

Australia ICOMOS – Canberra Talk Series

Challenging Landscape Eurocentricism: an Asian perspective

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Shuang Wan Water Town, Suzhou



West Lake, Hangzhou



Xijiang Miao Village, Guizhou

The presentation is based on a chapter by Ken Taylor and Qing Xu for a forthcoming second edition of the 2013 book *Routledge Companion to Landscape Studies*. The rationale for the chapter by the editors is that there was as an overly Eurocentric focus on landscape in the first volume. The chapter takes a reflective, rather than an essentialist approach, to the concept of 'Eurocentricism', not just in landscape studies where concepts of landscape, memory and identity are inextricably linked to notions of heritage, but in the related field of cultural heritage studies. Illustrations are taken from West Lake, Hangzhou, Xijiang Thousand House Hold Miao Village, Guizhou, and the water town of Shuang Wan, Suzhou.

Ken Taylor has degrees in Geography, Town Planning and Landscape Architecture. Until 2001 he was Professor of Landscape Architecture and Co-Director of the Cultural Heritage Research Centre, University of Canberra. Ken is now an Adjunct Professor at the Humanities Research Centre, ANU, and also Ken Taylor a Visiting Professor at Silpakorn University, Bangkok, where he teaches on the International Program in Architectural Heritage Management and Tourism. He has a long-standing research interest in cultural landscapes, more recently resulting in increasing work in south-eastern Asia and China. Canberrans know him for his longstanding advocacy for the protection of this national capital's landscapes.

Time & Date: 5.00-7.00pm, Thursday 20 July 2017 – **Note the talk starts at 5.30pm**

Venue – Menzies Room, National Archives of Australia, East Block, Queen Victoria Terrace, Parkes (enter from Kings Avenue side)

Members and the public are welcome: This is part of a series of talks organised by Australia ICOMOS. Please do pass this on to those who might be interested. Refreshments are served appropriate to the talk's topic! (\$5.00 donation appreciated). Do come and join us.

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