

# LED2LEAP

2020 Project Presentation

ONLINE SEMINAR  
INTENSIVE PROJECT  
LIVING LABS

**“...people who will be affected by design and planning decisions should be involved in the process of making those decisions.”**

**Henry Sannoff**

Community Participation Methods in Design and Planning, John Wiley and Sons, 2000, New York, NY



# Landscape Democracy



## What does Landscape Democracy mean, and what does it mean to you?

As a member of a neighborhood community, a professional group of designers and planners or a university of planning and design, all of us can affect and be affected by the following themes -

**SOCIAL** and **ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES**  
**OPEN** and **DEMOCRATIC DECISION MAKING**  
**LANDSCAPE PLANNING** and **DESIGN**

The foundations of Landscape Democracy are familiar, but for students and professionals alike, its application needs practice, which is what the LED2LEAP Project aims to provide.

**KNOWLEDGE** **HERITAGE** **NEIGHBORHOODS** **STAKEHOLDER**  
**SACREDNESS** **EQUALITY** **PLACE** **MAKING**  
**NATURE** **ACCESS** **POWER** **DECISION**  
**RESOURCES** **COMMUNITY** **JUSTICE**

# Landscape Democracy



## *What is the LED2LEAP Project about, and what can it offer you?*

The LED2LEAP project is an endeavor to bring democratic principles into the range of disciplines that collaborate on landscape focused projects, providing the opportunity for this transformative approach to spread to all levels of society, resulting in more resilient, sustainable and democratic communities and landscapes. LED2LEAP has three arms which reach out to engage communities involved in the project.

**Online Seminar** - a semester-long international program for students and professionals that uses a digital platform to teach theories behind Landscape Democracy and hear from practitioners.

**Intensive Project** - a 10-day program where seminar participants travel to an international site to practice the values and apply the tools they've studied, by addressing a landscape democracy challenge.

**Living Labs** - an ongoing program that allows students to concurrently explore with the Participatory Action Research, Visioning and Co-Design approaches they've learned in the Online Seminar, and feedback their results.



**Landscape Education for Democracy towards  
Learning Empowerment Agency Partnership**



# Online Seminar



## Who is the Online Seminar for, and what can it offer them?

Planning and design students, professionals and the general public interested in learning how to create more open, inclusive and democratic landscapes are welcome to join. Course includes -

**Fifteen 90-minute sessions** - weekly meetings between students, lecturers and professionals. Total course credit for active participants is 5 ECTS. Passive participation for observers is available too.

**International Collaboration** - students will work in international teams to collaboratively research, plan, map, design and develop work formed around landscape democracy challenges.

**Themes** - Democratic Landscape Transformation, Analysis, Collaborative Visioning, Design and Evaluation.

The screenshot shows a Zoom meeting interface with 10 participants in a grid. The main content area displays a presentation slide titled "Landscape Democracy 20180328.ppt". The slide is divided into three main sections:

- CHANGE MODEL:** Features a yellow flower icon and a diagram showing a transition from a traditional building icon to a group of people icon. Text includes: POWER, DECISION MAKING, PARTICIPATION, RESPONSIBILITY, CREATIVITY, MAKING POLICY.
- UNRESOLVED ASPECTS:** Lists three bullet points:
  - Transparency of decision making
  - Active participation of society
  - Cooperation between community and government
  - The influence of public opinion on the decisions of the authorities
- TAKE HOME MESSAGE:** Features a clock icon (TIME), a person with a hammer icon (EFFORT), and a red flower icon (MODERNIZATION OF THE PUBLIC CONSCIOUSNESS). Lists names: Margaret Weber, Anna Ilyuchshenko, Jaia Ugucioni, Paulo Bruno Ziegler de Castro, Asaman Rahimi.

Other visible text on the slide includes "Theory: City design: a 'wicked problem'", "Saluti da ZINGONIA", and "LED Landscape Education for Democracy".



# Online Seminar



## COURSE SCHEDULE

Starting April 1st, Meeting Wednesdays 17:00 to 18:30 CET

Democratic Landscape Transformation

Democratic Landscape Analysis

Visioning & Goal Setting

Transforming, Designing, Testing

Evaluation & Outlook

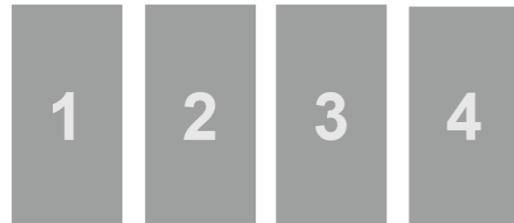
Phase A  
1.04 - 22.04

Phase B  
29.04 - 13.05

Phase C  
20.05 - 3.06

Phase D  
10.06 - 24.06

Phase E  
1.07 - 8.07



## ASSIGNMENTS

Assignment 1 - Conceptual Community Mapping

Assignment 2 - Participatory Analysis and Assessment

Assignment 3 - Collaborative Visioning

Assignment 4 - Co-Designing and Transformation

Assignment 5 - Future Agendas

## INTENSIVE WORKSHOP

At the Ex Monastery of St. Augustin, Lucca Italy 27.08 - 5.09, 2020





# Intensive Project



## What happens in the Intensive Project, and how do you join?

It's a 10-day excursion to a landscape democracy challenge located near one of our partner universities. It's a chance to practice the methods and tools learned during the online course. Participants will meet local stakeholders and the municipality in order to absorb, organize and develop local knowledge while working it into the planning and design of the local landscape.

