

EVENT 4

UNISCAPE EN-ROUTE International Seminar LIVING IN TERRACED LANDSCAPES

Steep Geometries, oblique views. Emptiness and Light.

Gran Canaria

Architecture School of Las Palmas de Gran Canaria

November 21st to 23rd, 2018



Introduction

This event is organized around two fundamental premises. One of them as a prelude to the IV ITLA World Congress "Re-enchanting Terraces" to be held in the Canary Islands in 2019 and the other as a celebration of the 50th anniversary of the Foundation of the School of Architecture of Las Palmas de Gran Canaria.

The International Seminar develops its respective arguments under the theme of "Living in Terraced Landscapes", providing a reflection on the enhancement of these territories, their infrastructure, their constructive and organizational processes as well as the actions and projects

on the territories of terraces and how these territories influence and characterize the creative processes of form and of the architecture Project.

As in the previous ITLA Congresses in China (Rio Rjo, Yunnan in 2010), Peru (Cusco in 2014) and in Italy (Venice and Padua 2016) this Congress will be an event attended by custodians, activists, researchers, academics and students who share their lives, work and dreams or memories on the terraces of the world. There will be different spaces to exchange of experiences as well as multiple interactive scenarios with the purpose of approaching the rural population that maintains terraces as living landscapes. The emphasis will also be on giving and promoting significant progress in relation to the involvement of local, regional and national governments in the protection and recovery of this type of territory. In 2010, we formed the International Terraced Landscapes Alliance (ITLA) and approved the "Honghe Declaration" which establishes as a priority the recovery of terraces in the world. In 2014, we achieved a dialogue of knowledge between community members and community member guardians of the terraces in the Andes with activists and scientists to promote the local organization in charge of peasant rights and their practices. In Italy in 2016, we approved an action plan and a Manifesto to strengthen social movements committed to securing the future of terraced territories through different ways of identifying, protecting and recovering them in the different mountainous and coastal areas of the world.

ITLA, the Canary Islands Landscape Observatory of the Government of the Canary Islands and the host island institution, the Cabildo de la Gomera form the Organizing Committee of the IV ITLA World Congress to be held in March 2019, whose result and objective is to recover not only the memory of the terraces of the Macaronesian islands, but also to achieve the active re-enchantment of terraces in the world. The workshop which is described below is the one that closes the series of four preparatory events for the IV ITLA World Congress for 2019.

Seminar Contents

The En-Route International Seminar is a result of the collaboration of UNISCAPE with ITLA to contribute to an event prior to the IV ITLA World Congress - Terraced Territories. The seminar is also an addition to the celebrations of the 50th Anniversary of the School of Architecture of the University of Las Palmas de Gran Canaria (ULPGC).

During the seminar, three fundamental approaches will be coordinated to tackle the Project - Landscape relationship in terraced territories. The first will be, from the theoretical basis of ITLA and in the thematic sessions, make a first contact with the theoretical arguments of the IV World Congress "Re-Enchanting Terraces" of March 2019, reaffirming the figure of this seminar as the last prelude to the Congress. The second, being an En-Route Seminar of UNISCAPE, confronting academic research and project thinking with the landscape reality of study territories findable all around the world such as terraces, generating a perfect opportunity for participants of the seminar to exchange common issues of importance for European landscapes in depth, and thus promote "mutual assistance and exchange of information", as established in the European Landscape Convention. Finally, and as a tribute to the celebration of the 50th Anniversary of the School of Architecture, there will be a series of master conferences on architecture and project given by internationally renowned architects, which will describe their experiences and provide new approaches and tools to respond to the challenges of project actions in complex territories.

The argument "Living in Terraced Landscapes" is proposed as an active reflection for the recognition, recovery and protection of these and new project strategies in these territories and, as a consequence, the generation of new landscapes. We must understand that the re-enchantment of the terraced landscapes is in recognizing their value and importance in the life of the citizens and in the construction of the Landscape and in turn is formed by a complex network of elements and situations that go beyond the personal historical outcome or the good or poor physical condition of the walls or elements that define it, but without forgetting its importance in the process of identity and significance that a place should make an effort to claim.

