CONFERENCE THEME & SUB THEMES
The focus of the conference is on the global perspectives of landscape design responses to the diverse and complex interactions of the built with the unbuilt and the consequences of these interactions. While continuing the thread of discussions from our previous conferences, an attempt has been made to include the broader and more expansive nature of Landscape Architecture in today’s changed scenario compared to what it was, even a decade ago.

THE CONFERENCE WILL FOCUS ON:
1. The issues and approaches through a multi-disciplinary outlook of varied sciences, research and demonstrations.
2. Landscape design responses to settlements and urbanization.
3. Landscape architecture as an enabler of a symbiotic relationship between the natural and man-made realms.

As we settle into the new normal, let us not forget that we have adapted to a change. This change has not only made us more observant but has also re-aligned the way we perceive open spaces. Nature has been able to reclaim its space in the absence of human activities during the lockdowns. These temporary changes have allowed residents to re-imagine their city as a place that feels and smells better, sounds more peaceful and permits better sleep.

The scale, speed and impact of the crisis have made it clear that we are living through a profound transformation. We are experiencing a tectonic shift, where the ground is moving beneath us, changing the fundamental principles and rules that have governed our practices and lives.

The progress in mitigating the negative impacts on the unbuilt environment by the rapid expansion in the built habitats will impact global dynamics in many ways. The lessons learnt will be carried forward as a collective response of ISOLA, not only for agencies involved in India, but also for other countries facing similar trends, and will have the potential to enhance the lives of the impoverished millions.
**BALANCE**

**The City in Nature**

‘Built’ within the ‘Unbuilt’.
- Impact of large-scale natural systems on the working of megacities that incorporate or function within such systems and thereby come under their influence.
- Vast regional landscapes, infrastructure developments in them and the impact of climate and rainfall patterns, run-off, natural water bodies, tides, forest corridors and other regional scale phenomena.

**TRANSFORMATION**

**Emergent cities**

‘Building’ into the ‘Unbuilt’
- Fringe area amalgamation in the peri-urban & urban areas, greenfield developments, the environmental and socio-cultural impacts of land-use change (towns expanding into their hinterlands, growing/changing economies, industrial occupations and their resource and waste management).

**RENEWAL**

**Decaying cities and renewal by nature**

‘Unbuilding’ within the ‘Built’
- Impact of the city on the nature within it - toxic sites, degraded lands, quarries.
- Rejuvenation and restoration of ecological functions, the bringing back of biodiversity.
Kotchakorn is a Landscape Architect from Thailand who works on building productive green public spaces that tackle climate change in dense urban areas and vulnerable communities. She designed the first critical green infrastructure for the Chulalongkorn University Centenary Park, Bangkok.

Mohan heads INDE, a research-based practice engaged in environmental design, regional planning and landscape architecture with a strong focus on sustainable practices. His areas of engagement include ecosystem services, climate change and passive design; low impact development, heritage site interpretation & traditional knowledge systems. His academic, research and practice initiatives are spread across India, China, Africa, Europe and Latin America. His honours include several awards including those instituted by UNESCO, IFLA, HUDCO, etc.

Dirk is an involved and creative urban designer. His strength lies in finding new solutions for complex urban problems. He has a vast experience in urban planning and design of urban public spaces. His expertise focuses on themes like waterfront development, densification & high-rise structures.

Israel heads a multi-disciplinary firm of architecture, design & landscape, headquartered in Madrid, based on a collaborative multi faceted and multi disciplinary approach. It deals with the contemporary city as a complex, variable phenomenon and embraces its continuous transformation as a positive, optimistic process.
Michael Grove
Principal Landscape Architect, SASAKI, USA
Jiading New District, China.

Michael is the Chair of Landscape Architecture, Civil Engineering, and Ecology and sits on Sasaki’s Board of Directors. Leading much of the firm’s work in Asia, he offers unique insight into the unprecedented transformation and urbanization of the region. Michael is a fierce advocate for the vital role that landscape architects play in shaping contemporary cities. Informed by a rigorous inquiry of economic, ecological, and cultural influences, he believes that the role of the designer is to make cities livable, equitable & resilient.

Ketaki Ghate
Founder, OIKOS, India
Ranwa, Forest restoration in Sahyadri, Maharashtra.

Ketaki founder of Oikos For Ecological Services is an Ecology expert who has been working in the field of ecological restoration, biodiversity conservation and nature education for the last 18 years.

