the time when life began to social development, wetland has been making contributions to mankind all the time.

Wetland is among our nature's most important ecosystems. Together with forest and ocean ecosystems, they are the pillars of our living planet. Wetland plays a major role in the regulation of climate. It regulates global climate change through sequestering and releasing a major proportion of fixed carbon in the biosphere. Wetland is the natural gene pool of many species, more than 40% of the plants and animals on earth are highly dependent on wetlands for their lives. Wetland is renowned as the Earth's Kidney, Natural Reservoir, Cradle of Life and Bird's Paradise.

Wetland is bestowed with enormous economic values. It provides not only abundant animal and vegetable food which human depends on for subsistence, but also affluent industrial raw material and energy resources. Wetland ecosystems deliver a wide range of ecosystem services that contribute to human well-being and poverty alleviation.

Wetland is the cradle of human civilization. Being the interface of terrestrial and aquatic habitats on temporal and spatial spectrum, it has witnessed the evolution of civilization and history, and the changes of nature and lives.

I_Wetlands distribution around the corner of the world

Wetlands are in every corner of the world, diverse in types, and the ecological homeland that nature favored to us. Wetland ecosystems are estimated to cover more than 1,200 million hectares. The wetland ecosystem referred here includes inland and coast wetlands (such as lakes, rivers and marshes), near-shore marine wetlands (areas of marine water the depth of which at low tide does not exceed six meters), and human-made wetlands such as reservoirs and rice fields. However, this estimate under-represent many wetland types, and further data is required for some geographic regions. Of the entire global wetlands mangrove takes about 24 million hectares, coral reef 60 million hectares. Wetlands are mainly found in tropical and frigid zones, each occupying 30.9% and 29.9% of the total area. Wetland in sub-tropical zone occupies 25%, cool temperate zone 11.9%, and 2.3% in other zones.

The world's largest wetland, Pantanal of Mato Grosso in Brazil, covers 25 million hectares. This swamp holds numerous rivers, lakes and plains, among which the plain, Amazon River and the Atlantic forests are most representative ecosystems in South America. In addition to the biggest vegetation population on earth, Pantanal has also more than 1,000 animals, including 650 bird species, 230 fish species, 90 mammals, 160 reptiles and 30 amphibians. In November 2000 it was inscribed by the UNESCO as a world biosphere reserve.

Mangrove in America is a typical tropical wetland.

Mangrove is the evergreen shrub and small arbor population growing on the tropical coastal marshes. It is also called forests in the sea for its ability to grow in the sea. The networks formed by the interwinding mangrove roots hold up sediments in the water from being flushed to the sea by tides. People plant mangroves in the intersections of land and sea to fix the coasts and protect the local residents living along the seashore from wind and wave attacks. Mangrove is known as the pioneer in soil formation for its ability in siltation which is 2-3 times faster than bare soil close-by. This is due to its well-developed root systems which can slow down the flow velocity and accelerate soil formation through sedimentation and siltation. Mangrove plantations could also form flat water where fishes spawn, animals inhabit and local people harvest wood charcoal and keep bees. Mangrove is a valuable gift granted by the nature.

Formed by seasonal floods of rivers and lakes, flood plain is widely distributed in the world. Kafue Plain in Zambia is a most typical flood plain. The Kafue River encircles vast areas of grassland, hot springs, swamps and forestland. The Kafue River begins to rise every December and reaches its peak in May next year, and the floods then fall back and the lowest water level comes in November. The rise and fall of water level makes the Kafue River Basin a unique and gifted paradise of birds where over 400 bird species inhabit. Opposite to the fickle flood plains, peatlands are rather stable and humid, such as the Asmat Swamp in Indonesia. Nurtured by gentle wind and rain,

this swamp is very rich in organic matter which has formed abundant peat resources over years of sedimentation. Peat is a versatile and precious natural resource. It can make agricultural fertilizers, fodders or additives, and be processed to building materials, dozens of final and semi-final chemical products used in building, chemical, and environmental protection areas. Additionally, peat is also an important energy reserve for its special features in being used as fuel.

The Waddenze beach, a part of the North Sea in Europe spreading along the coastal line of the Netherlands, Germany and Denmark, is wet, salty and sandy. In these areas the sea water is shallow so the entire beach is exposed at low tides. The mudflat, shoals, coastal marshes and offshore sandy islands along the Waddenze beach not only attract hundreds of seals and millions of migratory birds, but is also the most important foraging habitat for animals in Nordic area by nursing 80% plaice population, 50% sole and almost all the herring in Noordzee.

China is one of the countries in the world with the richest wetland resources. The vast, rich and diverse wetland resources in China have been playing a key role in ecological balance, biodiversity conservation, flood and drought mitigation, agricultural, animal husbandry and fishery production, industrial raw material supply, migration settlement and mitigation of population-farmland problems. China's natural wetlands (bigger than 100 hectares in area and 10m in width) cover 38.49 million



hectares (human-made wetland not surveyed), or 3.68% of the land territory in China. Wetlands in China are categorized in 8 different regions, namely the northeast, north China, middle and lower reaches of the Yangtze River, coastal marshes to the north of Hangzhou Bay, coastal marshes to the south of Hangzhou Bay, Yunnan-Guizhou Plateau, arid and semi-arid regions in Nei Mongol and Xinjiang, and Alpine wetlands in Qinghai-Tibetan Plateau. Rivers are mainly in the east, swamps in the northeast, much less wetlands in arid areas in the west, large number of lakes in the middle and lower reaches of the Yangtze River and the Qinghai-Tibetan Plateau, and many saltwater lakes and salt lakes in Qinghai-Tibetan Plateau and arid areas of northwest, where there is world's highest concentration of Alpine swamps and lakes. Many unique mangroves and human-made wetlands of sub-tropical and tropical zones are found in the coastal areas from Hainan Island to the north of Fujian. China's wetland is featured for its great variety, wide distribution, regional variation and biodiversity richness.

The first wetland resource inventory in China shows that China has four major types of natural wetland (coastal marshes, rivers, lakes and swamps) and human-made wetlands. All 40 wetland types classified by the Ramsar Convention can be found in China. Swamps are 13.7 million hectares and mainly in Sanjiang Plain of northeast, Daxinganling, Xiaoxinganling, Mt. Changbai, Ruo'ergai of Sichuan and Qinghai-Tibetan Plateau. Lakes are 8.35 million hectares and are grouped in 5 regions, namely eastern plain, Nei Mongol and Xinjiang Plateau, Yunnan-Guizhou Plateau, Qinghai-Tibetan Plateau, northeast plain area and lakes in mountains areas. Rivers are 8.21 million hectares and unevenly distributed due to topographic and climate constraints and most are in the humid monsoon climate zone in the east. Coastal wetlands are 5.94 million hectares and mainly in coastal provinces. Divided by the Hangzhou Bay, to the north there are primarily sand beaches and mudflats composed of coastal marshes of Bohai Rim and in Jiangsu province except the rocky beaches in Shandong and Liaodong Peninsulas; to the south there are primarily rocky beaches in the estuaries and sea bays such Qiantang rivermouth and Hangzhou Bay, Jinjiang rivermouth and Quanzhou Bay, Pearl rivermouth in Hekou Bay, and the Beibu Gulf. Human-made wetlands are 2.29 million hectares and mainly in water resource rich areas such as northeast, upper and middle reaches of the Yangtze and Yellow Rivers, and Guangdong.

II_The vital source of life

Wetland is the source of fresh water. The water used for human living, industrial and agricultu-

ral production comes from wetlands such as reservoirs, ponds, creeks, rivers and lakes. Wetland is the major storage of fresh water on earth for its ability to supply abundant fresh water and recharge ground water. Some 1.5-3 billion people in the world depend on ground water as a source of drinking water. Wetland is a natural reservoir for the water resource it provides on a sustainable basis. China's wetland holds around 2.7 trillion tons of freshwater or 96% of the entire fresh water resource available in the whole country. Wetland in large areas is the basis of ground water within a certain area, and stabilizes the water table in and around that area. When surface water transmits to ground water, the wetland purifies the water naturally by retaining nutrition and depositing waste, thus protects valuable sediments from being flushed into the rivers. This maintains a favorable water cycle and sustainable use of water resources.

Wetland is very powerful in water purification. It is of equal importance to maintain both water quality and quantity. While providing ample water resources, wetland is also very powerful in detoxification. Many plants and microbe growing in natural wetlands can transform toxic matters discharged to the lakes and rivers by human to nontoxic and innoxious matters and even useful matters through physical filtration, biological absorption and chemosynthesis and chemolysis. By absorbing and transforming some carcinogenic heavy metal and chemical materials, wetland can also purify the water body. *Cymbalaria halerpistes* (*Halerpestes cymbalaria* (Pursh) Greene), cattail (*Typha L.*) and reed (*Phragmites Adans.*) are widely used in disposing heavy metals such as cadmium, cuprum and zinc, which are highly concentrated in sewage. You may see by yourself that before a flood or during dry season, the water is crystal clear in many gullies, forest creeks, swamp and lakes, and natural rivers in the catchment where the soil erosion is slight, and the water in riverheads is drinkable. Experiment proves that if sewage flows through a cypress swamp before it is discharged to the river, 98% nitrogen and 97% phosphorus is purified and removed. This reveals the amazing capability of wetland in cleaning up waste.

Wetland can regulate and store water and mitigate floods and waterlog. In raining season and water rising period, wetland can divide excessive waterflow, regulate river runoff, recharge ground water, reduce flood peak, distribute flood, mitigate and control floods and waterlog, and maintain a regional water balance. Many wetlands are in low-lying areas and connected to rivers, therefore they are gigantic natural water storages in holding

plentiful water. This is particularly true to those reedy ponds, shoals and swamps possessing numerous fluffy grassroots and peat layers with high porosity, which could absorb and store excessive water like a sponge in raining seasons or water rising periods, and discharge excessive water stored in the flood periods to downstream or surrounding areas, thus mitigate the drought and the scarcity of water in downstream areas. When dealing with water, wetland is more powerful in flood and disaster mitigation than river, which often floods in heavy rain and dries up when there is no raindrop.

Wetland is renowned as the civil engineer of the nature for its role in breaking water and formulating silt. River, lake and coastal embankments, adjacent tidal flats, farmlands, fishing ponds, brine pans and villages are prone to erosion and wave strikes. Natural wetland can reduce water velocity and wallop. In riverside, lakeside and coastal marshes where many water plants such as mangrove, reed and common cordgrass (*Spartina anglica C.E.Hubb.*) grow, wetland vegetation can protect the embankments and farmlands, fishing ponds and villages. The periodical waves in coastal and lakeside areas can persistently erode the sand and mud from the sea or lake to the wetlands on the bank. The velocity and wallop of water containing sand and mud is reduced by the vegetation, and the sand and mud in the water is silted and gradually formed to new lands.

