



Premio Internazionale Carlo Scarpa per il Giardino

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**Natur Park Schöneberger Südgelände
and Berlin's Urban Nature**

The Carlo Scarpa Prize in Berlin, 18th and 27th November 2022

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The International Carlo Scarpa Prize for Gardens – research, study and publication project that ever since 1990 has foremost characterized the work of **Fondazione Benetton Studi Ricerche** for the landscape – **is being presented in November in Berlin**. This city, whose idea of **urban nature** developed in recent history, in particular with the **Natur Park Schöneberger Südgelände** project, is the focus of the thirty-second edition of the Prize.

Situated in the south-east of the Schöneberg district, the Natur Park Südgelände is the result of post-war abandonment of a vast railyard and its subsequent acknowledgement as a shining example of “Berlin’s urban nature”, a crossroads where the aspirations of local residents, contemporary landscape culture, artistic research and the manifestation of a profound and special ecological awareness for the city have all come together. The role of *Grün Berlin*, which now manages the area, the landscape planners of *Planland / ÖkoCon*, and the artist group *ODIOUS* have been key in the history and the life of this place. Opened to the public in 1999, the park marks the beginning of an immense field study that today allows Berlin to be seen as an ecologically conscious urban landscape. Starting in the 1960s a manifold constellation of places has given rise to a precise idea of “urban nature”, inextricably linked with the political and social history of this European capital and the early, dynamic existence of a “school of urban ecology”, which guides, without inhibiting, a design and planning vivacity and a widespread awareness of the landscape and the living environment of the city.

Two public events scheduled to be held in Berlin:

Friday 18 November, 6-8pm

Italian Cultural Institute of Berlin, Hildebrandstrasse 2, 10785 Berlin

The **Italian Cultural Institute of Berlin** is hosting and organizing, together with **Fondazione Benetton Studi Ricerche**, the **presentation of the book *Natur Park Schöneberger Südgelände and Berlin's Urban Nature***. *The International Carlo Scarpa Prize for Gardens 2022*, edited by **PATRIZIA BOSCHIERO**, **THILO FOLKERTS**, **LUIGI LATINI** (published, in Italian and in English, by **Fondazione Benetton Studi Ricerche** in its “Memorie” series, with co-editor **Antiga**). With texts by **Klaus Duschat**, **Thilo Folkerts**, **Leonard Grosch**, **Heinz W. Hallmann**, **Stefanie Hennecke**, **Gabriele G. Kiefer**, **Ingo Kowarik**, **Norbert Kühn**, **Sandra Jasper**, **Almut Jirku**, **Anna Lambertini**, **Lorenza Manfredi**, **Juan Manuel Palerm**, **Jannis Schiefer**, **Christoph Schmidt**, **Rita Suhrhoff**, **Laura Veronese** and **Ursula Wilms** (landscape architects, ecologists, artists, historians, urban planners, architects, geographers), the book reveals the history, features, design, management and use of a place of exceptional ecological, landscape, artistic and social value as part of a Berlin characterized by a special urban nature and an equally special attention paid by ecologists, landscapers, landscape planners, artists, the political world and civil society to the development and management of open public spaces and urban nature.

Speakers: **Maria Carolina Foi**, director of the Italian Cultural Institute of Berlin; **Luigi Latini**, director of **Fondazione Benetton**, co-editor of the book, and **Anna Lambertini**, member of the **Fondazione Benetton Scientific Committee**; **Thilo Folkerts**, landscape architect, co-editor of the book; **Ingo Kowarik**, ecologist and landscape planner, one of the leading figures in the story of the Natur Park; **Tancredi Capatti**, landscape architect; **Beate Reuber**, *Park Ambassador*, **Grün Berlin GmbH**.

Simultaneous translation into Italian and German will be provided.

Free entry, but for organizational purposes please book through the link <https://premio-internazionale-carlo-scarpa2022.eventbrite.it>



Sunday 27 November, 5-8pm

Feldfünf, Fromet-und-Moses-Mendelssohn-Platz 7-8, 10969 Berlin

In cooperation with **feldfünf e.V.**, screening of the film *Natur Park Südgelände*, introduced by **Patrizia Boschiero**, coordinator of the Carlo Scarpa Prize activities. This will be followed by an open discussion moderated by **Philipp Sattler**, director of the foundation Die Grüne Stadt, with: the film director **Davide Gambino**; manager of the Natur Park Südgelände, **Rita Suhrhoff** (Grün Berlin); **Thilo Folkerts**, the Fondazione Scientific Committee; the geographer **Sandra Jasper**; others involved in various ways in this edition of the Prize and the documentary film, together with feldfünf e.V. managers and directors.

Free entry.

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Natur Park Südgelände is a **documentary film** directed by **Davide Gambino** and produced by Fondazione Benetton within the scope of its activities dedicated to the place designated by the International Carlo Scarpa Prize for Gardens 2022 with the cooperation of Mon Amour Films. 16:9 HD / col. / stereo sound 2022, duration 40'

With: *Klaus Duschat* (ODIOUS, sculptor), *Hendrik Gottfriedsen* (formerly director of Grün Berlin), *Sandra Jasper* (geographer), *Almut Jirku* (landscape planner *Ingo Kowarik* (ecologist and landscape planner), *Rita Mohrmann* (landscape architect), *Beate Reuber* (Grün Berlin, senior consultant), *Rita Suhrhoff* (Grün Berlin, manager of the Natur Park Südgelände).

Screenplay and direction: Davide Gambino. Filming: Nikolaus von Schlebrügge, Andrea Nocifora. Editing: Davide Gambino. Sound and sound design: Gianluca Donati. Drone operator: Marcus Fehse. Production director: Dorothee Marecki. Original music by Pino Petracchia and Giacomo Salario. Archive producer: Michael Konstabel. Archive sources: Peter Haumann – WIM, Heiderose Leopold Filmproduction. Executive producer: Ruggero Di Maggio, Davide Gambino for Mon Amour Films; Patrizia Boschiero for Fondazione Benetton.

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More information on the events can be found on the websites:

icberlino.esteri.it; www.feldfuenf.berlin; www.fbsr.it

Scientific Committee

Luigi Latini, architect, Iuav University of Venice (chairman); *Giuseppe Barbera*, agronomist, University of Palermo; *Hervé Brunon*, garden historian, CNRS, André Chastel Centre, Paris; *Thilo Folkerts*, landscape architect, 100Landschaftsarchitektur, Berlin; *Anna Lambertini*, architect and landscape architect, University of Florence; *Monique Mosser*, art historian, Advanced School of Architecture, Versailles; *Joan Nogué*, geographer, University of Girona; *Juan Manuel Palerm*, architect, University of Las Palmas; *José Tito Rojo*, botanist, University of Granada.

Coordination of the Prize

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