From the action of viewing as a tool of perception, it is clearly necessary to understand how the inclined plane and the ways of adapting and inhabiting it is a constant condition in terraced territories. This view of a complex inclined plane, however, forces the viewer to move and position themselves in different points in order to fully understand the landscape. By its own geometry, the terraced landscape conceals information from spectators from perpendicular or orthogonal observation points, so those who focus on it, in order to understand it, must start from other non-static ways of looking, forms that demand a more active approach to the study object. The subtitle "*Steep Geometries, oblique views. Emptiness and Light*" refers to several of the perceptions, interpretations, tools and strategies for understanding and transformation that, from the architecture and the Project, in particular in its conception of the Landscape, are recognizable and applicable in these territories. It is only possible to recognize these oblique and zigzagging views through the understanding of their forms and their construction materials under the propitious conditions defining their reason for being.

Terraced landscapes are a reflection of the social, productive and living models of the times in which they were built. The modification of these models is the cause of the abandonment and successive deterioration of these territories. This seminar defends the idea that the recovery and reactivation of terraced landscapes involves the recognition and redefinition of new models of inhabiting them and living, working and producing in them.

The response to these considerations is in the form of four thematic lines that address diverse but intrinsic aspects of the terraced landscapes, conceptual and instrumental arguments that outline the strategic objectives of the seminar and which will be addressed in each of the sessions. These arguments are also the basis of the call for abstracts that will be held and that will serve as a selection tool for the selection of members of the round tables with the main speakers of each of the thematic sessions of the seminar.

Objectives

The objectives of the International Seminar are the following:

- To present and discuss their experiences within a specialized academic framework to draw multidisciplinary conclusions on the problems of terraces.
- To generate conclusions and proposals for the maintenance, conservation and enhancement of terraced landscapes on island and around the world.
- To agree on new definitions and understandings of the meaning and the existing correlation between the concepts of "inhabit" and "landscape".
- To present and recognize the various elements, situations and realities that make up the terraced landscapes.
- To recognize the opportunities and qualities that architecture can offer to the maintenance, improvement and enhancement of the terraced territories.

- To propose solutions oriented to the construction and organizational processes of terraced territories.
- To show the existing progress in the topics related to agricultural production, soil treatment, ecological crops, construction systems and irrigation methods and water management.
- To define new and better forms of recovering abandoned agricultural territories, within the regulatory frameworks at European level, reducing the depopulation of marginal rural areas.
- To propose methods to reactivate the local economies that will contribute to the improvement of the condition of these territories.
- To describe new methods for a global education of the landscape that may contribute to a greater understanding, valorization and conservation of the territory.
- To bear witness to the work done to date and take a critical view of it for its presentation during the IV ITLA World Congress.

The results of the International Seminar will be presented in the framework of the IV ITLA World Congress – Terraced Landscapes, “RE-ENCHANTING TERRACES”, to be held in La Gomera in March 2019

Structure and General Program

The seminar will be held over three days, from November 21st to 23rd, 2018, in the building of the School of Architecture of the University of Las Palmas de Gran Canaria, in the University Campus of Tafira., Apart from invited presentations and the presentation of the results of previous works and events, works developed by research groups from the Canary universities and invited international groups will also be exhibited during the seminar. Being an En-Route International Seminar of UNISCAPE (European Network of Universities for the implementation of the European Landscape Convention) the supported languages will be Spanish and English and presentations of selected speaker notes will be developed from a call for abstracts coordinated by the scientific committee.

UNISCAPE, the Government of the Canary Islands, the School of Architecture of Las Palmas de Gran Canaria and the University of Las Palmas de Gran Canaria will sponsor the event with the collaboration of institutions, foundations and companies of Las Palmas de Gran Canaria.

The opening of the seminar will take place at 9:30 pm on the first day, Wednesday 21st, in the auditorium of the School of Architecture, where the presentation and accreditation of the participants will also take place and the documentation and materials of the Seminar will be handed out. Afterwards, the welcome and the official presentation of the seminar will be made by the authorities and representatives of invited collaborating institutions, followed by a first introductory conference to the territories of terraces. After this the contents of UNISCAPE En-Route International Seminar, EVENT 4 ITLA-MAC, 50^o EA will be presented. Finally, the morning of this first day will close with two speeches, the first of a general nature entitled and the second will be the inaugural speech of the 50th anniversary.