To attend the Intensive Project you must register as an active participant of the online seminar.





# Intensive Project



## Where is the Intensive Project in 2020, and when can you join?

The Intensive Project for the summer semester of 2020 is open to all active participants of the Online Course, and offers students an additional **5 ECTS** credits and a certificate of participation. You can register to attend the Intensive Project while registering for the Online Seminar.

**Monastery of St. Augustin** - This ex monastery, owned by the Augustinian Nuns of Cento, was once a Renaissance villa, but through democratic processes is transforming into a community resource.

**Lucca, Italy** - Lucca is a coastal site located in the northern region of Tuscany. It is surrounded by an impressive natural landscape of hills, rivers, villas and vineyards, and is only a short distance from the sea.

**August 27th to September 5th, 2020** - The Intensive Project will take place at the end of Summer term.





# Living Labs



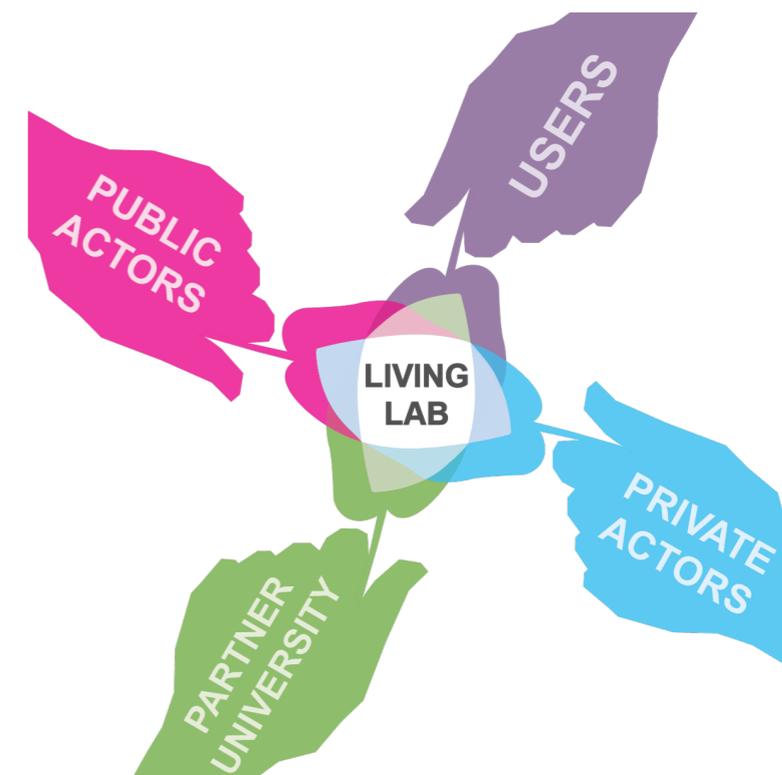
## What is the idea behind the Living Labs, and how can you attend them?

The Living Labs are part of a community learning model that brings the groups of actors in a community together, to form their landscape. The methods and tools learned in the Online Seminar will be able to be explored and tested in the Living Labs, by the group of student who are local to that community. Each partner university has created their own Living Lab and itinerary for lab meetings, which will run parallel with the Online Seminar. Some of the engagements with the Living Labs include -

**Participatory Action Research** - sessions including PAR will involve active methods for engaging the community in the lab and in the landscape, in order to gather data about their space.

**CoDesign**- students will work together with the community, bringing stakeholders in on key points of the design process, to increase the functionality and sustainability of the design.

**Feedback** - methods can be tested for gaining insightful critique from stakeholders, to understand the effectiveness of the design.





# Registration



**Come join us now!**

The registration period is now open for the Online Seminar. Registering as an active participant for the course will give you access to all three LED2LEAP projects. To register or find out more about the LED2LEAP Program, just click on the link below.

**REGISTER HERE**

**Online Seminar** - April 1st thru July 8th 2020 via our digital platform, Wednesdays 17:00 to 18:30 CET.

**Intensive Project** - In Lucca Italy, August 27th thru September 5th, both travel and subsistence funds are available for a limited number of students from the following partner universities -

HfWU Nürtingen-Geislingen 8 places available  
SLU Uppsala 8 places available

University of Bologna 10 places available  
Szent István University Budapest 8 places available

**Living Labs** - these will be running concurrently with the Online Seminar

**Our LED2LEAP team is looking forward to seeing you online, in the lab and in Lucca!**

## COURSE SCHEDULE