III_A treasure of natural resources

Wetland has one of the richest bio-diversity on our planet earth, containing very rich bio-resources. Though nature and man made wetland covers only 12% of the land surface, it provides living space for 40% known species on this planet. Wetland is an ocean of plants. Colorful wet meadows, green reeds, pure white water lilies and seaguard mangroves; swamp plants, salty swamp plants, mangrove plants, phytoplanktons, emerged plants, benthic plants, a vital, colorful and dazzling picture scroll is unfolded by all these various plants to us. Wetland is a paradise for birds, reptiles, amphibians, mammals, fishes and insects to inhabit and breed. Many natural wetlands provide not only a living space for aquatic animals and plants, but also a necessary place for many endangered wild fauna especially waterfowls to inhabit, migrate, overwinter and breed.

Freshwater wetland is regarded to have the richest number of species in all types of eco-systems. The freshwater wetland eco-system, such as river, lake and swamp, takes only 0.8% of the planet surface, but 12% of the animals on earth, over 44,000 described freshwater biology in record, or 2.4% of the known species on earth are found here. Of the





22,000 described fishes, more than 8,400 are from freshwater. There are over 25,000 fresh algae species in the world, some 5,000-6,000 protozoan lives in freshwater, and many more non-aquatic living things are highly dependent on freshwater ecosystem.

As one of the countries with the richest wetland biodiversity, China is very critical in global biodiversity conservation. Statistics show there are 225 families, 815 genera and 2,276 species of higher plants living in China's wetlands, taking 63.7%, 25.6% and 7.7% of the country's total higher plants respectively. These include over 260 bryophytes, over 70 ferns, over 20 gymnosperms, and more than 1,900 angiosperms. There are 6 wild floras under Class I National Protection, namely *Isoetes sinensis* Palmer, *Isoetes Japonica*, Chinese Deciduous Cypress (*Glyptostrobus pensilis* (Lamb.) K. Koch), Water Larch (*Metasequoia glyptostroboides* Hu et Cheng), Common Watershield (*Brasenia schreberi* J.F. Gmel.), Longbeak Ranalisma (*Ranalisma rostratum* Stapf), and 11 wild floras under Class II National Protection. China has many wild fauna species, and over 700 are wetland species, in which the waterfowl are the most representative wildlife population of the wetland, amphibian are the transition vertebrate from aquatic to terrestrial life, and mammal and reptile are also important types of wetland animals. According to statistics, there are more than 260 waterfowls, over 300 amphibians, over 120 reptiles and more than 30 mammals in China's wetlands. In addition, China also has many aquatic resources, over 3,000 kinds of fishes, and a variety of invertebrates such as crustacean and shrimp.

Wetland is abundant in biological resources. Aquatic (such as fish, shrimp, crustacean and alga), poultry and floral products are the main source of food for mankind. Paddy and reed that derived from wetland are of important economic values. By feeding nearly half of the world population, rice has become the most popular crop with the longest cultivation history. The rice terraces of the Philippine Cordilleras are inscribed by the UNESCO as World Culture Heritage. Wetland teems with fishes. The global fishery output is more than the total production of cattle, sheep, poultry and egg. Around 1 billion population in the world depend on fishes as the primary source of animal protein. Capture fisheries in coastal waters alone contribute \$34 billion to gross world product annually. Historically many Chinese wetland areas dominated with rivers and lakes are called land of abundance. Lotus root, Arrowhead, Chufa, Wild Rice Stem, Water Chestnut and Water Shield are edible plants growing in wetland; over 250 plants such as Rough Gentian (*Gentiana scabra* Bunge),

Oriental Waterplantain (*Alisma orientale* (Sam.) Juzepcz.), Buerger Pipewort (*Eriocaulon buergerianum* Koern), Common Burreed (*Sparganium stoloniferum* Buch-Ham), Gordon Euryale (*Euryale ferox* Salisb), Cattail (*Typha L.*), Nutgrass Galingale (*Cyperus rotundus* L.), Garden Burnet (*Sanguisorba officinalis* L.), Reed Rhizome (*Rhizoma phragmites*), Hornwort (*Ceratophyllum demersum* L.), Common Rush (*Juncus effusus* L.), can be used for medicine and therefore form an integral part of the traditional Chinese medicine; Water Larch (*Metasequoia glyptostroboides* Hu et Cheng), Fir (*Abies Mill.*), Larch (*Larix Mill.*) and *Alniphyllum Fortunei* (*Alnus japonica*) produce quality timber for us.

The ecological value of wetland in protecting species and preserving bio-diversity is irreplaceable. Furthermore, wetland provides a large number of necessary means of production and livelihood to the people. The exploitation and use of wetland resources has played and will continue to play even more important roles in driving social civilization and economic growth.

IV_Regulation Climate

Wetland plays an important role in global carbon cycle. Wetland has accumulated a large amount of inorganic and organic carbon in the ecological processes of vegetation growth and soil formation due to its special ecological properties. In a wetland environment microbe activity is weak and the soil sequesters and releases CO₂ in a rather slow process, thus forms organic rich wetland soil and peat layers which can fix the carbon. By taking 35% of the carbon in terrestrial biosphere or 77 billion tons from the global landmass, wetland ecosystem is regarded the largest carbon pool on earth, more than the agricultural ecosystem (15 billion tons), temperate forests (15.9 billion tons) and tropical forests (42.8 billion tons). Peatlands are wetlands with highest carbon fixation capacity, storing 54 billion tons or 70% of the total fixed carbon in wetlands.

Greenhouse gases such as carbon dioxide and methane accumulated in the atmosphere will exacerbate greenhouse effect and subsequently increase the earth surface temperature, thus imposes severe impact on global climate. Wetland has substantial influence on regional climate regulation, and this critical role that wetland plays has been recognized by both Ramsar Convention and the UNFCCC. The constant energy and substance exchange between wetland and the atmosphere through the water evaporation of wetland and water transpiration of foliage maintains the local humidity and precipitation. In a forested wetland much of the precipitation goes to the atmosphere through tree evaporation and transmission, and falls back to the region in the form of rain. Mor-

ning fogs emerged in swamps could reduce the loss of soil moisture. Wetland has notable roles in climate regulation, such as increasing regional air humidity, decreasing wind velocity, reducing diurnal temperature difference and lowering atmospheric particles content. Based on a survey, the regional temperature, humidity of and number of sand storms occurred in places adjacent the Bonsten Lake, which is located in arid regions in Xinjiang, is 3 °C lower, 14% higher and 25% less than places away from the lake. Wetland's ability in the regulation of regional micro-climate in urban areas is even more remarkable due to the obvious heat island effect of cities.

Sea temperature and sea level rise, and increase in storm surges associated with global warming will impose major impacts to coastal marshes. Sea level rise will submerge many estuaries, seashores, and mangroves; sea temperature rise will melt the peatland frozen soil in frigid zones and accelerate its breakdown and loss, and further exacerbate global warming. The irregular water balance between earth surface and atmosphere caused by global warming will result in extinction of many endangered wildlife and biodiversity loss. Many deltas in the world are important stopover habitats for migratory waterbirds, and wetland changes associated with sea level rise and other climate change factors will threaten the existence of waterbirds and other wildlife. Coral reefs are very sensitive to temperature variations. They may fade even there is 1-2 °C changes within a short period, and die in large areas if the temperature constantly rises by 3-5 °C. It is estimated that 27% of the world's coral reefs are reduced due to global warming, and if this continues 60% of the coral reefs will disappear by 2030.

Rice as a wetland plant is the major food of mankind and one of the most important crops in the world. Even a slight increase in temperature will cause negative impacts on rice in tropical regions of Asia. The variation in the area of rice field will change the methane emission, which will impose critical impact on rice growth accordingly. Meteorologists noted that the overall Australian annual mean temperature for 2002 is 1.6 °C above the average over a long period prior to 2002, and the drought exacerbated by warm temperature caused the abrupt reduction of rice production in eastern Australia.

Climate change imposes impacts on wetlands indirectly through altered human activities. Because the normal water cycle is disturbed by climate change especially in arid and semi-arid regions, there is less precipitation and increase in drought frequency and duration. Human response to drought is often over-exploitation of freshwater so as to meet the demands for urban and agricultural



water use, leading to less waterflow, loss of lakes and great water table variations, and eventually cause wetland function reduction and degradation, and intensify the pressure on wetlands.

Wetlands influence the climate, is a regulator of climate; at the same time climate influences the wetlands. Wetland is the indicator of climate change.

V_The cradle of human civilization

Wetland is the homeland which human depends on for survival. In ancient times when the productivity was very low, man had to depend on an environment which has benign climate, affluent water resources and fertile soil for farming, living and assembling tribes. Looking back at history we can see that the history of human civilization is the history of rivers. By providing a reliable habitat, many big rivers and alluvial plains became the cradle for ancient human civilizations to evolve. Historically the great and long-standing River Nile fostered the construction of brilliant pyramids and the ancient Egyptian civilization; the Euphrates and Tigris are the cradle of ancient Babylon civilization; the Ganges and the Indian River is the placenta of Indian civilization; and the Yangtze River and the Yellow River together created the Chinese civilization. Without wetlands, the human society cannot thrive and progress, and there will be no modern civilization and culture. While experiencing changes of nature and life, wetland also witnesses the evolution of civilization and history.

In around 5000 BC a vagrant primitive tribe walked out of the jungles of the African continent and moved to the Nile valley, and later became the ancient Egyptians. Nile is a gigantic inland river in Africa. Every summer the abundant rainfall in the upper catchment triggers the periodical floods which erode mud and plant residuals from the upstream, and change the basins and deltas along the riverside to a waterlogged land and fertile wetlands suitable for growing corn as a result of sedimentation. In searching for a suitable residence the primitive men found this piece of land of milk and honey, and resided themselves. By draining the swamps, digging ditches, building dams, planting crops, raising stocks, and growing barley, wheat and flax, they changed this land into a famous granary. Later on they opened canals, created characters and constructed the pyramids, and at around 3000 BC they created the first unitary slave state in the world, Egypt, and sustained the Egyptian civilization by making full use of the nature-bestowed annual floods of River Nile, thus became one of the few countries in the world which could sustain its ancient civilization. River Nile is the source of life for Egypt, some 85% of

water supply, half of the food production, 25% of the power generation and most tourism revenue in Egypt rely on the Nile. As quoted by Herodotus, the ancient Greek historian, "Egypt is truly a gift of the Nile". Even now there is a motto imprinted on the statue base of a God at the riverside of the Nile which reads: I am everything, the past, the present and the future.

