

International Seminar  
16 and 17 June 2022 - Olot

REVISITING  
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GARDENS.  
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### **Dates**

16 and 17 June 2022

### **Location**

Espai Cràter. Olot

### **Languages**

Simultaneous translation will be provided from English to Catalan and Catalan to English.

In the afternoon of the 16th there will be translation from French into Catalan.

### **Registration**

Price: 15 euros

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### **The Seminar in Twitter**

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### **Organisers**

Landscape Observatory of Catalonia

### **With the support of**

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# REVISITING HISTORICAL GARDENS. THE PAST IN THE PRESENT

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Historical gardens play a major role in the contemporary debate on landscape quality and its management. Beyond the gardens recognised in the official catalogues, in Catalonia there are many with important heritage values, often with little to no protection and sometimes in danger of disappearing. We find them half-hidden in the cloisters of monasteries and convents, municipal cemeteries, company towns or summer houses, among other public and private places. The seminar, organised with the support of the Catalan Ministry of Culture, aims to deepen the knowledge of their value, and encourage their conservation and promotion, generating new conceptual and instrumental frameworks that facilitate their adaptation to contemporary times.

We live in a particularly opportune time to reflect on what the role of the heritage garden should be today, given the new context of climate emergency, renaturalisation of cities and social demand for greater health and well-being. The potential therapeutic, community cohesion, equity and well-being-generating functions inherent in gardens - and, in particular, to historical gardens - make them ideal spaces for responding to new social and cultural demands.

# THURSDAY, 16 JUNE 2022

## 9.00-9.15 am - Welcome and presentation of the Seminar

Josep Berga. Mayor of Olot.

Representative of the Minister of Culture of the Government of Catalonia.

Pere Sala i Martí. Director of the Landscape Observatory of Catalonia.

## INITIAL EXPOSURES

### 9.15-10.00 am - Historical Gardens, Mutability (the Impact of Time), and Design Strategies

Michael Jakob. Professor of History and Landscape Theory at HEPIA (Geneva).

### 10.00-10.45 am - Los retos de los jardines históricos, hoy. La Alhambra, como ejemplo extremo.

José Tito Rojo. Former curator of the Botanical Garden of the University of Granada.

### 10.45-11.15 am - Coffee break

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## BLOCK 1. THE PAST IN THE PRESENT

Presenter and moderator: Laura Puigbert.  
Landscape Observatory of Catalonia.

### 11.15 am-12.00 pm - Jardins amagats: repensant l'art de visitar un jardí

Ignacio Somovilla. Art historian and cultural manager.

### 12.00-12.45 pm - Entre el "jardí abandonat" i el "verger de les galanies": representacions artístiques i literàries del jardí a la Catalunya contemporània.

Margarida Casacuberta. Professor of Contemporary Literature at the University of Girona.

### 1.00-2.00 pm - Discussion

### 2.00-3.30 pm - Lunch

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## BLOCK 2. THE EUROPEAN CONTEXT. OUTLOOK

Presenter and moderator: Joan Nogué. Professor of Human Geography at the University of Girona.

### 3.30-4.15 pm - Restauri in Italia tra storia e naturalità.

Giuseppe Rallo. Architect. Superintendence of Archeology, Fine Arts and Landscape for the metropolitan area of Venice and the provinces of Belluno, Padua and Treviso.

### 4.15-5.00 pm - A l'impossible recherche du temps perdu

Monique Mosser. Art historian and researcher at the French National Centre for Scientific Research (CNRS).

### 5.00-5.45 pm - Looking After the Great Historic Gardens of Wales

Justin Albert. National Trust Director for Wales.

### 5.45-7.00 pm - Discussion

### 7.00 pm - Visit to the Espai Cràter exhibition

# FRIDAY, 17 JUNE 2022

## INITIAL EXPOSURE

**9.00-9.45 am - Giardini storici, verità e finzione**  
Simonetta Zanon. Fondazione Benetton Studi Ricerche. Landscape projects.

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## BLOCK 3. HISTORICAL GARDENS IN CATALONIA. CHALLENGES AND PERSPECTIVES

**9.45-10.30 am - Diversitat i tipologies de jardins històrics a Catalunya**  
Jordi Díaz. Technical agricultural engineer specialised in gardening and landscape.

### 10.30-11.00 am - Coffee break

**11.00-11.45 am - Els jardins històrics a Catalunya. Anàlisi, valoració i propostes**  
Roser Vives. LIQUEN\_heritage and landscape.  
Elena Belart. Head of the Architectural Heritage Service of the Ministry of Culture of the Government of Catalonia.  
Miquel Barba. Chief of the Architectural Heritage Protection Section of the Ministry of Culture of the Government of Catalonia.

### 11.45 am-1.00 pm - Round table. How to act in historical gardens?

Presenter and moderator: Sònia Hernández.  
Director General for Cultural Heritage of the Government of Catalonia.  
Carlos García Hermosilla. Anthropologist. Director of the Museo del Ter.  
Imma Jansana. Landscape architect, professor at ETSAB.  
Montse Rivero. Historian. Associació Jardins i Jardiniers.  
Rosa Cerarols. Professor of Humanities, Pompeu Fabra University (UPF).

### 1.00-2.00 pm - Discussion and closing

### 2.00 pm - Lunch

### 4.30 pm - Visit

Tour of gardens of Olot, with Helena Aguilar Mayans, photographer, and Margarida Casacuberta, professor of Contemporary Literature at the University of Girona.

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