GSV Suryanarayana Murthy
Founder, KSHETRA, India
River Island of Majuli in midstream of Brahmaputra River in Assam

Murthy is practicing as an independent consultant in the field of Planning, Architecture, Urban Design and Conservation.
He specializes in documenting Indian traditional building and historical building knowledge systems. He is associated with all regions and states of India in varied projects of Heritage, Human Settlements Infrastructure Planning and Development. Visiting faculty in Architecture and Engineering colleges and empaneled Architect in Central Govt. and State Govt. projects
Ecological Planting Palette

The need for an ecological plantation palette is not just planting native species but must be viewed considering natives also undergo various changes during their process of evolution over the years. Hence it is important to take a holistic view. It includes generic as well as specific understanding of the various layers of ecology like soils, water retention data, climate, hydrology, evaporation data and application of traditional knowledge and experiences of locals to develop successful methods. We will try to understand ways to create a holistic ecological palette without stressing on natural resources, without exploiting government resources and accepting natural site conditions.

The workshop will focus on developing a methodology with science, technique & knowledge culminating into an art. Since the primary focus of the conference workshop is set on ecological plantation which falls under the science section of above mentioned framework.

- Idea of ISOLA forest map
- Associations
- Native alternatives & availability of natives
- Local wisdom & plant care
- Data visualization & data collection

We would be discussing the works we have come across, developed over time in tune with the above-mentioned framework showing sympathy towards nature resulting from hands-on experiences.

WORKSHOP STRUCTURE
- 2:30 to 3:45 – Connecting with the audiences about the need for such a workshop and followed by a presentation leading to the development of a methodology to create an ecological planting palette.
- 3:45 to 4:30 – Open discussion to participants and interaction session to evolve ecological planting palette format.

WORKSHOP CURATOR
ADITI GALANDE
Aditi Galande completed her post-graduation in landscape architecture from SPA, Bhopal in 2016. Her keen interest in the allied fields of environment has prompted her to take up courses in the field of botany, ornithology, and sustainability. In 2019 she was a part of a research working on suggestions from ISOLA to GRIHA for ‘Manual on Native Vegetation of India’. She has been actively involved with ISOLA Maharashtra chapter since its formation in 2018 and chapter secretary since 2021. She is currently working with AO Design Company, Pune.
WORKSHOP 2
12-02-22 - 11:20 am Onwards

Source of Water in Absence of Water

Stepwells were fundamental to life in the driest parts of India. For centuries, stepwells which incorporated a cylindrical well that extended down to the water table provided water for drinking, washing, bathing, and irrigation of crops. Unique to the region, stepwells are often architecturally complex and they vary widely in size and shape. These stepwells not only served as the interaction spaces but they also were mainly used for water harvesting.

This workshop should focus on the processes involved in the revival of stepwells to understand hydrological & geological construct in place with their relation to the confined & unconfined aquifers.

Workshop Schedule.

45 min - 60 min: Ar.Yeshwant Ramamurthy
- Introductory Session - Step-wells
- Context: Where and how to find Step-wells
- Historical evidence over past 60 years
- Evolution of Step-wells
- Cultural importance of step-wells
- Fascinating stories: Life in the Baghs

30 min - 45 min: Case Study by Ar.Arunima Shankar
- Case study of revived Bapughat Stepwell
- Fascinating stories: Life in the Baghs

20 min: Introduction to Activity
- Stepwell at Bapughat, Sangam, Langer Hauz:
- Badi Baoli, Qutub Shahi Tomb Complex:
- Stepwell at EFLU, Sitaphalmandi:
- Stepwell at Bansilaalpet, Secunderabad:

A brief of each of the Stepwells will be made available for each of the participants.
The workshop can be undertaken both as an individual exercise or in a group.
The participants can work on Design-based solutions or Policy making for their choice of Stepwell.
The output can be an illustration or a text or both based on the participant’s choice.
15 min: Concluding session by Ar.Yeshwant Ramamurthy and Ar.Arunima Shankar would be hosted on the third day of conference as per the program schedule.

WORKSHOP CURATORS
YESHWANT RAMAMURTHY
He is the President of Hyderabad Design Forum which aims to integrate all verticals of design through academic and practical programs. Currently they are researching and documenting traditional stepwells in Telangana.

ARUNIMA SHANKAR
Arunima Shankar, a graduate from CEPT with Masters in Conservation and she co-founded Akarmaa. Based out of Chennai and Hyderabad, Akarmaa works in the fields of Design, Heritage, Environment and Education. Arunima plays a major role in Hyderabad Design Forum (HDF) which had submitted a list of 100 step wells in Hyderabad to the department of Municipal Administration and Urban Development (MAUD). Her works include restoration of Bapu Ghat, step well in Hyderabad.

GOPAL VILAS BAJAJ
Gopal Vilas Bajaj is a landscape architect from Hyderabad, India. He works on building green forests in urban all topological landscape works helping to regulate the microclimate. He received his masters in landscape architecture from CEPT and continues to participate in various juries and lectures in various institutions.
The intent of this workshop is to bring together all the student members of ISOLA and post graduate students in the field of landscape architecture across the country to connect over the conference theme & build a conversation on prominent issues faced by various cities in the country. The conversations recorded through the process shall be curated by a panel of experts including landscape architects & allied professionals paving a way towards a directory of solutions as a takeaway for all young professionals & student members.

