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What on Earth is Landscape Architecture ?

An Australian view on the profession.



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Western-designed landscape has been in the professional domain of a wide array of people; gardeners, architects, surveyors or just talented and interested amateurs. By comparison, the history of landscape architecture, as a distinct discipline and profession, is relatively short. Its emergence was a product of a particular historic period and distinct characters and events in the eighteenth and early nineteenth centuries. What qualities defined the profession? How did these qualities translate to Australia? How does the Australian experience compare to other countries? How can we promote reflection on landscape architecture today, in Australia and in Austria?

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