



Seminar

The future of landscape characterisation and the future character of landscape

Time	March 3, 1 pm – March 4, 12 noon 2014
Venue	Kungl. Skogs- och Lantbruksakademien, Drottninggatan 95 B, Stockholm, Sweden
Registration	No later than February 24 via this link or through our website www.ksla.se (cancellations must be made no later than February 26, or we will invoice SEK 500 to cover costs)
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“Landscape means an area, as perceived by people, whose **character** is the result of the action and interaction of natural and/or human factors,” according to the *European Landscape Convention (ELC)*.

But what is the “character” of landscape? This is important to countries like Sweden that have ratified the Convention, because the ELC mandates “landscape protection” through “actions to conserve and maintain the significant or **characteristic** features of a landscape, justified by its heritage value derived from its natural configuration and/or from human activity.” Doing this requires the “*identification and assessment*” of landscape “with the active participation of the interested parties, /.../ and with a view to improving knowledge of its landscapes /.../ taking into account the particular values assigned to them by the interested parties and the population concerned.”

The ELC requires that countries use “identification and **assessment** procedures” and “methodology” established at a European level. The UK has been at the forefront in developing these European level procedures. *Landscape Character Assessment (LCA)*, developed largely by landscape architects and planners, and *Historic Landscape Characterisation (HLC)*, developed particularly by archaeologists and historians concerned with heritage.

At this seminar some of the pioneers in landscape characterisation will discuss their experiences and their thoughts concerning ways to think about landscape character that actively involve people in the understanding and assessment of their landscapes. Without public engagement with landscape, and the knowledge this generates, we cannot maintain valued landscapes.

Welcome!!

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General Secretary and Managing Director, KSLA

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Programme

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Seminar, March 3–4, 2014

Monday, March 3

- 13.00 **Welcome address:** Carl-Anders Helander KSLA. Paul Tabbush LRG.
Characterisation in time and space. Chair: Marie Stenseke, KSLA & University of Gothenburg
- 13.15 **Landscape assessment and the European Landscape Convention**
Professor Ingrid Sarlöv-Herlin, KSLA & SLU
- 13.45 **LCA & HLC: Conflicting, competing or complementary – the (un)necessary evils of disciplinary separation?**
Graham Fairclough, LRG, Newcastle University and ‘*CHeriScape*’; formerly English Heritage
- 14.15 **Coffee and tea**
- 14.45 **Historic Landscape Characterisation and the future of the past**
Peter Herring, LRG & English Heritage
- 15.15 **The character of landscapes as place, past and future**
Birgitta Johansen, Swedish Heritage Board
- 15.45 **History and the fate of place: the characterisation of two English National Parks**
Kenneth R. Olwig, LRG & The Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences
- 16.45 **Discussion (until ca. 17:15)**
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Tuesday, March 4

- The landscape characterisation of nature. Chair: Chris DalGLISH, LRG & University of Glasgow**
- 09.00 **On complications in integrating culture and nature in landscape planning and management**
Marie Stenseke, KSLA & University of Gothenburg
- 09.30 **In the zone? Nature and culture in a Swedish Biosphere Reserve**
Katarina Saltzman, University of Gothenburg
- 10.00 **Coffee and tea**
- The future characterisation of landscape?**
Chair: Kenneth Olwig
- 10.30 **Proactive approaches to landscape characterisation – on landscape strategy making as an integrative policy approach**
Jørgen Primdahl, University of Copenhagen, Denmark
- 11.00 **Characterisation, cultural heritage and the future development of landscapes: towards a long-term, collaborative and emergent approach**
Chris DalGLISH
- 11.30 **Discussion. Closing remarks (until 12:00), followed by lunch**