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Cities Building their Landscapes

[WAT]
Workshop_atelier/terrain

The UNESCO Chair in Landscape and Environmental Design of the University of Montreal (CUPEUM) every year organizes a **«Workshop_atelier/terrain»[WAT]** on the development of cities and their suburbs.

Unique places for international experimentation, these annual meetings gather more than 60 students from different studying fields: architecture, landscape architecture, urban planning, urban design and geography, coming from different regions of the Maghreb, the Middle-East, Asia, North America, as well as Europe . The WAT also reunites a panel of experts and international professors to generate viable planning scenarios for the challenged local communities.

These WAT are contexts of ideas whose students from selected projects receive protection the UNESCO. The CUPEUM's WAT is a learning model by its multicultural and multidisciplinary approach, its contribution to the implementation of investment and innovating projects for the development of the cities. The WAT constitute exceptional places for urban landscapes cities and metropolises (l'Observatoire international des paysages urbains «cities on metropolises» of the CUPEUM). these WAT constitute exceptional laboratories of urban landscapes cities, as well as the first place of open dialogues between the cultures, to overcome the challenges on the designing of the 21st century's cities.

The Maghreb / The Middle East

WAT_Ganghwa, Republic of Korea 2007

Limits, urban interfaces, and landscape enhancement of a historical city

[DONGRAK RIVER. From the vocation to an evocation]

Urban requalification through the return of a hydrographical network in the city

Omar Akkaro, ENAU-Tunisia
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Hee Juh Kwon, Global ROK
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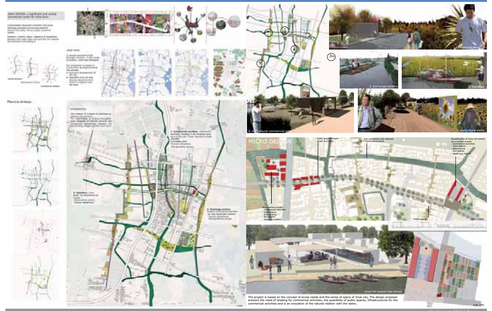
Asia

WAT_Jinze (Qingpu-Shanghai), China 2008

Planning of the suburbs' landscapes: enhancements of the surroundings, interfaces of territories, and viable development strategies

[Commercial Network]



Ecotourism development enhancing the commercial activities with local products

Khadija Jad, ENAU-Tunisia
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Katherine Jarvis, Carl Lavoie
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WAT_Kobe, Japan 2009

Kobe in landscape – 12 urban design projects

[Merging Landscapes]

Requalification of an industrial district and development of a green network along the canal linking the different parts of the area

Laura Kiefer, JUAN-Italy
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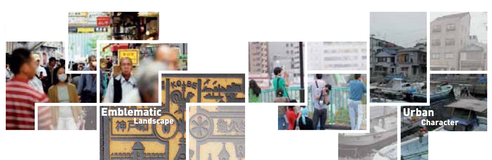

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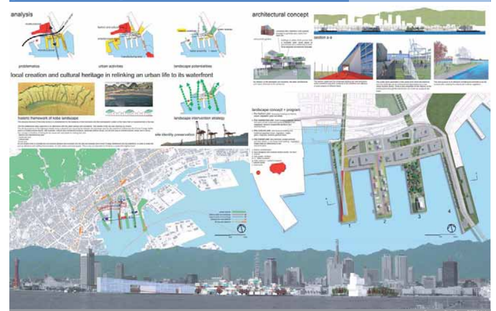
The urban landscape refers to the appreciation of a neighbour hood, a commercial street, a park, etc. Therefore, beyond the city panorama or emblematic or accustomed evolution, the territory, it is the result of the combination of the functional aspects and elements that are based on specific values (historic, aesthetic, ecologic, economic, etc.) uses (residential, touristic, events, etc.), and perceptions (visual, auditory, olfactory, etc.). Thus landscape is both phenomena of attributing social and cultural value to an area and the tangible and intangible expression of the culture of the individuals who inhabit it or use it.

Extract from the Convention européenne du paysage, 2000

[RE-Linking Water and City]



Reconnection of the harbour with the city and implantation of architectural concepts highlighting the presence of the mountain in the city

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