The ancient Babylon civilization originated from the mysterious Euphrates and Tigris. Mesopotamia gave birth to the brilliant ancient Babylon. Eroded by the Euphrates and the Tigris, the rivers overflowed the watercourse and became the alluvial Mesopotamia plain. 5000 years ago the Sumerians and Akkadians moved from the hills along the riverbank to settle down at alluvial plains in the valleys, and developed agriculture by using the gifted water resources, eventually they created the ancient Babylon Kingdom, Assyrian Kingdom and the Mesopotamian civilization.

The surging Indian River and the Ganges gave birth to the civilization on the ancient Indian land. In ancient India, the Deccan peninsula was surrounded by high mountains and dense forests and possessed crisscross lakes and fertile soil. The soil brought by the Indian River and the Ganges from highland silted at downstream areas and formed the fertile Ganges River plain and delta, a vast, flat and fertile field on which people used irrigation facilities to develop agriculture and gradually changed it into a place with flourishing population and developed culture.

The Yellow River and the Yangtze River nurtured the Chinese people, and created the brilliant and long-standing Chinese civilization over the long historical process of interdependence of the Chinese people and the great rivers. Human activities could be found in the Yellow River and the Yangtze River basin as early as in the Paleolithic Age. For over 2500 years starting from the Shang Dynasty to the Northern Song Dynasty, the Yellow River basin was China's political, economic and cultural center. Right in its beginning, the Chinese civilization history is associated with wetlands.

Wetland is not only the cradle of life and source of historical civilization, but also the carrier in inheriting human culture. Wetland is endowed with profound cultural meaning and unique cultural style by human lifestyle such as fishing, collecting firewood, farming and reading. The outstanding cultural features that wetland possesses in aesthetic, educational, cultural and spiritual aspects have covered music, culture and literature realms. Wetland is a live and lush culture, and the source of inspiration for artistic creations. Wetland also created many important resorts,

tourist attractions, eco-tourism and recreation destinations for its magnificent and pretty natural scenes. The unique wetland landscapes provide people a place to understand, learn and respect the nature. The water bodies and wetland parks in the cities have key social values in beautifying environment and providing leisure and recreation spots for the residents.

Long-lasting wetlands are the living fossils of tens of thousands years. The information of biological and geographic evolution in the past and nowadays which wetland keeps is of important and unique value. It carries and records the changes of nature and life, and human civilization.

VI_A homeland where man and nature co-exist in harmony

For ages wetlands have nurtured mankind, who live, reproduce and evolve on wetlands. Wetland is a harmonious big family where water, reeds, trees, waterfowls, and fishes enjoy being together. The intervention of Homo sapiens bestowed this family with nimbus and civilization, thus formed a beautiful picture scroll. Wetland is a green land where man and nature co-exist in harmony.

Man began to know the wetland almost 10,000 years ago and the exploitation and use of wetland by man in various ways has a history of over 1,000 years. As early as 46 AC the Germans living in the lower reaches of the Weser in Germany began to use peat as a fuel. Chinese started lake encroachment and land reclamation in the Spring and Autumn and the Warring States Period. The terrace where water flows on the mountain is built by numerous laborious people who had lived on the mountains and along the rivers for generations, and an example of use of wetland for human well-being. Boundless green pastoral fields represent the protective approach which man uses the wetland. The successful construction of Dujiangyan irrigation system some 2000 year ago, which could irrigate 200,000 hectares cropland and has since changed the once waterlogged and drought-prone Chengdu Plain into a Land of Abundance, is one of the greatest applications of ecological engineering in China and the world, and another exceptional example of co-existence between man and nature. November 2000 this huge irrigation system that is centuries-old and has survived intact and functioning perfectly up to the present day, using immense advances achieved in ancient China without building dams, is inscribed in the World Heritage List as a cultural heritage, thus became a cultural treasure shared by all people in the world.

Wetland is generous yet fragile. In the past people





used to destroy the swamps, encroach the lakes and reclaim lands, control the water and divert the floods, exploit the tidal flats, in believing that man could conquer the nature, thus causing the rapid decrease of natural wetland area, the extinction of a large number of plants and aquatic animals, exacerbated soil and water erosion, and declined capacity of wetland in climate regulation. A report of the United Nations in the beginning of the 21st century pointed out that at least half of the global wetland has been lost due to exploitation and reclamation. These wetlands support the living of over 10,000 fish species and 4,000 amphibians. In Asia, wetland has long been used for growing paddy or other crops, causing damages to many primitive wetlands. The surface area of the Mesopotamian marshes located between the Tigris and Euphrates Rivers in West Asia is vanishing due to excessive water withdrawals from dams and industrial development. In North America, Europe and the former USSR 139 biggest river systems are disturbed by human activities such as dams. The area of wetland in China also declined drastically since mid 1900s because of many factors such as the increasing population, over exploitation, land reclamation and encroachment, etc. Historically China's wetland covered 65.7 million hectares or 7% of the land territory, yet a survey in 2004 shows that the currently China's wetland covers only 38.48 million hectares, or 4% of the land territory, which is much less than the world average of 6%. Half of the coastal marshes in China have gone forever, 13% of the lakes have disappeared, and 40% of the wetlands are facing the threat of severe degradation.

The conquest of nature brings us wealth but also disasters: species extinction, water deterioration, destruction of coastline, flood occurrence, global warming exacerbation, ground water salinization, the 1998 Yangtze River Floods, the 2004 Indian Ocean Tsunami, the 2007 Taihu Lake blue-green algae outbreak. The co-existence of man and nature is facing unprecedentedly severe challenges. Looking back at these disastrous natural catastrophes, people are thinking if more lakes and swamps had been preserved, if the coral reefs, mangroves, beaches had not been destroyed, and if... The conservation and wise use of wetland and the mankind and wetland in harmony is an urgent affair which bears no delay. The build-up of wetland monitoring system, conservation system, legislation system, action plan and policy, decision-making and comprehensive evaluation and adoption mechanism on wetland economic, social and cultural values is an imperative need.

The designation of wetland nature reserves began in China in the 1970s. Wetland International-Chi-

na, the first international environmental organization specialized in wetland conservation, was founded in Beijing in 1996. The China Wetland Conservation Action Plan was officially launched together by the State Forestry Administration and 16 other ministries after 6 years of efforts in compilation. The National Wildlife Protection and Nature Reserve Development Program, By 2010 China has established more than 550 wetland nature reserves of various types and over 100 wetlands parks and put 18 million hectares of land under protection, or 47% of the total wetland area in the country. Some 37 wetlands in China have been listed as Wetlands of International Importance, 173 wetlands have been listed as Wetlands of National Importance.

China also participated in the activities of several international conventions relevant to wetland conservation, those which China has acceded to are: the Ramsar Convention, the Convention on Biodiversity, the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change, the UN Convention on Combating Desertification, International Convention for the Regulation of Whaling, Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora, UN Convention on the Law of the Sea, Convention on the Prevention of Marine Pollution by Dumping of Waste and Other Matter, Convention Concerning the Protection of the World Cultural and Natural Heritage. Chinese government cooperates with many international organizations and China's wetland conservation is highly acknowledged by the international community.

VII_For the future of wetlands

Wetland has devoted and will continue to devote itself unselfishly in various ways. The existence of wetland brings to the world more security, more colors and more hopes. As described in the UN Millennium Ecosystem Assessment, all the services that wetlands deliver in supply, regulation, support and culture are closely related to national ecological security and sustainable economic and social development, and they support the sound development of human society. As a valuable and critical ecosystem, wetland is an indispensable part in developing conservation civilization. Wetland ecosystem service degradation and loss will harm the local community and individual health and well-being, and impede the economic development of countries in the world. Without a healthy wetland there will be no healthy mankind. The development of a healthy wetland ecosystem is our unshirkable responsibility. Care the wetland and care the ecosystem, we are caring ourselves. Protect the wetland and protect the ecosystem, we are protecting our homeland. Care the wetland and protect the wetland, for the future of wetland, for the future of our mankind,

let's create better environment and conditions for the wetland.



Speech on the Workshop of Chinese Landscape Architecture at the 6th European Biennial of Landscape Architecture

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Distinguished ladies and gentlemen,
Good morning!

First of all, on behalf of Mr. Jiang Weixin, Minister of Housing and Urban-Rural Development of the People's Republic of China, I'd like to extend our heartfelt gratitude to the organizing Committee of the 6th European Biennial of Landscape Architecture for the invitation. Secondly, on behalf of all the members of the Chinese delegation visiting this time, I'd like to express our sincere appreciation for the warm arrangement and hospitality of the organizing committee during the exhibition.

Co-organized by the Government of Catalonia, the Architectural Association of Catalonia and the Polytechnic University of Catalonia, the European Biennial of Landscape Architecture started from 1999. After more than 10 years' exploration and practicing, it has become the most influential professional exhibition in terms of landscape architecture in Europe, even in the world. It especially promotes and leads the theoretical research and practices in the field of European landscape architecture, arousing attention from the same industry around the world.

It is a great honor for all of our delegation to be invited as the second non-European country of the exhibition to participate in the 6th European Biennial of Landscape Architecture. Through visits and communications in the last two days, we get to know the history and the latest theoretical achievement of the industry of European landscape architecture, as well as the newest trends of the landscape development, which is a rare study and communication opportunity for all our Chinese colleagues coming this time. As for myself, I feel extremely excited to come to Barcelona, Spain this time. More than 30 years ago, no sooner had I enrolled into university and started to learn about my major than I knew about the magic designer in Spain—Gaudi. After that, Barcelona has stayed deep in my heart as the City of Gaudi. I hoped I could see the actual architectures one day. Therefore, this visit also achieved one of my teenage beautiful dreams. On behalf of myself, may I take this opportunity to thank the Organizing Committee for the invitation. Thank you!

With splendid mountains and rivers, China has a long history and a profound cultural origin. Although it only develops for about 10 years in Chi-

na, contemporary landscape gardening (landscape architecture) roots in history and traditional developing background, which attracts the world's attention with its 10 years' exploration and practices. Chinese culture of landscape architecture derives from the aesthetics of mountains and rivers in the era of agricultural civilization of China. Then by exploration and practices throughout the ages, the traditional landscape theory is developed with the essential concept of landscape architecture in modern times. The best representative works of this theory are the Classic Gardens of Suzhou (the Private Garden in Southern Yangtze River of China) and Beijing Summer Palace (the Royal Garden in the Northern China), which are on the World Cultural Heritage list by UNESCO. Especially Suzhou Garden, within limited space and boundaries, by using unique garden construction art, combines beautiful scenery of lakes and mountains with pavilions, terraces and towers, and integrates vivid natural beauty with creative artificial beauty, so that people can experience the natural fabulous mountains and rivers without going out of the city. As was evaluated by the World Heritage Committee, there're no other gardens better than the four gardens of the historical city of Suzhou (Canglang Pavilion, Lion Grove, Lingering-in Garden and Humble Administrator's Garden) to embody the ideal quality of the Chinese Classical landscape architecture. To rebuild the universe within a few feet of space. Suzhou Gardens are recognized as the model of realizing this designing thought. These gardens which were built during the 16th to 18th centuries reflect the profound conception of coming from but surpassing the nature in Chinese culture. Actually, this is the best summary of the Chinese traditional landscape architecture theory, as well as the Chinese tradition landscape culture. With the rapid urbanization of contemporary China, Chinese landscape gardening (landscape architecture) concept, which roots in the oriental traditional culture of mountains and rivers, starts to gradually contact and learn from western contemporary landscape theory. Many aspects of it develop freely like hundreds of flowers bloom at the same time, including the establishment of subjects and majors in higher education, theoretical study by planning and research institution, practices of landscape gardening (landscape ar-

chitecture) designers.

