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## **9th Barcelona International Biennial of Landscape Architecture** <sup>[1]</sup>



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From September 29th to October 1st, the **Barcelona International Biennial of Landscape Architecture** will be held at Palau de la Música Catalana. The Biennial will also be broadcast live at the COAC Auditorium.

### **Tomorrow Landscapes**

This year, with the title 'Tomorrow Landscapes', the Biennial aspires to be a catalyst for questions and a promoter of dreams and changes in the field of landscape architecture, in a situation in which regional and cultural disciplines are fluctuating between ruination and a state of emergency.

It is because of this quest to find new avenues for action, to explore possibly inhospitable environments, to rethink former certainties or to underline certain essential sensibilities, that this edition of the event has been convened: to make itself felt in discussions on what landscape should be within an international context and with a view to a credible future. Consequently, the Biennial has reviewed the scope, formats, formulas, concepts and objectives of the discipline while taking a critical viewpoint of itself as both an active platform and a watchtower of movements in international landscaping.

From 29 September to 1 October, Barcelona will be putting the spotlight on landscaping with a symposium that reflects the current situation. The three-day event includes conferences, round tables and presentations of the finalists for the Rosa Barba International Landscape Prize.

### **An ephemeral landscape to open the Biennial**

On September 28th, a carpet of little plants will cover part of Plaça Nova in Barcelona, opposite the Architects' Association, to usher in the 9th International Biennial of Landscape. This set-up, developed for the Biennial with the collaboration of Barcelona City Council, seeks to interact with the general public who are welcome to take the plants and leave them at other points in the city to help design the landscapes they imagine or would like to see.

**The jury of the Rosa Barba International Landscape Prize, with the support of the Banc Sabadell Foundation, has selected 10 landscaping projects from around the world completed between 2011 and 2016. These finalists will present their projects during the Biennial, on 29th September. The award will be given on 1st October.**

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