



Irish Landscape Institute - Lecture Series 2012/2013

Lectures January 2012 – March 2013: Curated by **Michael Cregan MILI** & **Daithi OTroithigh MILI**
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January 2012

Landscapes of Desire

Dr. Joanna Bruck,
University College Dublin

Dr. Bruck gave a talk on the creation of public parks as a response to the social and political conditions of the Victorian and Edwardian period. From the 1830s, there was growing concern over the lack of green spaces, clean air and recreational opportunities for those dwelling in towns and cities. Processes of urbanisation and industrialisation resulted in dramatic social and economic changes. In Ireland, such concerns were particularly acute because of the complex relationships between class, religion and politics as the nationalist movement grew in strength.

February 2012

Managing the Marine Environment

Part 1: Seascape Assessment: David Bagnall MILI, Brady Shipman Martin

As offshore wind power became an increasingly important prospect around the end of the 1990s there was little understanding of the potential visual/seascape impact issues or how to measure or define them. In particular impacts on views, landscape character and residential amenity were perceived as being much reduced in the marine environment. These assumptions and suppositions required testing and evaluation. David Bagnall outlined his work with the Marine Institute Ireland and Countryside Council for Wales in putting together a research project under the Interreg programme to establish a methodology for seascape assessment. This document formed the basis for many subsequent policies and explored the fundamental character of our coasts and the extent of related seascape.

Part 2: Wind Energy: Patrick Duffy

'Landscape' and proponents of green energy may appear to be natural allies but clash frequently over wind energy. Wave energy holds much promise but has not yet emerged from the development stage. What are wave energy devices likely to look like in the sea? What will WEC (wave energy convertor) wave farms look like? - Wind farms are examined for their likelihood of killing birds and WEC's for their effects on fish life, but what will be the visual impact of the latter? Should they be painted grey-green to blend in, or yellow to stand out? How far off-shore, if at all, are they likely to be? Patrick Duffy gave an innovative presentation, making new strokes on this relatively blank canvas.

March 2012

Landscape Archaeology and Visual Assessment

Margaret Keane, DAHG

Bill Hastings, ARC



Image: National Monuments Service <http://www.archaeology.ie>

A look at the Cashel Management plan and some of the issues surrounding landscape and archaeology, with presentations from Margaret Keane, Senior Archaeologist with the National Monuments Service, Department of Arts, Heritage & the Gaeltacht and Bill Hastings, Director of ARC Consultants, a multi-disciplined consultancy working in the area of environmental design and development. Margaret Keane gave a presentation outlining the role of the department in assessing draft County Development Plans in relation to impacts on archaeology. Bill Hastings spoke about the methodology developed during a project undertaken to evaluate the 'zone of visual influence' of the Rock of Cashel and how this methodology can be a useful tool for conducting similar evaluations on historic monuments.

April 2012

Landscape and Tourism

Paddy Mathews, Fáilte Ireland

Together with our people and culture, our landscape is our most important tourism asset. In fact, the three are inseparable. This presentation explored the importance of the Irish landscape for tourism, what our overseas tourists think of our landscape - warts and all - and how some of our best views are actually our best kept secrets



May 2012

Badlands: Revisit, reuse, repair

Caroline Massey MILI, Mitchell &

Associates: Kilbarry Landfill park project

Gráinne Shaffery, Shaffery Associates:

Dun Laoghaire Harbour

Denis Byrne Architect: The Queen's Wall

Paul Hogarth Company: Connswater Greenway

This series of four presentations explored the potential of recycled / reused / reinvented lands highlighting the works of architects and landscape architects and the importance of repairing disused, underused sites.



September 2012

Georgian Landscapes

Dr. Finola O’Kane Crimmins

Dr. O’Kane Crimmins’ research covers the history of designed landscape in Ireland, with a particular interest in the cultural, philosophical and aesthetic dimensions of this history, and in the role of key individuals in modulating the physical and intellectual environment.