Ministry of Housing and Urban-Rural Development of China is the professional supervisor and guiding department of Chinese Government in the field of landscape gardening (landscape architecture). For many years, it has attached great importance to China's theoretical research and practice in landscape gardening (landscape architecture), trying to enhance the progress of the industry.

In terms of urban planning, landscapes and historic sites planning, building design, garden design, etc, on one hand, we positively support the landscape gardening designers to explore and innovate in the process of promoting the culture of landscape architecture, and actively advocate to expand the vision of landscape gardening (landscape architecture) from landscape shaping focusing on aesthetic appreciation to environmental shaping with the concept of ecological environmental protection and sustainable development. On the other hand, we affirmatively encourage Chinese landscape gardening (landscape architecture) institutions and persons to participate more in international communication and cooperation, and welcome foreign landscape architecture institutions and persons to take part in relative landscape gardening (landscape architecture) projects in China. Especially in 2005, Chinese Society of Landscape Architecture represents Chinese landscape gardening (landscapes design) industry to officially join the International Federation of Landscape Architects (IFLA). This kind of international communication and cooperation is getting more and more frequent. Maybe you still remember, from 28th to 30th, May this year, Ministry of Housing and Urban-Rural Development of China and IFLA successfully held the IFLA 47th World Congress in Suzhou, China. Against the background of economic globalization and rapid urbanization, the theme of the congress is Responding to Nature to Achieve Harmony and Prosperity: Traditional Inheritance and Sustainable Development. 2000 representatives of landscape gardening (landscape architecture) and relative fields from across the world got together and discussed how to pass on traditional culture and art of landscape gardening (landscape architecture), meanwhile consider protection and development, in order to achieve harmonious coexistence between human beings and



the nature and to advance the healthy and sustainable development of cities. The congress not only showed the development of landscape gardening (landscape architecture) industry of China, which demonstrated that the Chinese government has taken policies and measures to construct human inhabitant environment and to protect natural and cultural landscapes for an ecological civilization. But also it provided a platform for communication and cooperation among international landscape gardening (landscape architecture) colleagues. It is of significant importance for global landscape gardening (landscape architecture) industry, to promote its development, to expand its social awareness and influence in every country, to boost its professional education and subject development, to protect global natural environment and historic cultural heritages and to improve the ecological environment for human inhabitant and living quality.

While highly valuing the theoretical research and practices, China Housing and Urban-Rural Development Ministry also devotes in the promotion and implementation of the achievements of the research and exploration, sparing no effort to apply these achievements on the improvement of the urban ecological and living environment, the protection of Chinese natural and cultural heritages, and the raise of the standard of public civilian recreation and entertainment facilities. Landscape gardening (landscape architecture) is one of our main indexes in choosing, creating and evaluating the landscape architectures, such as the Human Inhabitant Award, Creation of National Garden Cities, building up the national management system of landscapes and historic sites, National Gardens and Flowers Fair, and so on.

Thanks to the organizing committee, we are invited to display the works of modern landscape gardening (landscape architecture) of China. With the effort of Professor Yu Kongjian, the planner of this exhibition, a series of Chinese landscape projects themed with "Liquid China" can be present during the exhibition this time. The projects presented this time consist of the natural resource, the urban park, the urban open space, the commercial entertainment plaza and the landscape of residential district, divided in 5 categories and 16 pieces of work in total. Despite the limited content, these works can be described as one drop from the sea while compared with all the exploration in many fields done by Chinese landscape gardening designers. They all have the same purpose, with more ecological, more scientific and opener mind and means, to present more landscape works which agree with the characteristics of contemporary economic development, conditions of contemporary ecological environment and the trends of contemporary public aesthetic appreciation,

and serve the society. In my opinion, this should also be the object of all the people involved in this industry. I would like to take this opportunity to share this with everyone.

Finally, I would like to thank the Organizing Committee again for the invitation.

Wish the Workshop of Chinese Landscape Architecture a great success.

Congratulations on the success of the 6th European Biennial of Landscape Architecture.

Thank you.



The Big Foot Revolution

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1. The "Little Foot Urbanism"

For more than a thousand years, young Chinese girls were forced to bind their feet in order to be able to marry citified elites. The healthy natural "big" feet, with a natural higher capability, were considered to be rustic and rural. On the contrary, the unhealthy deformed and citified small feet, noxiously deprived of its functionality, malodorous and with limited capability, were considered to be "beautiful".

Foot binding, together with the Mayan practice to deform their heads (along with many other culture body-deforming practices), were appreciated as a rite of urban initiation and urbanity.

Therefore urbanization began with a highly privileged class who sacrifices "function" in reward of ornamental and cosmetic values. This "Little Foot" value system has been used for thousands of years by the privileged urban minority to build and appreciate cities and landscapes. By definition, "Little Foot Urbanism" is the art of gentrification and cosmetics. Its superficial condition drives away the messy, fertile, productive and functional landscapes that are associated with healthy and rewarding people.

Today we bind the natural feet in the city with fashionable tinny high-heeled shoes, the same as we build a 500-year flood control dike made out of concrete to surround the city and keep it distant from the water. We build a fully controlled storm water management system that does not allow the re-infiltration of water to the aquifer before being flushed into the ocean; we replace native "messy" and productive shrubs and crops with the fancy flowers that bare no fruits and support no other species other than pleasing the human beings; We up-root the hardy wild grass and replace it with smooth ornamental lawn that consumes tons of water; We watch funny deformed puppy dogs and baby pigs running on the paved street with shining marbles and chasing away wild birds and native species ...

The urbanized Landscapes are designed with an ornamental criterion, thereupon designing ornamental buildings such as the CCTV Tower and the National Opera House in Beijing as the landmark buildings. Shanghai and Dubai are another example; almost all of the landmark buildings are crowned with some kind of ornamental fun-

ny hats. Furthermore, the whole city becomes ornamental and cosmetic with the burden of water shortage, air pollution, global warming, massive waste of land and natural resources, gaining the loss of cultural identity.

The landscapes, cities and buildings under today's "Little Foot Urbanism" trend are alike the noxious "Little Foot" girl: unhealthy, deformed, deprived of functionality, with limited capability and malodorous. "Little foot Urbanism" is a path to death. This Little Foot dream used to be limited to less than 10% high class urban minority prior to the late half of the 20th century, now becoming a massive common dream of the population. In China alone, 18 million people are urbanized each year, immigrating to the city from the rustic rural land, willing to search the furnished urban settings. These people carry the same dream: to be "urbane", to be gentrified; to keep distance from the natural functionality and to be away from healthy and productive life. When poor developing countries that follow the "Little Foot Urbanism" encounter the "American Jumbo Dream", the scenario gets even worse. To name China and India who come after the American dream of jumbo car and houses, and whatever jumbo else. So we "jumbo" the buildings such as the National Stadium in Beijing that uses 42,000 metric tons of steel, accounting for roughly 500 kg/square; we celebrate the "jumbo" CCTV Tower in Beijing that consume 250 kg/square meter; we "jumbo" the urban squares of 10 or even 20 hectares in area of pure granite pavement with ornamental pattern. Thereafter, the land can be seen as a little donkey with a heavy burden: China has only 7% of the world natural resources of arable land and sweet water with the need to feed 22% of the world's population. China inherited its own traditional "Little Foot" and additionally was attracted by the American Jumbo Dream.

It can be imagined where the Little Foot Urbanism with Jumbo Body will lead China: two thirds of China's 662 cities are in shortage of water; 75% of the nation's surface water is polluted; and 64 of cities' underground water is polluted; One third of the national population are under the threat of drinking polluted water; 50% wetlands disappeared in the past 30 years in China. How can we

survive in the future? Look carefully: such a huge brownfield of China.

2. The "Big Foot Revolution" and Big Foot Urbanism

It's time for a change! We define Ecological Urbanism as the Art of Survival! At this moment, two strategies have to be taken: Strategies that will provide the alternative and guide for sustainable cities in the future:

2.1 The Negative Approach Urban Development Based on Ecological Infrastructure across scales.

This is the spatial strategy of urban development planning that requires the planners to understand the land as a living system, where to identify an Ecological infrastructure (EI) that will guide and frame the urban development. EI is defined as the structural landscape network that is composed of the critical landscape elements and spatial patterns. EI evidences as well strategic significance in safeguarding the integrity and identity of the natural and cultural landscapes, which in turn secure sustainable ecosystem services.

By using a minimum space, EI will safeguard the following four critical eco-services:

1) Provide, which stands for food production and clean water;

2) Regulate, concerned about the control of climate, disease, mediation of flood and draught;

3) Support, related to nutrient cycles and providing habitat (suitable living space) for native plant and animal species;

4) Culture, associated to spiritual and recreational benefits. The main objective of the Negative Approach is Smart Protection and Smart Growth. As an Ecological Urbanism spatial strategy, the Ecological Infrastructure shall be planned across scales. The national and regional EI are to be planned through the identification of strategic landscape patterns (Security Patterns) to safeguard the critical ecological processes which act as a framework directing the overall regional land use planning and urban growth pattern. At a medium scale, structural elements of Ecological Infrastructure such as corridors and patches are clearly identified and drawn to guarantee the integrity of the regional scale. In a small scale, the ecosystem services provided by the regional ecological infrastructure,





will be extended into the urban fabric and guide urban design for individual sites

2.2 "Big Foot" Aesthetics: Seven projects, seven principles.

A "New Aesthetic" is required to allow the operation and appreciation of ecological urbanism: aesthetics of "Big Foot", as an alternative to the "Little Foot" aesthetics. The following five projects are designed, and five of them are executed, by the author and Turenscape in the past 10 years, demonstrating some major principals that define "Big Foot" aesthetics, based on ecological awareness and environmental ethic.

I_The Floating Gardens of Yongning Park.

