



Changing European Landscapes:  
Landscape ecology, local to global  
IALE 2013 European Congress • Manchester

## PhD course IALE-Europe, Manchester, September 2013

### European Landscapes in Transition: the Interplay between Local and Global Drivers

7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> of September 2013

#### NEWS!!

- >> There are still some vacant positions for participants of the course!!
- >> 17<sup>th</sup> of June: extended deadline for application and paper abstract
- >> So far, we have a nice mix of PhD students from Poland, Belgium, Italy, Spain, Portugal and Switzerland
- >> The lecture team has been extended
- >> IALE-Europe is funding the PhD course
- >> Participants get certificate equal to 6 ECTS credits

#### Theme of the course

This PhD course will address the past and future of changing landscapes in Europe and will explore the novel approaches required for landscape research in order to understand the transitions taking place, and their multiple drivers and impacts.

The course is centred in the landscapes which traditionally have been classified as rural and have at present multiple characteristics, as the fragmented peri-urban fringes, the productivist agricultural areas, vibrant residential communities or the most marginal rural peripheries. Particular attention is given to the interaction between rural and urban landscapes.

Landscape will be considered from a spatial perspective especially the relationship between agriculture and other functions and other uses of the landscape, as well as the values resulting from these multiple uses. The discussions will develop the understanding of the changes taking place based on merging conceptual backgrounds from different perspectives. It will consider the interaction between changes

from local to global scales and the resulting multiple transition pathways occurring at the landscape scale.

## Course format

The format of the course is a combination of lectures and group discussion on an interactive way. To create an open atmosphere to increase the interaction, the course is limited to a maximum of 25 students. The participants are required to attend both the entire course and the European Congress.

The students are expected to bring in:

- (1) a poster presenting the overview of their PhD research
- (2) a paper, focussing on a part of the PhD and which can be related to what they have presented in the Congress. In that case, the students would have received input during the Congress, which will further inform and enrich the discussion during the course. The aim is to discuss and improve the paper during and after the course.

Besides the lectures, the discussions during the course will contribute to the critical reflection and attitude as a landscape researcher and are aiming for an improvement of the student's reflection about their PhD research work in general, as well as an improvement of their paper.

The course is open for PhD students from all over the world who are in different stages of their PhD research.

Students can expect:

- Contribution to a solid and innovative conceptual framework for studying changing processes in landscapes;
- Insights into novel methodological approaches for the analysis of changing landscapes;
- Analysis linking the local to the global scales and the spatial and environmental to the socio-economic dimensions;
- A critical view and comments on their research work;
- Contributions to a more coherent design of the presentation and publication of their research;
- Lively and participated discussions;
- An enduring network of international researchers.

The PhD course will take place in spectacular rural landscapes of the Peak District and vibrant city centre of Manchester.

## Program

	<b>Morning 9h-12h30</b>	<b>Afternoon 18h00</b>	<b>Dinner 19h00</b>	<b>Evening 20h -21h30</b>
<b>Saturday 7.9</b>		Arrival (during the afternoon) Welcome at the University of Manchester Presentation of all participants.	Dinner Get to know each other.	Presentation of the week program and practical issues
<b>Sunday 8.9</b>	The landscape in the	Group discussion on	Dinner	Free

	interplay between local and global drivers, <i>Jorgen Primdahl</i>  Poster presentation by all students, in groups students and teachers	papers by students, in small groups, with teachers  Attending a congress. Work to be developed during the congress. <i>All teachers</i>		
<b>Monday 9.9</b>	Attending the IALE 2013 European Congress			
<b>Tuesday 10.9</b>	Attending the IALE 2013 European Congress			
<b>Wednesday 11.9</b>	Attending the IALE 2013 European Congress			
<b>Thursday 12.9</b>	Attending the IALE 2013 European Congress		Transfer to Peak District	Lessons learned from the congress.
<b>Friday 13.9</b>	Understanding changes in the landscape <i>Marc Antrop</i>  Group discussion on papers by students, in small groups, with teachers	Field visit: lead by specialists from the Peak District National Park, <i>Anna Gilchrist</i>	Dinner	Work in papers Students, supported by teachers
<b>Saturday 14.9</b>	Challenges for Landscape Policy and Planning, <i>Bas Pedroli</i>  Understanding changes affecting the landscape: contributions from transition theory, <i>Teresa Pinto Correia</i>	Literature review in transdisciplinary research: unfolding the reference web, <i>Isabel Loupa Ramos</i>  Writing a paper: how to make it work, <i>Veerle van Eetvelde</i>	Dinner	Students work together to define themes and questions that they would like to have further discussed with the teachers
<b>Sunday 15.9</b>	Lecture ( <i>to be decide</i> )  Discussion on papers by students, in small groups, with teachers	Discussion of themes and questions formulated and proposed by the students. <i>All teachers + some key lecturers</i>	Dinner	Closing evening
<b>Monday 16.9</b>	Learnings to bring home and that will support the future work in the PhD. <i>Students and teachers</i>  Departure to			

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## Lectures

Marc Antrop, Ghent University, BE  
 Bas Pedroli, Wageningen University, NL  
 Jorgen Primdahl, Copenhagen University, DK  
 Veerle Van Eetvelde, Ghent University, BE  
 Isabel Loupa Ramos, IST/Technical University of Lisbon, PT  
 Teresa Pinto-Correia, University of Evora, PT  
 Anna Gilchrist, University of Manchester, UK (field trip)

## Outcome

Progress in understanding the transition processes affecting agricultural landscapes today and the role of the multiple drivers, from the local to the global scale, as well as of their interaction. Understanding the role of scientific knowledge dealing with changing landscapes.

Discussion on posters and papers by the students: a) discussion on the poster introducing the PhD research; b) comments and discussion of the papers submitted by the students, by two tutors and by other students, as a support for future submission for publication.

## Facilities

Course and meals from the 7<sup>th</sup> to the 8<sup>th</sup> September in Manchester.  
 Courses, accommodation and meals the 13<sup>th</sup> evening to 16<sup>th</sup> in the Peak District.

## Fee

400 £ (including all course costs, accommodation in Peak District 12<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> and meals). Participation of the congress is necessary and is not included in the fee of the PhD course (participants of the course can still count on the early bird fee 288£).

There will be a small number of scholarships for the students, covering or reducing the fee significantly (depending on number of applications). Candidates should indicate in the registration form their need to receive a scholarship, and the reasons for this. The selection will be done based on the abstracts sent.

## Deadlines

- 17<sup>th</sup> June - Submitting application form and abstracts of the papers
- 18<sup>st</sup> June - Information on selection of abstracts and acceptance
- 15<sup>st</sup> July - Registration and payment (details will be communicated with the information of acceptance for the course)
- **31<sup>st</sup> July** - submitting of the **full paper**
- The **poster** to be presented in the course should be **brought to the course, already printed**

### Contact details for more information

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