# Shanghai Landscape Forum

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### **Self Introduction**













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With over 25 years' experience in landscape planning and design, his multi-award-winning projects create low-impact and inclusive designs, integrating nature-based solutions to tackle climate change and biodiversity loss by balancing the needs of people, place and nature.

He is an alumni of the University of Sheffield (UK) and Teaching Fellow at Shanghai Jiaotong University (China), cofounder of the Shanghai Landscape Forum and International Practice Chair for ASLA's professional practice network.

凭借超过 25 年的景观规划和设计经验,他屡获殊荣的项目创造了低影响和包容性的设计,整合了基于自然的解决方案,通过平衡人、地方和自然的需求来应对气候变化和生物多样性丧失。

他毕业于谢菲尔德大学(英国),是上海交通大学设计学院(中国)设计实践导师,上海景观论坛联合创始人,国际ASLA国际实践专业网络联合主席。







## **Shanghai Landscape Forum Founders**



**AECOM** 

**Lee Parks**, International ASLA, CMLI, IFLA Asia-Pac Executive Director, AECOM (Shanghai)



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**Dou Zhang,** FASLA, LEED AP, SITES AP Director of Sasaki Shanghai Office, Sasaki



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**Shuyi Chang**, ASLA Principal, SWA

Part of the SLF aim was to encourage ASLA to strengthen support to International members in ASIA / China

## **Our Purpose**

To make our voices heard, to advance our profession, to make a bigger impact to the environmental quality, and to raise the profile of LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE practice in China, in April 2017 we started the:

## Shanghai Landscape Forum.

### **Our Mission**

- Pioneer new practices that result in design innovation and influence on policy transformation.
- Raise public awareness of LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE'S vital contribution.
- Advocate LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE into the mainstream driving force for social progress.

## Shanghai Landscape Previous Forums

- Forum 1 (April 2017) Landscape practice in China
- Forum 2 (October 2017) Eco restoration
- Forum 3 (May 2018) Cultural Heritage
- Forum 4 (September 2018) Landscape and Infrastructure
- Forum 5 (May 2019) Sensation
- Forum 6 (October 2019) Disorder
- Forum 7 (December 2020) The Revelation of Pandemic
- Forum 8 (November 2021) The Future of Landscape
- Forum 9 (November 2022) Transmutation
- Forum 10 (November 2023) Climate Action Now







## Landscape Practice in China

- The first forum started the discussion, created a platform and for the first time, brought together leading international practices to exchange knowledge and strengthen professional practice networks.
- As a peer-to-peer platform the first forum created a buzz, particularly within the early professionals to enable a feeling of belonging to a wider organization or professional network of LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS.
- It was a rewarding sharing of China practice frustrations and aspirations to improve the work that International Practitioners aim to to advance landscape architecture through advocacy, communication and education.
- It was refreshing to see that we shared common challenges and that 'the grass wasn't really much greener on the other side'. We recognized the forum could be held again in the pursuit of advancement and improvement for all of us.

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上海景观论坛 **SHANGHAI** 

LANDSCAPE FORUM

Thursday, October 26, 2017 19:00-21:00 2017年10月26日 周四 19:00-21:00

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## **Eco Restoration**

- The second forum extended the welcome to a wider range of professional practices, media and sponsors with over 150 attendees.
- The Eco Restoration forum showcased work being undertaken to restore ecosystems, habitats, manage storm water and implement large scale green infrastructure projects.
- The discussion centered on the impact eco-restoration has on urban environments, and to what extent ecological restoration should be applied in urban environments given the need to balance the needs for people and nature.
- The panel also had an extensive discussion on how landscape architects, urban designers, ecology experts, and clients can work together to bring about successful ecorestoration projects, as well as the most significant differences between working internationally and within China.
- Other firms approached the SLF to join the committee for future events.

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SHANGHAI LANDSCAPE FORUM

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SHANGHAI LANDSCAPE FORUM

CULTURAL HERITAGE IN LANDSCAPE

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# **Cultural Heritage**

- The third forum expanded further with over 200 attendees, a wider audience and larger media coverage and sponsors.
- Approaches to cultural heritage protection were discussed including traditional Chinese temples and gardens, rural villages, urban industrial heritage or protection of intangible heritage in modern landscapes.
- The forum used a WeWork space to attract a diverse audience.
- Panel Discussions not only explored rural and religious culture, but there was also a
  deeper discussion about urban cultural heritage including recent trends in China to
  embrace adaptive re-use of buildings and industries.
- Respect for history, memory, geography and aspects of daily life also raised attention to rapid changes in society caused by urbanization and technology and how to create a new culture for future generations.
- SOM, Hassell, Aspect Studios and Atkins participated in the 3<sup>rd</sup> event.