Make friends with Floods:

Modern cities that follow "Little Foot urbanism" are designed against natural forces, especially the one related to water. The nature's services of the landscape, where the cities are built, are impoverished and replaced with man made services. As an alternate approach to conventional urban water management and flood control engineering that uses concrete and pipes, the Yongning Park project demonstrates how we can live and design with the natural "Big Foot" of water. Therefore letting loose the bound of concrete on the urban water system, and take an ecological approach to flood control and storm water management, revealing the beauty of native vegetation and the ordinary landscape. The results have been remarkably successful: Flood problems were successfully addressed; the "Big Foot" native grass has been appreciated by local people as well as incoming tourists.

II_The Rice Campus of Shenyang Architectural University.

Go Productive

For centuries, universities are places to gentrify the rustic young generation into the urbane, so is the landscape itself. Hundreds and thousands of hectares of fertile land have been transformed into campus of ornamental lawn and flowers in the past three decades in China. As an alternative, the Shenyang Architectural University Campus was designed to be productive. Storm water is collected to make a reflecting pond, which is then become the reservoir to irrigate the rice paddy right in front of the class rooms. Open study rooms are allocated in the middle of the rice fields. Frogs and fishes are cultivated in the rice paddy to eat the lava of insects and grown up to become additional harvest for the lunch table. This project demonstrates how agricultural landscape can become part of the urbanized environment, and yet aesthetically enjoyable. Finally this productive landscape is a clear example of the new "Big Foot"

aesthetic: unbounded, functional and beautiful.

III_Zhongshan Shipyard Park

Value the ordinary and recycle the existing

For a long time, we have been proud of ourselves as human beings capable of building, destroy and rebuilt. Because of this human instinct, both natural assets and man made assets have been over-used and presently at the brink of survival crisis. As an alternate approach, the Zhongshan Shipyard Park demonstrates the principle of preserving, reusing and recycling natural and man-made materials. The park is built on a brownfield site where an abandoned shipyard was originally erected in the 1950s. The Shipyard went bankrupt in 1999, seemingly insignificant in Chinese history; nevertheless, the shipyard reflected the remarkable fifty-year history of socialist China. Original vegetation and natural habitats were preserved, only native plants were used throughout the Landscape design. Machines, docks, and other industrial structures were recycled for educational and functional purposes. This unconventional approach made this park a favorite site for wedding, for fashion show as well as for daily use by the local communities and visited by tourists. It demonstrated how "messy" and "rustic" can be aesthetically attractive, how environmental ethic and ecological awareness can be built into our urban landscape.

IV_The Adaptation Palettes of The Qiaoyuan Park, Tianjin City.

Let nature work

From the classics of Versailles and Chinese gardens to the contemporary Olympic Park and places, we have seen great efforts made to create and maintain ornamental artificial landscapes. Instead of providing ecosystems services for the city, public spaces actually become the burden of cities in terms of energy and water consumption. The Qiaoyuan Park in Tianjin City alternatively exemplifies how natural processes originate and let nature work, providing an environmental service for the city.

The site was a former shooting range. It became a garbage dump and drainage sink for urban storm water, heavily polluted and deserted. The soil presented heavy saline and alkaline properties. Inspired by the adaptive vegetation communities that dot the regional flat coastal landscape, the designer developed a solution called The Adaptation Palettes: numerous pond cavities of different depth were dug, storm water being retained; diverse habitats created; seeds of mixed plant species sowed to start vegetation and a regenerative design process were introduced to evolve and adapt in time. The patchiness of the landscape

reflects the regional water- and alkaline-sensitive vegetation. The beauty of the native landscape attracts thousands of visitors every day, the ecology-driven and low maintenance Big-Foot has become the aesthetic attraction that lure thousands visitors every day.

V_The Red Ribbon: Tanghe River Park, Qinhuangdao City, Hebei Province

The Minimal intervention

In the process of urbanization, a natural landscape is usually replaced with overly designed and gentrified gardens and parks. The Red Ribbon Park in China's Qinhuangdao city explored an alternative that integrated art with nature and had dramatically transformed the landscape with minimal design. Against the background of natural terrain and vegetation, the landscape architect placed a five-hundred-meter "red ribbon" bench integrating lighting, seating, environmental interpretation and orientation. While preserving as much of the "messy" natural river corridor as possible, this project demonstrates how a minimal design solution can achieve dramatic improvements, turning "messy" natural Big Foot landscape into a beautiful urban park, yet the natural processes and patterns are maximally preserved.

VI_Shanghai Houtan Park: *Landscape as a living system*

Built on a brownfield of a former industrial site, Houtan Park is a regenerative living landscape on Shanghai's Huangpu riverfront. The park's constructed wetland, ecological flood control, reclaimed industrial structures and materials, and urban agriculture are integral components of an overall restorative design strategy to treat polluted river water and recover the degraded waterfront in a aesthetically pleasing way.

The first challenge was restoring the degraded environment. The water of Huangpu River is highly polluted with a national water quality ranking of Lower Grade V, the lowest grade on a scale of I-V. The second challenge was to improve flood control. A conventional retaining wall would continue to limit accessibility and preclude habitat creation along the water's edge, so an alternative flood control design proposal was necessary.

A linear constructed wetland was designed to create a reinvigorated waterfront as a living machine to treat contaminated water from the Huangpu River. Cascades and terraces are used to oxygenate the nutrient rich water, remove and retain nutrients and reduce suspended sediments while creating pleasant water features. 2,400 cubic meters per day of water can be treated from Lower Grade V to Grade III.

The wetland also acts as a floodable buffer. The terrace design of the wetland alleviates the ele-



vation difference between the city and the river, safely reconnecting people to the water's edge. Crops and wetland plants were selected to create an urban farm allowing people to witness seasonal changes. The industrial materials from the site are reconfigured to create artful forms, new paving material for the boardwalk, and shelters.

VII_The Chicago Art Field: A Proposal for North Grant Park Renovation

From the Art of Survival to the Art Beyond Survival

Ecological urbanism and big foot aesthetics call for the integration of art into the productive and rustic nature and man-made landscape. The process of "gentrification" is an artful plus to, but not a minus deduction from, the productive and healthy nature of the landscape. The Chicago Art Field is our demonstration of this principle. Due to the renovation of the East Monroe Street Parking Garage – which underlies Daley Bicentennial Plaza – the necessary removal of the Plaza altogether (which composes the entire northeast section of Grant Park) will become a step in the renovation process, ultimately leading to the construction of the new park. Chicago Art Field— The design we proposed is a cultural emblem and a canvas against which the natural cycles of the metropolitan landscape can occur. The cornfield, the identifying feature of the Chicago Art Field, is both a symbol of Chicago's agrarian heritage and a continually regenerating agricultural process. Amongst the growing crops, various activities of art installation, performance, children's playground, ice skating, meeting, and observation will find their own cycles in tandem with the progression of the seasons. The planting and harvest of the Chicago Art Field each year will become community events to mark the continued renewal of Chicago's vitality. In turn, the Chicago Art Field will become a place to observe and harvest the progress of the city.





El renacimiento de China

EUGENIO BREGOLAT

El renacimiento de China es el principal proceso histórico de nuestro tiempo. La caída del Muro de Berlín, el fin del comunismo en Rusia y el desmoronamiento de la URSS marcaron el fin del siglo XX, pero el siglo XXI había empezado ya en noviembre de 1978, con el lanzamiento por Deng Xiaoping de la "política de reforma económica y apertura al exterior", que despertó a China de su largo sueño.

Si aceptamos que Estados Unidos, como civilización, es una extensión de Europa, la reemergencia de China es un fenómeno sin parangón desde el Renacimiento europeo. Este último, incluido el descubrimiento de América, inició un periodo de medio milenio en el que la civilización occidental ha dominado el mundo en todos los órdenes. Europa mostraba, cinco siglos atrás, una gran vitalidad, en el mismo momento en que China, después de largos siglos en la vanguardia económica, tecnológica y cultural, entraba en un eclipse. Ahora es Occidente el que da claros signos de fatiga histórica, justo cuando China ha salido de su eclipse. El declive de Europa y Estados Unidos es cierto, pero relativo, no necesariamente terminal. La reemergencia de China (y de Asia en general) es, por su alcance, uno de estos fenómenos que se producen tres o cuatro veces en un milenio.

Según el Banco Mundial China ha hecho en una generación lo que a la mayoría de países les ha costado siglos. Otros dicen que en los últimos treinta años China ha comprimido el Renacimiento, la Ilustración, la Revolución Industrial y la Revolución Electrónica. Esto es, claro, una forma de hablar, pero da idea de la envergadura y la velocidad del cambio en China. Diez años atrás, Peter Woo, uno de los grandes capitalistas de Hong Kong y entonces presidente de su Trade Development Council, me decía: "Se compara a China con el Japón de los años cincuenta. La diferencia está en que entre Pekín, Tianjin y la península de Shandong forman un Japón; Shanghai y sus dos provincias colindantes, Zhejiang y Jiangsu, otro; y Hong Kong, Cantón, Shenzhen y el estuario del Río de las Perlas, otro. Tres Japoneses (ya de los años setenta, más que de los cincuenta) y mil millones de personas detrás". En efecto, lo que distingue de forma esencial a China de Japón o de los "cuatro tigres" asiáticos, es su dimensión y, a causa de ella, su impacto sobre el resto del mundo. Por

cierto, tres de los "cuatro tigres" son chinos: Hong Kong, Taiwán y Singapur; sólo Corea del Sur no lo es.

Hace pocas semanas se ha confirmado que el PIB de China ha superado, a precios de mercado, al de Japón. Si Deng Xiaoping hubiese sido, además de un genio político, profeta, y, al lanzar su política de reforma económica, a fines de 1978, hubiese dicho que treinta años después el PIB de China iba a desplazar al de Japón para convertirse en el segundo del ranking global, las risas del resto del mundo se habrían oído hasta en Pekín. En 1978 China tenía un PIB de 140.000 millones de dólares, el undécimo del mundo y el 6% del PIB norteamericano (2,27 billones de dólares). En 1990 el PIB de China era ya de 350.000 millones de dólares, aún el undécimo del ranking mundial. En 2000, alcanzó 1,25 billones, con el sexto lugar en el ranking. El PIB de China pasó de representar el 6% del PIB de EE.UU. en 1978, a ser el 35% el pasado año. Estos han sido los hitos del más espectacular proceso de desarrollo económico de la historia, por su rapidez y por su alcance.

La profunda crisis económica del Japón durante la última década explica que China lo haya rebasado, cuando en el año 2000 el PIB del Japón casi cuadriplicaba al de China (4,75 por 1,25 billones de dólares). Creciendo al 10% se duplica el PIB en 7 años y se cuadriplica en 14. China superó estas cifras (pasó de un PIB de 1,18 billones de dólares en 2000 a otro de 4,90 billones a fines de 2009) mientras Japón permanecía prácticamente estancado (su PIB pasó de 4,76 billones de dólares en 2000 a 5,06 en 2009). Verlo para creerlo.