October 2012

The Phoenix Park Management Plan

Margaret Gormley, MILI, Parks Superintendent, OPW

The Phoenix Park celebrated its 350th anniversary in 2012. Margaret Gormley gave an outline of the park’s history and its new management plan



November 2012

Landscape and Nature in Dutch Spatial Planning

Arjan Van de Lindeloof

Jointly hosted with the Irish Planning Institute

A lecture on spatial planning in the Netherlands jointly hosted by the Irish Landscape Institute and the Irish Planning Institute.

Arjan Van de Lindeloof, directorate of Spatial Planning & Mobility, Province of South-Holland, is responsible for the

integrated spatial planning and development of the coast of South Holland. In this lecture, he outlined some of the key concerns associated with this work.

November 2012

Practice Focus: Michael van Gessel

Design Week 2012: opening lecture, jointly hosted with Pivot Dublin and the Architectural Association of Ireland

Educated as a landscape architect at the University of Wageningen, Michael van Gessel is active in landscape architecture and urbanism. Launching Design week 2012, he introduced a selection of his key projects outlining his inspirations, methods and priorities.

December 2012

The National Landscape Strategy

Alison Harvey, The Heritage Council

Alison Harvey, Planning and Development Officer at the Heritage Council gave a presentation on the development and implementation of the National Landscape Strategy in Ireland, and chaired an open forum on the key concerns of the public with regard to the strategy.



January 2013

The Metals Project

Bob Hannan, Dun Laoghaire Rathdown Co. Council

A presentation on the regeneration of the 'Metals' was given by Bob Hannan, Senior Architect with Dun Laoghaire Rathdown Co. Council.

Originally built as a transport route for moving stone from quarries around Dun Laoghaire and Dalkey, the Metals redevelopment includes a series of new public spaces, a play area and a new walkway.

The Metals project won the Irish Landscape Institute Public Realm Award 2012 (Atkins Global in association with Dun Laoghaire Rathdown County Council Architects Department) and also achieved an RIAI Award for Public Space/Urban Design this year.



February 2013

Green planet? Red Planet?

Robert Holden

This talk addressed the challenge facing humankind world-wide and how landscape architects can help adapt ways of living so that our grandchildren can continue to live on planet earth with clean air and water, with adequate food and and some warmth.

Robert Holden is the former Head of Landscape Architecture at the University of Greenwich, London. He has worked extensively as a landscape architect on projects in the UK, mainland Europe, and the Middle East from

business parks to post-industrial landscapes. Holden's recent publications include *Construction for Landscape Architecture* : 2011 (with Jamie Liversedge) and his next book will be called *Landscape Architecture as a Career* to be published by Lawrence King in early 2014. He has a particular interest in cultural memory and sense of place and the contribution landscape architects can make to sustainable living.



February 2013:

ILI Munster Branch: Two lectures

Trends in Road Landscapes

Dr. Pádraig Whelan MSc PhD

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Ash dieback – the end of the Irish landscape?

Terry O'Regan MLI, Birch Hill Landscapes



February 2013

Dublin's Victorian & Edwardian Parks: A Legacy to Protect, Cherish and Celebrate

An all day seminar on Dublin's historic parks run jointly by the Irish Georgian Society and the Irish Landscape Institute.



March 2013

Green Ports and Harbours

Patrick McCabe B.Ag.Sc, MLA, BNT, REDscape Landscape & Urbanism <http://redscape.ie/>

This lecture explored the changing role of ports and harbours in Ireland and Europe as catalysts for new development in towns and cities. It explored their potential, not just as areas of trade, but their emerging role as knowledge hubs, cultural quarters, recreational landscapes, sustainable energy hubs, and even instigators of agricultural growth. The lecture drew on the recent work of REDscape in Ireland and the Netherlands. An ongoing research project by REDscape Landscape & Urbanism, comparing the development of harbours in Asia and Europe led to the creation of a number of spatial initiatives to demonstrate the application of their work, including a vision for the Port of Dublin, "Green Port Dublin" ©. Also discussed were new development strategies, including the public realm plan, led by REDscape for the harbour quarter in Deventer; a self build, bottom up development in an existing industrial area in the Netherlands, recently published in the Dutch yearbook for Landscape Architecture and Urban Design.