The exhibition: *"Living in Terraced Landscapes. Mapping of the Territories"* will open in the School of Architecture on the first day of the seminar and will run until the seminar finishes. The same exhibition is the result of ongoing research conducted using GIS systems, other cartographic sources and work done by students of the School of Architecture who have developed subject-related projects in their subjects and final degree projects.

The afternoon of the first day, starting at 15:00, will begin with the first session of the seminar, “*LIVING. Places of Wellbeing and value in Terraced Territories*”. This session will consist of speeches and debates between keynote speakers, national and international guest speakers and authors of presented articles from various disciplines. In the morning and afternoon of the same day and successive days, other thematic sessions will be held, following the same structure of speeches and debates between speakers and various experts. Each day there will be a speech in celebration of the 50th Anniversary of the School of Architecture of the ULPGC, given by an architect and visiting professor of international renown.

The Seminar sessions are organized under the following epigraphs: “*LIVING. Places of Wellbeing and value in Terraced Territories*”; “*WISDOM. Recovery of the Memory of Terraces: Actions, Infrastructure and Projects*”; “*LABOUR. Construction and Protection of Terraces*” and “*LEARNING Generation of Knowledge and Innovation in Terraced Territories*”; all of which consider the territories as “*Places to Live in and Cultivate*”.

To conclude the event, the closing acts will be held in the morning of the third day to present and discuss the conclusions of the seminar, the IV ITLA World Congress - Terraced Landscapes “*RE-ENCHANTING TERRACES*” will be officially presented and the last master conference of the 50th anniversary will take place.

Calendar and Program November 21st to 23rd, 2018

Date	Content
Campus Tafira EA-ULPGC Wednesday 21st	<i>Morning</i> 09.00 – 09.30 Accreditations Reception and accreditation of the participants
	09.30 – 10.00 Welcome and Official Opening Act of the Seminar Excellent and Magnificent Rector of the University of Las Palmas de Gran Canaria Dr. Rafael Robaina Romero Director of the Architecture School of Las Palmas de Gran Canaria Dr. Enrique Solana Suárez President of UNISCAPE - Director of the Landscape Observatory of the Canary Islands Dr. Juan Manuel Palerm Salazar
	10.00 – 12:00 OPENING SESSION Timmi Tillmann PhD. Anthropologist, Maruja Salas PhD. Anthropologist. Researchers of the Centre for Political and International Studies. Coventry University. England. Coordinators of ITLA <i>“Recovering the memory: THE (post- industrial) FUTURE OF AGRICULTURE DEPENDS ON THE ANCIENT WISDOM OF TERRACES FOR THE DOMESTICATION OF NATURE”</i> Tessa Matteini. PhD. Architect, Professor of Landscape Architecture, University of Florence Director of UNISCAPE <i>“LIVING AND CULTIVATING HERITAGE LANDSCAPES. ACTIVE CONSERVATION, MANAGEMENT AND PROJECT”</i>
	Juan M. Palerm Salazar. PhD. Architect, Full Professor of Architectural Projects, ULPGC <i>“LANDSCAPE EDUCATION AND BANCALES’S PROJECT”</i>
	12.15 – 13.30 Master conference “50th Anniversary EA” <i>“EMPTINESS AND LIGHT IN THE ARCHITECTURE PROJECT”</i> Carlos Ferrater Lambarri. PhD. Architect Full Professor of Architectural Projects, Polytechnic University of Catalonia.