Las proyecciones sobre el futuro de China se ven superadas apenas han sido formuladas. Si hace una década se suponía que el PIB de China podía alcanzar, en valor nominal, al norteamericano hacia mediados de siglo, luego se dijo que sería en 2040, en 2035. Goldman Sachs hace dos años afirmaba que sería en 2027. Y en junio de este año Price Waterhouse estimó que será en 2020, proyección endosada por el Banco Mundial. Este cálculo supone que China seguirá creciendo en torno al 10%, o más, mientras EE.UU., aún enfangado en la crisis económica, registrará cifras de crecimiento muy bajas. Según Goldman Sachs en 2050 el PIB de China será de 70 billones de dólares y el de Es-

tados Unidos de 40 billones. Vista la forma en que China ha superado las estimaciones anteriores, es difícil rechazar ahora éstas, que hace bien pocos años habrían parecido descabelladas.

La moneda tiene otra cara: China se enfrenta con muchos y muy serios problemas. No podía ser de otra forma, en un país de 1.400 millones de habitantes que lleva tres décadas protagonizando el proceso de desarrollo económico más rápido de la historia universal. Son bien conocidos: el medio ambiente; la creciente diferencia de rentas entre grupos sociales y regiones; la corrupción; un modelo económico basado en la inversión y la exportación, y con consumo interno relativamente escaso; el envejecimiento de la población; los nacionalismos; y un largo etcétera.

Pero lo cierto es que durante ya un tercio de siglo China ha ido resolviendo sus problemas sin graves sobresaltos. En una ocasión le oí decir a Tung Chee Hwa, entonces Chief Executive de Hong Kong: "Greenspan me ha dicho que China tiene la mejor clase política del mundo". Se esté o no en desacuerdo con esta afirmación, y admitiendo que nadie conoce el futuro, la capacidad demostrada por los dirigentes chinos para superar los obstáculos, incluida la gestión de la crisis económica global, permiten ser moderadamente optimistas sobre su capacidad de seguir haciéndolo.

En este escenario, ¿dónde queda Europa? Zhu Rongji, el Primer Ministro chino anterior al actual, dijo en una ocasión: "China la fábrica del mundo; Estados Unidos la alta tecnología; Europa, museos y turistas". El presidente de Estados Unidos, Barack Obama, por su parte, afirmó el pasado año: "el siglo XXI vendrá determinado por la relación entre Estados Unidos y China". Es decir, Europa no está ni se la espera. Que tan demoledores juicios se cumplan o no depende de Europa. Si ésta encuentra la voluntad política para recuperar el pulso económico, y hablar ante el mundo con una sola voz, creando una verdadera política exterior (lo que requiere, a su vez, unas fuerzas armadas europeas), Europa se sentará en la mesa de las grandes potencias del siglo XXI. Si no aparece esta voluntad política, Europa caerá en la irrelevancia, el "fin de la Historia" habrá sonado para ella.

Como he dicho al empezar, China no solamente registra un enorme crecimiento económico, sino también un proceso de cambio cultural profundo.



Toda la sociedad está en ebullición, impulsada por un gran caudal de energía vital.

La literatura, la pintura, la música (Lang Lang decía el otro día en Barcelona que cincuenta millones de niños estudian piano en china), el cine (Zhang Yimou ya es conocido por los aficionados de todo el mundo), etc. Es un verdadero Renacimiento.

Poco puedo decir sobre el objeto específico de estas jornadas, ya que no soy arquitecto ni paisajista, pero si quisiera aportar mis impresiones personales, después de diez años de vivir en China, sobre la impronta del paisaje en su cultura.

El taoísmo, una de las fuentes del pensamiento chino, subraya la unidad del mundo mineral, el vegetal y el animal. Si te concentras, puedes hablar con las montañas o los árboles. La poesía y la pintura chinas tradicionales tienen como centro la Naturaleza, mucho más que las occidentales. En las pinturas chinas la Naturaleza es enorme; las figuras humanas, si aparecen, son diminutas. Es una cura de humildad para el hombre fáustico, tan arrogante.

La civilización moderna es una civilización urbana, dominada por valores como el poder, el dinero, el hedonismo, el materialismo. Es una civilización alejada de la Naturaleza. Pienso que una parte esencial del remedio contra los males de nuestra civilización está en el retorno a la Naturaleza.

La sociedad y la cultura chinas están mucho más próximas a la Naturaleza que las occidentales.

He tenido ocasión de visitar varios de los escenarios naturales más esplendorosos de China: las montañas de Huangshan, Taishan, Lushan, Emei Shan, Zhang Jia Jie; el maravilloso paisaje lacustre de Jiu Zhai Gou; o los jardines de Suzhou.

Para citar uno de estos paisajes, que me causó muy profunda impresión, Huangshan, la Montaña Amarilla; su característica esencial son las nieblas en continuo movimiento: ahora ves tres picos; luego, nada, oscuridad; luego, asoma un pico entre la niebla; luego, el arco iris. Escena tras escena, como un teatro de la Naturaleza. En lugares como éste se encuentra la serenidad, la paz de espíritu, la cura para los males del hombre urbano agobiado.

Espero que el acelerado proceso de urbanización y modernización de China no perjudique esta relación ancestral del hombre con la Naturaleza. Y creo que este culto a la Naturaleza es una cosa muy importante que el hombre occidental debe aprender de la vieja civilización china.







Prosopopeya

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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBER

Se me pide que escriba sobre el futuro del paisaje, cuestión difícil, dado que el futuro, como tal, no existe.

Si por el contrario contemplo el presente, el único tiempo de la naturaleza, mi impresión sobre el paisaje es absolutamente conservadora. Creo que se está perdiendo paisaje, y cuanto más paisaje perdemos, adquiere más valor el que conservamos.

La preocupación se basa en el recordatorio de la Cumbre del Clima de Durban, relativo a que el cambio climático y la destrucción de la biodiversidad son los principales peligros que amenazan a la humanidad. Los datos son apabullantes: en 50 años la población mundial se ha multiplicado por 3,5; el consumo de metales por 7; el de plástico por 18; cada año desaparecen 100.000 especies vivas; las emisiones de dióxido de carbono y la finitud de los recursos...; seguiría un tremendo etcétera. La actual crisis señala el fin de una era de crecimiento fácil. Estamos ante un problema global derivado de una opulencia irresponsable donde la prosperidad se ha interpretado como el crecimiento económico basado en un consumo indiscriminado. Según Tim Jackson, profesor de Desarrollo Sostenible en la Universidad de Surrey, es posible la prosperidad sin crecimiento, pues ésta va más allá de los meros placeres materiales, consiste en nuestra capacidad de desarrollarnos como seres humanos dentro de los límites de un planeta finito¹. En su modelo macroeconómico de transición para el cambio de paradigma, se plantean tres clases principales de inversión:

1. Las que favorecen la eficiencia de los recursos y su coste
2. Las que substituyen tecnologías convencionales por otras más limpias y renovables
3. Las de mejora de los ecosistemas, adaptación climática, reforestación, recuperación de humedales, etc.

El paisaje está situado, sin lugar a duda, entre los estímulos de inversión verdes y el empleo ecológico de recuperación económica para lograr la meta de la sostenibilidad.

La evidencia es que a lo largo de la Historia, una de las formas de transformación del entorno es la imperiosa necesidad humana de crear un paisaje propio, entendido éste como expresión culta y aún estética de la propia identidad. En otras palabras,

el paisaje es esa necesidad irrenunciable para la calidad de vida y su ética, el arte de vivir.

Si entendemos que el paisaje es un fenómeno trascendental, también lo es su exigencia. Dice el proverbio árabe que una higuera pensando en una higuera se hace fructífera.

Este es, pues, el presente necesario: decrecimiento estable, desvinculación, resiliencia o capacidad humana de respuesta flexible ante situaciones límite.

Cuando todo se vuelve paisaje, las acciones quedan claras. Primero, mantener la admiración por lo antiguo, pero no la admiración por lo viejo, sino por lo natural. Que el paisaje reencuentre la prosopopeya, como lograran aquellos grandes precursores a lo largo de los tiempos y de las civilizaciones, desde la representación de la ruta eclíptica del sol en los megalitos neolíticos y el cosmos egipcio, pasando por la geometría de la luz y de la sombra del pórtico griego, por el hortus conclusus romano-medieval, hasta la naturaleza toda ella como un jardín.

Que nos subleve la sumisión de los estamentos a intereses contrarios a la defensa del territorio; que nos repela la vulgaridad y la frivolidad en su desarrollo. No al despilfarro, a la arbitrariedad, al descontrol.

Recordar aún frases de personajes célebres -en una bellota está la creación de mil bosques²; bajo el asfalto puede haber una tierra virgen³; la esperanza y el porvenir no están en los prados y en los campos cultivados, ni en los pueblos y en las ciudades, sino en los pantanos impenetrables⁴; ser original es volver al origen⁵- para sustentar el ansia y la intuición de una oportunidad mejor.

Y sobretodo no a la fealdad. En la eterna trinidad de Verdad, Bondad y Belleza, llamemos a la Belleza el don más alto⁶.

Finalmente, a la juventud, que tendrá que luchar con idealismo, fuerza e imaginación en la defensa de su paisaje, aquel consejo que le dedicara el gran Ralph Waldo Emerson:

"Sujeta tu carro a una estrella"

1-Tim Jackson. "Prosperidad sin crecimiento"

2-RW Emerson

3-F García Lorca

4-HD Thoreau

5-A Gaudí

6-RW Emerson







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6th Rosa Barba European Landscape prize international jury minutes

VERBALE DELLA GIURIA INTERNAZIONALE

Jury's report. Barcelona, October 1st 2010

The International Jury:

Franco Zagari, Architect and Professor of the Faculty of Arquitectura of the University "Mediterranea" from Reggio Calabria (Italy). Former President.

Anna Zahonero, Biologist and Landscape Architect (Spain).

Henri Bava, Landscape Architect and Grand National de Prize of Landscape in France 2007 (France).

Kristine Jensen, Landscape Architect and winner of the last Rosa Barba European Landscape Prize. (Denmark).

José Manuel Vidal, Architect and Editor of Paisea magazine (Spain).

Nigel Thorne, President of EFLA, European Foundation of Landscape Architecture (UK).

Marina Cervera, Architect and Landscape Architect. Secretary of the jury.

Verbale della riunione finale, Barcellona 1 ottobre 2010

La Commissione, composta da:

Franco Zagari, architetto e professore della Facoltà di architettura dell'università "Mediterranea" di Reggio Calabria (Italia). Presidente sostitutivo della giuria.

Anna Zahonero, paesaggista e biologa. (Spagna).