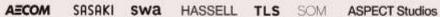






# Landscape and Infrastructure

- The fourth forum due to attendee capacity moved to a venue capable of holding 250 attendees, a wider audience and larger media coverage and sponsors joined including speakers from other cities.
- Approaches to large scale infrastructure included airports, water systems, bridges, roads and large-scale landscape infrastructure.
- The fourth forum included some very long-term projects from the Sydney Olympics, airports and highways as well as the improvements being made to urban infrastructure, water systems and green corridors for 'slow transport' networks.
- The event partnered with the ASLA International Practice PPN







## **Sensation**

- The fifth forum was attended by some 300 professionals, including media, sponsors, academics and artists.
- Simultaneous translation services were organized to reach out to the audience and ensure an inclusive platform for education and knowledge exchange.
- The theme of sensation included sub-themes of Memory, Momentum and Expectation moving into a format for deeper discussion about creating places for people and nature.
- The fifth forum opened up conversation more than previous events, inspiring audience with a diverse range of topics and presenters.
- The involvement of landscape architects, urban designers, artists and practitioners involved in big data and digital transformation in place making and design opened up much discussion about science, technology and the arts.
- TLS joined the SLF Committee



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## **Disorder**

- Urban Disorder the positive contribution of landscape and associated improvements to urban redevelopment to benefit our environment, health and wellbeing and preservation of our history and culture.
- System Disorder the speculative thinking, landscapes of data, research, communications, practice and end-user assessments to tackle the issue of climate change.
- Climate Disorder ways to increase transparency, public communications and local community engagement for preservation, programming, space creation and stewardship of our landscape.
- The sixth forum saw greater confidence in Chinese early professionals participating in debate on public engagement in planning and design such as with grassroots movements in Shanghai related to Community Gardens, removal of residential boundaries, flood mitigation, wildlife protection.
- The forum speakers included academics, architects, landscape architects and urban planners.
- The level of engagement was high, and the event was seen as one of the most successful forums (pre-pandemic).









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### **ASLA**

#ASLA2019

- At ASLA San Diego in 2019 the founders of the Shanghai Landscape Forum shared the growth of the forum and potential for professional networks in China.
- The presentation outlined the need to strengthen ASLA member support for early professionals and membership outreach in China.







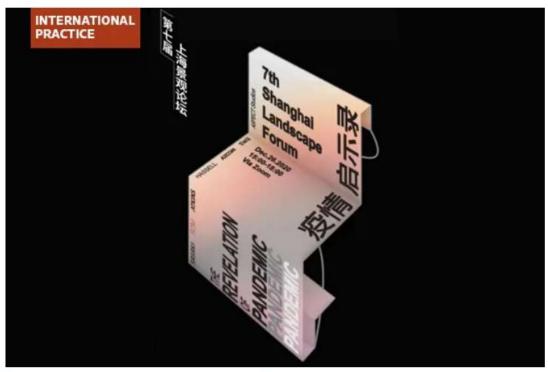


# THEFIELD ASLA Professional Practice Networks' Blog

# The Seventh Shanghai Landscape Forum: Pandemic Revelations

July 6, 2021

by Lee Parks, International ASLA



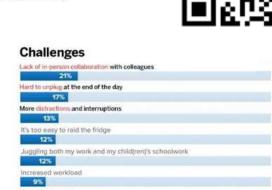




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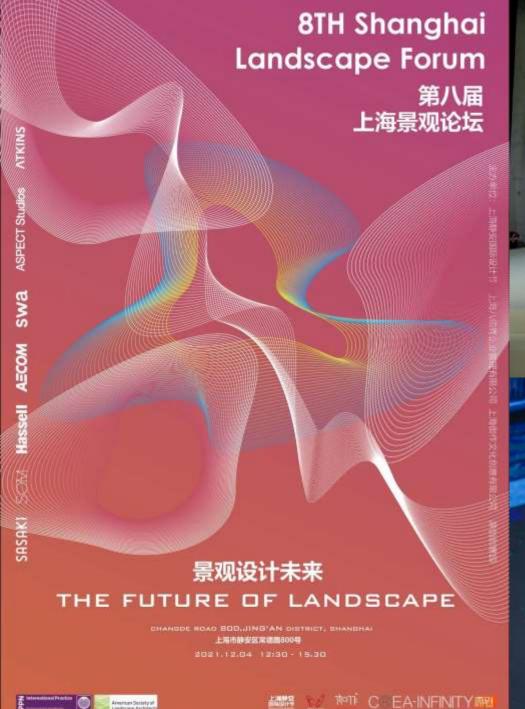
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## **Pandemic Revelations**

- The seventh forum was an online event due to lockdowns and uncertainty during the first year of COVID-19
- During the early phases of returning to a 'new normal,' international practitioners in China came together to share experiences of the pandemic.
- Speakers from seven world-famous design companies discussed the pandemic from a variety of viewpoints, including personal experience, academic exploration, and practical experience in the profession.
- Invited experts from real estate and academics shared views on development trends, new technologies, big data, autonomous vehicles, and future industry trends, offering advice to practitioners for the post-pandemic era.
- The forum was published in an article for The Field, ASLA's Professional Practice Network blog.