Date	Content
Campus Tafira EA-ULPGC Wednesday 21st	<i>Afternoon</i> 15.00 – 18.00 THEMATIC SESSION 1: LIVING. Places of Wellbeing and value in Terraced Territories Guest and Keynote Speakers and presentation of abstracts-speeches. Debate.
Campus Tafira EA-ULPGC Thursday 22nd	<i>Morning</i> 09.00 – 12.00 THEMATIC SESSION 2: WISDOM. Recovery of the memory of Terraces: Actions, Infrastructure and Projects Guest and Keynote Speakers and presentation of abstracts-speeches. Debate. 12.15 – 13.30 Master Conference “50th Anniversary EA” “A REFLECTION ON THE IMPORTANCE OF THE CONTEST” RECENT WORKS Manuel Gallego Jorreto. PhD. Architect Full Professor of Architectural Projects, University of A Coruña <i>Afternoon</i> 15.00 – 18.00 THEMATIC SESSION 3: LABOUR. Construction and Protection of Terraces Guest and Keynote Speakers and presentation of abstracts-speeches. Debate.
Campus Tafira EA-ULPGC Friday 23rd	<i>Morning</i> 09.00 –12.00 THEMATIC SESSION 4: LEARNING. Generation of Knowledge and Innovation in Terraced Territories Guest and Keynote Speakers and presentation of abstracts-speeches. Debate. 12.15 – 13.15 FINAL PLENARY SESSION, Conclusions Presentation of the IV ITLA World Congress. March 2019 “RE-ENCHANTING TERRACES” 13.15 – 14.30 Master conference “50th Anniversary EA” “EXPLORE THE LIMITS” Guillermo Vázquez Consuegra. Architect Professor Emeritus and director of the Cátedra Blanca Internacional Workshop. University of Seville.

Thematic and Content Lines

The seminar is structured along the four thematic lines that are developed in the Call for Articles available on the IV Congress website. These thematic lines are summarized below:

- **LIVING**

Places of Wellbeing and value in Terraced Territories

The aim of this thematic line is to study and understand the development of new ways of living, cultivating, maintaining and inhabiting terraces and the contributions of these territories to the biodiversity and cultural identity of contemporary society. Studies may also be submitted that show the restoration or conservation of crops and agricultural techniques that have disappeared or are no longer used, systems to maintain and control the quality of the cultivated land and a future oriented to organic agriculture.

- **WISDOM**

Recovery of the memory of Terraces: actions, infrastructure and projects

The main aims of this thematic line are the study of the process of abandonment and restoration of local wisdom to the point of becoming a progressive process of the re-enchantment of terraced landscapes. The ability to think and act using knowledge, experience, understanding and their

different levels, common sense, practical judgment or common wisdom is intrinsic to this thematic line. In addition to the ability to understand the cause and effect of the existence of terraced landscapes, empathy, passion and concern for the welfare of these landscapes, which generate awareness and sensitivity in all those who have had or have something to do with these territories.

- LABOUR

Construction and protection of terraces

This thematic line aims to show the diversity of terraced territories using studies and actions that explain and take into account the particularities which they have adapted to in each area, understanding the terraces as a system of work from the traditional techniques of construction of dry stone walls to irrigation systems and water control. The new and traditional construction systems of the terraces walls, including reconstruction and maintenance methods, extraction methods and methods, will be examined in more detail along with the properties of the different types of stones and the methods used, as well as the recognition and solution of possible pathologies. Finally, this thematic line will reflect on and study the various trades found in terraced territories such as dry-stone construction, water carriers, seed growers, quarriers, roadside vendors of agricultural produce, etc.

- LEARNING

Generation of Knowledge and Innovation in Terraced Territories

This thematic line is oriented towards the process of generation or modification of knowledge through practice, the need for a non-exclusive and inflexible exchange and cooperation capable of involving actors and actions, skills, values and preferences. At the same time, we are interested in understanding the level of intergenerational learning of terraced landscapes and their values, the degradation of this material heritage and the environmental risks that this entails. It also aims to perform a more in-depth review of landscape models and perceptions based on the European Landscape Convention and other worldwide technical and conceptual instruments influencing the study of new ways of constructing or restoring areas of qualitative and structural value. The construction schools will also be promoted with the quality standards according to local cultural, legal and material conditions as well as their recognition as a building profession

Call for Abstracts

The Call for Abstracts opens on June 22nd, 2018, for both Event 4 and the Fourth Congress. Abstracts must be sent through the website in the corresponding section of the Call for Papers. The supported languages are Spanish and English. The abstract must be done in the downloadable template available on the website.

The submitted abstracts and papers must comply with follow the criteria in the Call for Papers and should focus on one of the four thematic lines.