Henri Bava, paesaggista e Cran Premio Nazionale di Paesaggio di Francia 2007 (Francia).

Kristine Jensen, paesaggista e vincitore dell'ultimo Premio di Paesaggio Rosa Barba (Danimarca).

José Manuel Vidal, architetto ed editore di Paisea (Spagna).

Nigel Thorne, Presidente della EFLA, European Foundation of Landscape Architecture. (Cran Bretagna).

Marina Cervera, segretaria.

La sera del 30 settembre 2010, dopo avere ascoltato le esposizioni dei nove finalisti, si è riunita alle 20,30 presso l'hotel Central in Barcellona per procedere al giudizio finale e al conferimento del premio.

Assume il ruolo di segretario Marina Cervera. La Commissione ricorda ancora una volta la figura di Bet Figueras, che avrebbe dovuto presiederla, così come ne ha proposto il ricordo Lisa Diedrich, un insegnamento vivo e operante che ha profondamente influito sul nostro modo di pensare e sentire il paesaggio.

Su richiesta del presidente si legge il regolamento. La commissione ne prende atto e riguardo all'eventualità di un premio ex-aequo, possibilità permessa ma non desiderata, si esprime auspicando di evitare se possibile questa soluzione ritenendo che il premio ha un effetto tanto più vicino alle finalità che lo hanno istituito, quanto è capace di avere un vincitore e con esso un messaggio che esprima la tendenza ritenuta la più avanzata del progetto del paesaggio contemporaneo, ben sapendo che è all'opera di tutti i correnti che si deve la forza e il prestigio del premio e che il vincitore altri non è che il loro rappresentante.

Si apre una discussione lunga e approfondita sui nove finalisti, che tutti hanno presentato temi e curricula di primo ordine, lasciando nella nostra memoria nove impeccabili lezioni di paesaggio. Comparando i dossier e le esposizioni si procede a successive scelte di esclusione, fino a ritenerne solo tre progetti, contraddistinti dai numeri 204, 218, 280, i quali pur essendo tutti unanimemente apprezzati, a seguito di ulteriore confronto finale sono stati così valutati:

204 / MARIANNE LEVINSSEN LANDSKAB MDL PLR

Danimarca

Per l'interesse del tema, recupero a Frederisberg di un'area ferroviaria dismessa per un campus scolastico, trattato dall'autrice con maestria, e per la sensibilità dell'esposizione. Eleganza e equilibrio caratterizzano questo progetto fra hard e soft Landscape, dando un esempio di spazio pubblico accogliente e sicuro, con soluzioni costruttive appropriate e una vegetazione molto varia e originale.

204 / MARIANNE LEVINSSEN LANDSKAB MDL PLR Denmark

For the interest of the topic, Frederisberg recovery of the disused railway area for a school campus, treated by the author with great skill, sensitivity and exposure. Elegance and balance characteristics of this project between hard and soft Landscape, giving an example of a safe and welcoming public space,



with appropriate design solutions and vegetation varied and original.

280 / PROAP JOAO FERREIRA NUNES Portugal

Another issue in point is the redevelopment of the historic heritage by providing a system of soft mobility for access to the Castle of Silves, a path paved with wooden ramps that climb up a grassy slope. Minimal solution is very elegant, the range of five works presented by an author who is a solid reference in the world of the contemporary landscape.

218 / MAYSBITS KASSIF Architects Israel

A complex work of urban regeneration in the run-down area of the port of Tel Aviv is the program of a landscape project whose implementation is particularly happy reveals a couple of young talents, hitherto unknown to international audiences. The creation of an area of leisure with little means of reorganization as an area previously occupied by industrial activities is carried out with two contrasted issues: a wooden sinuous paved beach square, rolling dunes and parking lot figured through a macrographia completely unexpected painted on the ground. There are two principles of highly effective reconfiguration, apparently independent of each other, in fact highly complementary, creating a highly attractive space, intensely inhabited by people, open to many different unpredictable uses, designed with an original language, simple and also very strong. The site, removed from its degradation, has the ability to express a strong quality of centrality, redefining its character for all purposes as a new urban landscape on the front of the sea.

The Jury, therefore, a majority chose the latter project authored by the group of Ganit Mayslits Kassif Kassif and Udi, Israel, and offers it to the authorities of the Biennale as the winner of the sixth edition of the Rosa Barba European Prize.

The Jury sincerely thanks the authorities of the Biennale for the confidence of this pleasant and heavy role, hoping to be well interpreted vocations and quality of competitors. The President thanked his colleagues for the extraordinary spirit of cooperation and capacity for discussion with respect of the others position, for the wisdom and humor that are never missed.

The session will close on 1 October at one o'clock in the morning.

280 / PROAP JOAO FERREIRA NUNES Portogallo

Altro tema esemplare è la riqualificazione del patrimonio storico, prevedendo un sistema di mobilità dolce per accedere al Castello di Silves, un percorso fatto di rampe pavimentate in legno che salgono su una pendice erbosa. Soluzione minimale molto elegante, scelta fra ben cinque opere presentate da un autore che è un sicuro riferimento nel mondo del paesaggio contemporaneo.

218 / MAYSBITS KASSIF Architetti Israel

Un a complessa opera di rigenerazione urbana nella zona degradata del porto di Tel Aviv è il programma di un progetto di paesaggio la cui realizzazione particolarmente felice rivela una coppia di giovani talenti, finora sconosciuti al pubblico internazionale. La creazione di un'area di loisir come riorganizzazione con pochi mezzi di in una zona prima occupata da confuse attività industriali è condotta con due temi: una piazza spiaggia pavimentata in legno dall'andamento sinuoso di morbide dune e dei parcheggi riconfigurati grazie a una macrografia del tutto inattesa dipinta sul suolo. Sono due principi di riconfigurazione molto effici, apparentemente fra loro indipendenti, in realtà strettamente complementari che danno vita a uno spazio fortemente attrattivo, intensamente abitato dalla gente, aperto a molti usi diversi anche imprevedibili, disegnato con un linguaggio originale, semplice e anche molto deciso. Il luogo, sottratto al suo degrado, ha la capacità di esprimere una forte qualità di centralità, dei caratteri che lo ridefiniscono a tutti gli effetti come un nuovo paesaggio urbano sul fronte del mare.

La Commissione dunque sceglie a maggioranza quest'ultimo progetto il cui autore è il gruppo composto da Ganit Mayslits Kassif e Udi Kassif, Israele, e lo propone alle Autorità della Biennale come il vincitore della VI edizione del premio europeo Rosa Barba, .

La Commissione sentitamente ringrazia le Autorità della Biennale per la fiducia di questo gradito e oneroso incarico, sperando di avere bene interpretato vocazioni e qualità dei concorrenti. Il Presidente ringrazia i suoi colleghi per lo straordinario spirito di collaborazione, per le capacità profuse con rispetto reciproco delle posizioni, per la saggezza e lo humour che non sono mai mancati.

*La sessione si chiude il 1° ottobre alle ore una del mattino
the jury.*



Timeline of the symposium

PROGRAMMA DEL SYMPOSIUM

Wednesday 29th September 2010

13.30 h Opening of the International exhibition of Landscape Schools
Escola Superior d'Arquitectura de Barcelona_ETSAB

Thursday 30th September 2010

9.00-19.00 h Rosa Barba European Landscape Prize finalists
Presentation of the Rosa Barba European Landscape Prize finalists.

Palau de la Música Catalana, Petit Palau

The international jury, convened by the Executive Committee of the Biennial, has selected the finalists for the Rosa Barba European Landscape Prize from among the projects presented. A selection of all the presented projects, works built in Europe between 2005 and 2009, will be available for viewing at the permanent exhibition on the ground floor of the COAC and will also be included in the catalogue of the 6th European Biennial of Landscape Architecture. Speeches by:

BAAS + EMF

Jordi Badia – Martí Franch. Jardí del Museu de Can Framis.
Poble Nou, 22@. Barcelona, Spain.

Bjørbekk & Lindheim

Tone Lindheim. The Nansen park, Fornebu, Oslo, Norway.
Karres en Brands

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B.G. Brands, S. Karres. Langedijk Cemetery, Zuid Scharwoude Langedijk,
The Netherlands.

PROAP, Estudos e Projectos de Arquitectura Paisajista.

João Ferreira Nunes.

Castelo de Silves Hillside, Silves, Portugal.

Office of Architecture in Barcelona

Carlos Ferrater Lambarri. Paseo Marítimo de la Playa Poniente de Benidorm,
Spain.

Ruisánchez Arquitectes

Manuel Ruisánchez. Parque urbano en el sector Perelló.
Can Pere Màrtir, Vilablareix, Girona, Spain.

Marianne Levinsen Landskab MDL PLR

Marianne Levinsen. The Campus Area of the Copenhagen Business School.
Frederiksberg, Denmark.

Mayslits Kassif Architects

Ganit Mayslits Kassif – Udi Kassif. Tel Aviv Port Public Space Regeneration,
Israel.

Hosper nl Bv

Berrie van Elderen. Park of Luna, The Netherlands.

Lisa Diedrich

Landscape Architecture & 'Scape Editor: Bet Figueras, Landscape Architect.

20.00 h Opening of the Rosa Barba European Landscape Prize
exhibition

Col·legi d'Arquitectes de Catalunya.

Friday 1st October 2010

9.00-19.00 h Liquid Landscapes

Palau de la Música Catalana, Petit Palau

The Theoretical seminar will be focusing on the idea of liquid landscapes, a concept that aims to go beyond a literal reference to water without excluding it. It was borrowed from the essay Liquid Modernity by Zygmunt Bauman, a prominent thinker on Europe. The idea moreover gives continuity to the last Biennial's motto 'Storm & stress', where patterns of global crisis and the discipline's need to invent new practices were ascertained.

Debate by:

Jorge Wagensberg

PhD in Physics & CosmoCaixa Science Museum Director (Spain).

Barbara Aronson

Shlomo Aronson and Associates, Landscape Architect (Israel).

James Corner

PhD in Landscape Architect, PEN professor and Field Operations founder (USA).

Stefano Boeri

Architect and Abitare magazine Chief Editor (Italy).

Franco Zagari

Architect and Professor at Reggio Calabria University (Italy).

Iñaki Ábalos

PhD Architect and Professor in Madrid Architectural University (ETSAM), (Spain).

Dirk Sijmons

Landscape Architect and H+N+S Director (The Netherlands).

19.30 h Award Ceremony:

Announcement of the 6th Rosa Barba European Landscape Prize winner

Announcement of the International School Exhibition winner.

Announcement of the 1st Santa & Cole Landscape

Architecture Competition winner.

La Pedrera de Caixa Catalunya - Casa Milà.



