



Healthscapes

Landscape, the Contemporary
Meaning of Care, and the Fallacy
of Wellbeing

International Landscape Study Days

2026, XXII edition

26th-27th February

Treviso, palazzo Bomben

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Gathering input from fields such as landscape architecture, ecology, biology, medicine, environmental psychology and neuroscience, the conference will be a chance to reflect on the ties between wellbeing (or the lack thereof) and the landscape (on various scales), and between health and perception of the environment, as well as landscape design as a form of care and active engagement with the human condition.

As usual for this event, experts, scholars and professionals from various disciplines will be involved, with a special space also dedicated to the language of cinema.

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Malmö seafront, project and photo
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The Landscape Study Days are devised by the Scientific Committee of the Fondazione Benetton Studi Ricerche, they are coordinated by Luigi Latini (chairman of Scientific Committee) and Simonetta Zanon (landscape project). Scientific committee: *Giuseppe Barbera*, agronomist, University of Palermo; *Hervé Brunon*, garden historian, André Chastel Centre, Paris, CNRS; *Thilo Folkerts*, landscape architect, 100Landschaftsarchitektur, Berlin; *Anna Lambertini*, architect and landscape architect, University of Firenze; *Luigi Latini*, Architect, Iuav University of Venice (Chairman); *Monique Mosser*, art historian, Advanced School of Architecture, Versailles, CNRS; *Joan Nogué*, geographer, University of Girona; *Juan Manuel Palerm*, architect, University of Las Palmas; *José Tito Rojo*, botanist, University of Granada.

Thursday 26th February

→ h 10am – 10.15am

Introduction to the 2026 study days by curators Luigi Latini and Simonetta Zanon

→ h 10.15am – 1pm

• *One Health One Earth. Us and the Earth: a single destiny*

Luisella Battaglia, Professor of Moral Philosophy and Bioethics at the University of Genoa and Suor Orsola Benincasa University in Naples

• *Biophilia. The genetics and psychology of connections with nature*

Giuseppe Barbiero, Professor of Biology and Ecopsychology, Head of GREEN LEAF – the Laboratory of Affective Ecology at the University of Valle D'Aosta

• *One Health. The story of the Grave di Ciano del Montello, Treviso*

Anna Pozzатello, General Practitioner, Medici per l'Ambiente (Doctors for the Environment, ISDE), Treviso

• *Traumatic loss of sense of place and the healing power of water landscapes*

Francesco Vallerani, Senior Researcher in Geography at Ca' Foscari University of Venice

→ h 3pm – 5pm

• *'Healing spaces. Frailty, connections and the right to the city*

Michela Pasquali, landscape architect, Associazione Linaria ETS, Rome

• *Healing parks*

Cristina Imbroglini, Professor of Landscape Architecture, Department of Architecture and Design, Sapienza University of Rome

• *Mindsapes. Therapeutic precincts and cultural welfare*

Lucina Caravaggi, Professor of Landscape Architecture, Department of Architecture and Design, Sapienza University of Rome

→ h 5.15pm

Melancholia, by Lars von Trier (Denmark, Sweden, France, Germany, 2011, 130')

Screening of the film, with an introduction by Marco Zuin (documentary filmmaker and director)

Friday 27th February

→ h 10am – 1pm

• *Climate change and mental health*

Paolo Cianconi, Psychiatrist, Anthropologist, PhD in Neuroscience, Rome

• *The bustle of urban biodiversity*

Massimo Labra, Professor of General Botany at the University of Milano-Bicocca, Scientific Director of the National Biodiversity Future Center

• *Gardens as a pharmakon? Mutual affection, ethnobotany and biopolitics*

Andrea Di Salvo, landscaper, editor, journalist, creator of virideblog.it

• *Healing green spaces*

Andrea Mati, joint owner of the Mati 1909 nursery in Pistoia, expert designer of healing gardens

→ h 3pm – 5pm

• *Natural Health. The impact of design with nature on mental well-being in the city*

Johanna Gibbons RDI, Founding Partner J&L Gibbons, London

• *Taking care*

Antonio Perazzi, landscape architect, Milan

• *Rethinking Healthscapes: adaptation, normativity, and the politics of care*

Zaš Brezar, landscape architect, founder of Landezine - Landscape Architecture Platform

Free admission, no reservation required, access granted subject to capacity.

Simultaneous Italian/English/Italian translation will be available for all speeches.

Live streaming on the Foundation's YouTube channel.

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