The Course of Landscape Architecture: A Natural History of our Designs on the Natural World, from Prehistory to the Present

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“The Course of Landscape Architecture is a milestone. No single work of this breadth and ambition has appeared since John Orrmsbee Simonds’ Landscape Architecture: The Shaping of Man’s Natural Environment in 1961, and none has so convincingly situated the domain of the discipline within wider human impulses ...” (Oles, 2017).

Please join us for this talk by Prof Christophe Girot on his latest book, "The Course of Landscape Architecture: A Natural History of our Designs on the Natural World, from Prehistory to the Present".

About the speaker

Christophe Girot is Professor and Chair of Landscape Architecture at the Architecture Department of the ETH (Swiss Federal Institute of Technology) in Zurich since 2001. He has directed the Institute of Landscape Architecture there from 2005 to 2014.

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Christophe Girot has published extensively in key reference books and contributed significant articles to the field of landscape architecture. The Book entitled “The Course of Landscape Architecture” published by Thames & Hudson in English, Ullmer in French and Detail in German has come out in 2016.