

What we are thinking when we talk about landscape?

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Abstract:

In this essay we propose to reconstruct some of the nodal points in the debates about landscape, organizing them around three main axes. The first one refers to the disagreement on the ontological status of the landscape that is being understood as something concrete and visible by some scholars, and as subjective and imaginary by others. The second axis came across the differences in the articulation of the human and natural components. The third explores the patrimonial aspect of the landscape and its capacity to contribute to the human well-being and the consolidation of the cultural identity. We conclude by emphasizing the need to adopt the rational and ethical imperative of our relation with the biophysical surroundings in order to create and maintain sustainable landscapes.

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