The authors of the selected abstracts will be able to participate, according to the criteria of the scientific committee, in the speeches and debates in each thematic session. In each session there will be several keynote speakers, professors from the University of Las Palmas de Gran Canaria and other invited researchers and professionals, both national and international.

In addition to the opportunity of actively participating in the sessions of the event, the authors of the abstracts selected for Event 4 are offered the option, once their abstract has been prepared as a complete article following the criteria described in the Call for Papers (November 15th, 2018), of its later presentation during the IV ITLA World Congress of Terraced Territories, to be held in La Gomera, in March 2019.

- Opening of the **call for abstracts**
- Deadline for **abstract submission**
- Communication of acceptance or rejection of **abstracts**

June 22nd, 2018
September 1st, 2018
September 30th, 2018

The participants whose abstracts have been selected must be registered for the Seminar and have paid the registration fee within 15 days of receiving the communication of acceptance of their abstract, with a deadline of October 15th, 2018.

Place

THE SCHOOL OF ARCHITECTURE OF LAS PALMAS DE GRAN CANARIA
Address: Edificio de Arquitectura, Campus Universitario de Tafira, 35017.
Las Palmas de Gran Canaria, Canary Islands, Spain.

Participants

This workshop is aimed at academics, national and international undergraduates and postgraduates and at the different members and associates of ITLA and UNISCAPE, as well as all the actors involved in the different processes generated in the terraced territories. The seminar is an opportunity to expand academic methodological horizons and enrich research work with a perspective of dialogue of traditional knowledge for transformative social action and the application of new methodologies for the recognition of the landscape and its value, with a view to the celebration of the IV ITLA World Congress “RE-ENCHANTING TERRACES”.

Registration to the UNISCAPE En-Route International Seminar

Admission to the Seminar will be free until the capacity of the auditorium of the School of Architecture of Las Palmas de Gran Canaria is full.

Registration is open to all professionals, academics and students who wish to share and expand their knowledge about the project and landscape by contrasting their experiences with the contributions that will be made in the speeches of the different thematic sessions

The persons who wish to register for the seminar must register using the online form on the website www.terracedlandscapes2019.es where they will find a specific section for the activities in this seminar on **EVENT 4 “LIVING IN TERRACED LANDSCAPES”**. The beginning of the registration period will be on March 19st, 2018. Once completed the form each participant will receive an email explaining the methods of payment for the registration fee, which should be paid within 15 days.

Registration for the seminar includes:

- Guaranteed access to the seminar sessions (speeches and debates).
- Official certificate of attendance at the seminar with the corresponding accreditation of having participated in a 20-hour course.
- The possibility of presenting works, according to the criteria laid out in the Call for Papers, in the call for abstracts and their development into complete articles.

The registration forms and registration fees for this seminar for people who wish to opt for the points in the section above are the following:

- Students: € 25
- Professionals: € 100

To qualify for certification, the applicant must register through the website and attend in person at least 80% of the thematic sessions. (100% students)

The participants in the seminar must pay for their own travelling costs, transfers and stays in Gran Canaria.

The participants of the Seminar will have to pay for their own travelling and accommodation costs

- Opening of the **Registration** period **March 19th, 2018**
- Closing date for **Registration** **October 15th, 2018**

For any questions, doubts or clarifications you can also contact via email at:
info@terracedlandscapes2019.es.

Exposition

The exposition "*Living in Terraced Landscapes. Mapping of Territories*" will be held over the course of the seminar. An investigation based on the detailed study of the terraced slopes of the Canary Islands and of the works included in the teaching projects in the subjects taught at the School of Architecture and other faculties of the University of Las Palmas de Gran Canaria. The history and evolution of these territories will be studied in each of the islands, until there is a mapping of the current situation of the terraces and terraces that takes into account for their size, their distribution and their general characteristics (type, use of the land, age of the terraces, etc.).

The exposition and the mapping will be done in order to build a WebGIS of the Canary terraced territories, which will be a reference platform for the exchange of economic, cultural, social and tourist planning in terraced areas. The final result will be an essential support for the organization of the IV Congress and will also be part of a traveling exhibition that will be inaugurated during the 4th event in Gran Canaria and which will later move to the other venues of the IV ITLA World Congress.

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