Saturday 2nd October 2010

9.00-13.30 h China

Palau de la Música Catalana, Petit Palau.

Under the title of "Liquid China" and by the hand of different landscape designers and governmental technicians we will overview the discipline reality in China, a big country under huge expansion and limited resources.

Speeches by:

Huan Liu

Coordinator of the National Parks and Scenic Sites Association.

Kongjian Yu

Landscape Architect, President of Turenscape and Dean at Beijing University.

Kelin Chen

President of Wetlands International in China.

Sean Qiao

AIA, President Asia of Aecom.

Eugení Bregolat

Spanish Ambassador in Andorra.





The European Biennial of Landscape Architecture

Backstage Report

MARINA CERVERA ALONSO DE MEDINA

The European Biennial of Landscape Architecture is not only a symposium or a landscape forum. It is a huge collective effort, biannually engaging local and European landscape architects in order to make of Barcelona, the gravity center of the profession.

According to existing and previous conditions, every edition should be valued as a small miracle considering the extremes of the financial crisis disrupting national and European economics. All eyes will once again be focused upon to our profession for an intensive three days in Barcelona. The empowering structure of Biennial convinces new followers on every edition, while usual participants and lecturers become part of the project itself at some stage. Some of our finalists, lecturers or contributors have had their first contact with the Biennial as landscape architecture students participating in the international landscape schools exhibition or as young professionals who's work has been compiled on the Biennial's Catalog firsts editions.

Therefore we could conclude we believe our project to be a collective process of professional maturation through dissemination and discussion of landscape architectural works. The event itself is merely the excuse to celebrate, meet and discuss the outcomes of the massive efforts conducted through differentiated hierarchical strategic initiatives: the symposium, the exhibitions, the publications and the complementary landscape activities.

Firstly, we will overview the basic above mentioned initiatives structuring the Biennial itself and addressing the visibility of the thematic debate.

The symposium:

The symposium took place in 'modernist splendour' at the Palau de la Música, lasting three days and included talks, presentations by the finalists of the Rosa Barba European Landscape Prize, round tables and exhibitions where it was possible to track and discuss the evolution of landscape design in Europe and in this edition's special guest territory: China.

It must be said, the greatest part of the infrastructural team informing, registering, guiding and assessing the audience are voluntaries selected

among the Master in Landscape architecture studies. Without those devoted volunteers, we wouldn't be able to digest our public conformed by more than 650 registered and invited in last edition.

Day 1: Presentation of the Rosa Barba European Landscape Prize finalists

The International Jury Panel Members, convened by the Executive Committee of the Biennial, had selected the finalists for the Rosa Barba European Landscape Prize from among the projects presented. A selection of all 9 firms among the 457 presented projects, all of them works built in Europe between 2005 and 2009. The Jury was specially satisfied with the finalist short list, agreed promptly and almost unanimously after several pre-finalist rounds, in during the spring meeting in Barcelona.

The 9 selected works, offered a representative and kaleidoscopic overview suitable for all audience, ranging projects from various sizes (from large parks as Hosper nl Bv in Park of Luna -The Netherlands- to medium size interventions as The Campus Area of the Copenhagen Business School by Marianne Levinsen Landskab -Denmark- to romantic small garden dimension's as BAAS + EMF project in Poble Nou, 22@ -Spain-), approaching various thematicas (Karres en Brands Langedijk Cemetery -The Netherlands- or PROAP's path to Castelo de Silves Hillside - Portugal-) and offering contrasted designing approaches to the same concept in different environments: water front interventions (from Mayslits Kassif Architects in Tel Aviv Port Public Space Regeneration -Israel- to Office of Architecture in Barcelona's waterfront in the Playa Poniente de Benidorm - Spain-, large parks (Bjørnbeck & Lindheim The Nansen park -Norway- or Ruisánchez Arquitectes urban park in Vilablareix -Spain-).

Day 2: Liquid Landscapes

The Theoretical seminar focused on the idea of liquid landscapes, a concept that aims to go beyond a literal reference to water without excluding it. It was borrowed from the essay Liquid Modernity by Zygmunt Bauman, a prominent thinker on Europe. The idea moreover gives continuity to the last Biennial's motto 'Storm & stress', where

patterns of global crisis and the discipline's need to invent new practices were ascertained. It was within this framework that the following individuals presented their points of view and debate: Jorge Wagensberg, Barbara Aronson, James Corner, Stefano Boeri, Franco Zagari, Iñaki Ábalos and Dirk Sijmons. They all defended very personal approaches to the theme and share with us methodology of work, opinions and toughs among a devoted audience.

Day 3: Liquid China

Under the title of "Liquid China" and by the hand of different landscape designers and governmental technicians we over viewed the discipline reality in China, a big country under huge expansion and limited resources. With Huan Liu, Kongjian Yu, Kelin Chen, Sean Qiao and Eugeni Bregolat as speakers, we gave a closer look to the profession in the emerging country and underlining the final ovation to Tourenscape "Slow foot" Lecture.

Secondly we will focus on the most visible and public aspect of the European Biennial of Landscape Architecture conceived to rise awareness of the profession at all society levels.

The exhibitions

The second strategic initiative aims to present a stage analysis of landscape architectural work. From student's projects to professional works, the compendium details the intensity of study and discussions informing landscape interventions, not only from the perspective of landscape architecture but also in consideration of the other disciplines that are linked to its study and evolution.

Rosa Barba European Landscape Prize exhibition

A selection of 230 of all the presented projects, works built in Europe between 2005 and 2009, were available for viewing at the Architectural Association in Plaça Nova, at the permanent exhibition on the ground floor. Those projects are the ones compiled in this Catalog of the 6th European Biennial of Landscape Architecture.

"Liquid China" exhibition

This exhibition was curated by Kongjian Yu from Turenscape and offered a tactic overview to some



excellent projects built during the last ten years in China, in the exceptional venue of Gaudi's building, La Pedrera. Some of the projects were the curator's firm most celebrate works (Landscape Design for Midea Headquarter ,Guangzhou; 2010 Shanghai Expo Park, Tianjin Qiaoyuan Wetland Park or Yongning River Park)

Other represented international firms as EDAW (Tianjin Haihe, Suzhou JINJI Lake), Poly International Plaza, Guangzhou by SWA or EDSA (Nankun Mountain Reserve, Guangdong) or emerging offices as HANJIA and its Xixi National Wetland Park ; AGER in Landscape Design for Entry Court, Jin Lin Tian Di, Shanghai; Dylandscape in The renovation design of West Lake, Hangzhou; EADG in Da Shan Di, Shenzhen, or Hongkong Wetland Park by URBIS.

International exhibition of Landscape Schools

One year more Barcelona held the International Exposition of University Projects in the Schools of Architecture and Landscape. The organizing committee considered that the participation of the didactic works remarkably contributed to enrich the debate on the landscaping. The finally outcome represented 92 schools world wide, proudly defining transcontinental best practices in our profession.

Thirdly, attention will be drawn to long lasting results, books. We are proud to say we helped to the European professional evolution overview thorough out the 6 catalog covering a wide range of landscape intervention form 1990 to 2010.

The Publications

We are proud of our work on the promotion of the European landscape architectural professional evolutionary process via the Biennial's sixth catalogue edition covering prestigious landscape interventions from 1990 to 2010. Each European Biennial of Landscape Architecture is accompanied by two complementary publications disseminating the contents of the Biennial and the Rosa Barba European Landscape Prize.

The main publication is the catalogue. The 6th edition of the European Biennial of Landscape Architecture contains the text of the lectures and the projects selected for the exhibition. Complementary to this, we produce a booklet presenting the illustrated CVs of all lecturers, jury members, curators and organisers in order to comprehensively inform all interested parties .

Last but not least, we would like to resume the compendium of parallel activities organized during the biennial, thank to the viral effect of the Biennial in Catalan society and resulting with the most valuable initiatives to complement the experience of the event.

Complementary Landscape Activities

There will, of course, be a compendium of parallel activities organised during the Biennial, a series of valuable initiatives, supported by Catalan society to complement the experience of the event.

The importance of these activities should not be underestimated; they help to underpin the heart of the main event and are listed below:

Award Ceremony

The most amazing Award Ceremony took place in La Pedrera crowded Auditorium: the Announcement of the 6th Rosa Barba European Landscape Prize winner, followed by the announcement of the International School Exhibition winner, the announcement of the 1st Santa & Cole Landscape Architecture Competition winner and the public opinion's award.

Parallel Exhibitions and guided visits to exhibitions.

The Asian House, in the Baró de Quadras Palace offered the magnific exhibition by EMBT untitled "Spanish architects in China".

Our volunteers gently offered their time and knowledge in order to guide visitors through "Liquid China" and "EMBT Projects for China" under previous visit confirmation.

Parallel lectures and book presentations:

The Asian House, offered an interesting series of lectures offered by "Spanish architects in China": Rosa Cervera, Javier Gómez Pioz - Cervera & Pioz Arquitectos (Madrid) and Vicente Guallart de Guallart.

Moreover Editorial Gustavo Gili S.L.presented Energyscapes. New/old energy territories. The Book presentation was offered together with Round table with the author Aleksandar Ivancic, Josep Antoni Acebillo, Jaume Sodupe and Francisco Fernández Buey .

Sunday Guided Technical Visit

The Commission wanted to point out once again the importance of the figure and work of Bet Figueras, (who was supposed to chair as President, the International Jury before her premature death). Therefore we felt the need to brought to memories by Dietrich Lisa during the Rosa Barba Day to remind us a way of teaching, living and working that has profoundly affected the way we think and feel about landscape. However the homage wouldn't have been complete without a deeper approach to her works. Consequently we devoted the usual Sunday Guided Technical Visit, to tour some of her most celebrated works, from Port Ginesta, to la Illa, Hotel Om or the Botanical Garden.

Ephemeral exterior intervention

The European Biennial of Landscape Architecture disseminate its message to the city through our greening ephemeral intervention. Strategically posted in the most touristic hotspots in Barcelona (Cathedral avenue, Passeig the Gracia front of the Pedrera, old town and University center; our trees (olive trees, Prunus Ceracifera and palm trees) announce the welcome message to our visitors and disseminate our message at social wide level.

We have explained the reason's why the European Biennial of Landscape Architecture is not only a symposium. We have listed the results achieved with small budget and huge collective effort. But none of this would be possible without a first range of uninterested volunteers, helping hand friends, well intentioned colleagues, active partners and faithful sponsors. Also the team members are crucial for success, tiny compact, efficient team proving to overcomes all difficulties. Moreover, the role of the Executive committee has to be properly praised. Almost 15 years reflecting, proposing and guiding our collective process of professional maturation.

We want to go further in dissemination and discussion on landscape architectural intervention, but we can only evolve with you, join us and enjoy being part of the project.

Marina Cervera





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