

## **OSKAR VON MILLER FORUM**

Press Release

### **Landscape as Touched Nature**

**A lecture by Christophe Girot, Institute of Landscape Architecture, ETH Zurich on 21 January 2016 at 6:30 pm at the Oskar von Miller Forum**

What are our fundamental perceptions of nature in the 21st century? How do we treat the landscape, both in practice and in the training of architects and civil and environmental engineers? The normative concept of landscape and nature must be called into question today to enable us to discover new approaches in a changing world. Would it be possible to create equilibrium between our well-being and an ecological balance? What impact would it have on the environment if it were designed and accepted in entirely cultural terms?

In his lecture, Christophe Girot makes a plea for making the cultivation of nature a societal goal and value. This would mean that landscape becomes touched nature.

### **About Christophe Girot**

Christophe Girot was born in Paris in 1957 and is a professor at the Institute of Landscape Architecture, Department of Architecture at the ETH Zurich. His teaching and research activities address the development of new topological methods in landscape design, the use of new media in landscape analysis and perception, as well as research into the history and theory of landscape design. The focus of his practical work is on the study of contemporary landscape.

Additionally, he is director of Atelier Girot, headquartered in Zurich, which has been successful in planning and implementing new forms of nature design for 25 years. Atelier Girot implements projects of diverse dimensions ranging from small-scale garden designs to complex urban planning and landscape design projects. It employs state-of-the-art georeference-based design and visualization technologies to develop innovative solutions.