A – Generic issues across the country:
• Ecological systems in harmony with human centric systems.
• Tourism as a pressure exerted on the Natural Setting.
• Balancing the existing Ecosystem services (Food, Soil Erosion, Outbreak of diseases, Water, Biodiversity, flora & fauna)
• Rural & urban fringes – critical sites of ecological and socio-cultural change.
• Post-Industrialization awareness towards built environment
  E.g.: Defunct Industrial Parks, JLN Port- Mumbai, DBR Mills- Hyderabad.
• Regeneration of built environment
  E.g.: Edge conditions, river side edge – no man’s land – delicate intervention to re-establish the flora & fauna of the region.

B - Issue centric to a region:
Chennai & Mumbai
E.g.: Solid waste management – Flood Issue
New Delhi
E.g.: Air quality & pollution Gurgaon surface drainage system issues
Bangalore
E.g.: Possible ways to come up with the lost glory of garden city
Kerala
E.g.: Backwaters, Traditional methods, mangroves & city edge
Madhya Pradesh
E.g.: Bhopal lake linkage and its edge condition
Gujarat
E.g.: Responses to new intervention and its long term benefits
Rajasthan
E.g.: Shifting sand dunes

Methodology:
The participant is allowed to choose issues as mentioned above or any similar issues, that need to be addressed inline to the conference theme - Unbuilt landscapes.
The participant can address through following methodology:

Case Brief / Case Study
A generalized brief of an issue to arrive at an expression.

Opening Statement
It defines the impact of the issue & leading towards assessment through various tools.

Case Specific
A specific issue identified and process involved in deriving a design solution, policy making approach.

Deliverables & Format:
- Sketches, Story, Short essay, poetic expression, photo-montages, pictorial representation, sections, non-studio approach towards expressing the issue.
- The submission is limited to a maximum of 2 sheets of A4 or 600-800 words.
- Please mention Subject of email as Boot Camp – followed by the Title
- Please note that the name of the institution should be clearly stated in the cover letter or email.
- Submission of Entries accepted from 10th January to 26th January 2022.
- Entries to be accepted through email address: isolahydconference@gmail.com

Note:
The panel to curate this boot camp comprises of senior landscape architects from the organizing committee, Heads of the Departments from Landscape Architecture institutes & allied professional experts who will help arrive at solutions as a practical learning takeaway from the conference. Boot camp workshop will further be divided into 2-3 sessions during three days of the conference with similar subjects taken in one session.
PROGRAMME

DAY 1 (11-02-2022) Friday
09:30 10:00 Online arrival & login
10:00 10:15 Inaugural ceremony
10:15 10:25 ISOLA President speech by Dr. Sridevi Rao
10:25 10:30 Introduction to Kotchakorn Voraakhom, LANDPROCESS.
10:30 11:15 Keynote speech - Kotchakorn Voraakhom, Landscape Architect
11:15 11:25 Donor Networking Session
11:25 11:35 10 min Break
11:35 11:40 Introduction to Mohan Rao, INDE’
12:25 12:30 Introduction to Dirk Van Peijpe, DE URBANISTEN.
13:15 13:30 Q & A
13:30 14:00 30 min Lunch Break
14:00 14:30 Donor Networking Session
14:30 16:30 Workshop 1 - Ecological Planting Palette.

DAY 2 (12-02-2022) Saturday
09:30 10:00 Online arrival & login
10:00 10:05 Introduction to Michael Grove, SASAKI.
10:05 10.50 Speaker 3 – Transformation - Jiading New District, China.
10:50 11:10 Q & A
11:10 11.20 10 min Break
11:20 12:50 Paper Presentations
12:50 13:20 Donor Networking Session
13:20 14:00 30 min Lunch Break
14:00 14:00 Introduction to Israel Alba, ISRAEL ABLA ESTUDIO.
14:05 14.50 Speaker 4 – Transformation - Valdemingomez Landfill Park, Madrid.
14:50 15:10 Q & A
15:10 15:30 Donor Networking Session
DAY 3  (13-02-2022) Sunday
10:30  11.00  Online arrival & login
11:00  11:05  Introduction to Ketaki Ghate, OIKOS.
11:05  11:50  Speaker 5 – Renewal - Forest restoration in Sahyadri, Maharashtra.
11:50  11:55  Introduction to GSV Suryanarayana Murthy, KSHETRA.
11:55  12:40  Speaker 6 – Renewal - River Island of Majuli in Brahmaputra
12:40  13:00  Q & A
13:00  13:15  Donor Networking Session
13:15  13:30  Closing Ceremony
13:30  14:00  30 min Lunch break.
14:00  15:30  Workshop 3.0 - Boot Camp - For Students
15:30  15:50  Donor Networking Session
15:50  16.30  Cultural Event (to be announced shortly)

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