#### Shanghai Landscape Forum: The Future of Landscape

February 3, 2022

by Lee Parks, CMLI, International ASLA



The 8th Shanghai Landscape Forum was successfully held on the afternoon of December 4, 2021 at 800-Show, a Creative Park in Jing'an District, Shanghai. The event was broadcast on four live media platforms, which received the attention of the public and many peers. / image: Shanghai Jingan International Design Festival

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#### 第八届上海景观论坛圆满落幕!

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# The Future of Landscape

- The eighth forum was an online and limited offline event due to last minute-lockdowns during the COVID-19 pandemic.
- The event was broadcast on four live broadcast platforms, which received the attention
  of the public and many peers, with some 6,000 views of the live broadcast.
- The optimistic theme was organized around three sessions:
  - Sustainability Beyond Technology
  - Nature-Based Solutions
  - Landscape on Social Media
- The forum was published in an article for The Field, ASLA's Professional Practice Network blog.



## **Transmutation**

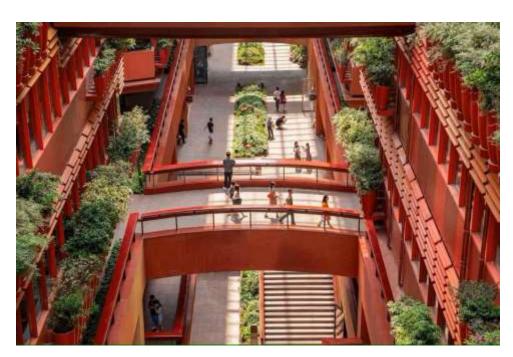
- The ninth forum was an online and offline event due to last minute-lockdowns during the COVID-19 pandemic. It was a better attended event following the lifting of the two-month lockdown earlier in 2022.
- Talks included pocket parks, community gardens, digital parks and technology in between virtual and reality, sense of place and methodologies to design for responsive environments.
- The event was well-attended online

# ASPECT Studios and Aecom Shanghai Walking Tour

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 Shanghai Landscape Forum committee firms organized Walking Tours / City Walks to sustain community engagement in-between pandemic lockdowns.





SASAKI Hassell AECOM ASPECT Studios

10TH Shanghai Landscape Forum

> 第十届 上海景观论坛

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# THE FIELD ASLA Professional Practice Networks' Blog

# 10th Shanghai Landscape Forum: Climate Action Now!

January 3, 2024

by Lee Parks, International ASLA, and LIAO Jingjing



Shuyi Chang, ASLA, Principal at SWA Group / image: courtesy of the Shanghai Landscape Forum



Sarah Fitzgerald, ASLA, introducing the Climate Action Plan / image: courtesy of the Shanghal Landscape Forum





## **Climate Action Now**

- The tenth forum was an online and offline in collaboration with ASLA, including speakers from the U.S.
- Post-pandemic attendance increased as well as interest from media partners
- It was the third annual event to be held in conjunction with Jing'an Design Week in Shanghai.

## 11th

#### 11TH Shanghai Landscape Forum

第十一届上海景观论坛

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## Wellbeing

- Our SLF eleventh forum is almost here, it will take place on December 1<sup>st</sup> 2024 on the theme of Wellbeing.
- The invitation for proposals was issued in October and the final shortlist of speakers is being selected to diversify content and speakers.



# **Future Collaboration**

## **Roca Gallery Shanghai**

- In 2025 it would be good to arrange smaller-scale Salons and events in conjunction with IFLA Asia-Pacific.
- Shorter 'TED' style talks and panel discussions.
- Strengthen advocacy for tackling the climate and biodiversity emergencies & Action Plans.
- Bringing SLF x IFLA Asia Pacific x ASLA PPN together.
- Raise awareness of ifla-apr-talk-share events to engage SLF committee firms and followers.

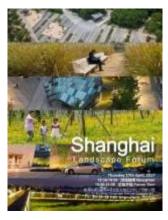




## Roca Shanghai Gallery

The Roca Galleries are buildings that express Roca's willingness to engage in a permanent dialogue with society by creating a platform for exchanging knowledge with professionals in the fields of architecture, interior design, management, and all those who are linked to innovation and sustainability.

# **Continuing the Advocacy**





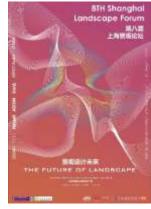


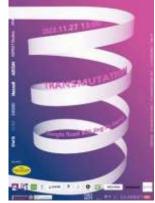


















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