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LArch352 histories of landscape architecture

LANDSCAPE HISTORY LAB

experiments in (re)reading and (re)righting stories of landscape

LArch352 | SLN 16872 | 5 credits | A&H/SSc | Writing
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Landscape 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 course, we **critically examine the writing, production, and performance of global landscapes** from the Paleolithic to the 19th century, from the global south to the global north. Through project-based explorations [no final exam], together we will examine myriad archives, material landscapes, and multimedia. **By learning to “read” cultural and designed landscapes and their histories**, we’ll cultivate important life skills such as: challenging the legacies of colonialism and oppression, interrogating the roots of present-day environmental crises, and applying learning to navigate uncertain futures.

Eruption of Gamalama near Fortress Oranje on Ternate, an island in the northern Moluccas, once part of the “Dutch East Indies” or “Spice Islands” and now Indonesia. Long before European colonization by the Portuguese, Spanish and Dutch, these islands were important landscapes in the spice trade, exchanging native clove, nutmeg, and mace with Arab, Persian, Javanese, Chinese and Byzantine merchants. Image published by cartographer and Dutch East India Company Minister François Valentijn in *Oud en Nieuw Oost-Indien, vervattende Een Naaukeurige en Uitvoerige Verhandelinge van Nederlands Mogendheyd In die Geweesten in Amsterdam, 1724 - 1726* SOURCE Sanderus Maps