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andscape architecture is more than the study of elite, private gardens. Landscape histories bear witness to the diverse experiences, ideas, and people that, through time, have shaped places both exalted and everyday. In this survey, we critically examine the writing, production, and performance of global landscapes from the Neolithic to the mid-19th century in this critical survey. By exploring diverse archives, landscapes, and media, we will learn to "read" cultural and designed landscapes and their histories. Together we will build important design and life skills: to challenge the legacies of colonialism and oppression that undergird social injustice; interrogate the roots of our present-day environmental crises; and apply our learning to navigate uncertain futures through an ethic of care and expanded ways of knowing.

IMAGE Eruption of Gamalama and Fortress Oranje in Ternate, an island and city in the northern Moluccas and part of with Banda Neira, the "Dutch East Indies" also called the "Spice Islands," now part of Indonesia. Long before European colonization by the Portugese, Spanish and Dutch, these islands were important landscapes in the spice trade. They exchanged native clove, nutmeg, and mace with Arab, Persian, Javanese, Chinese and Byzantine merchants.