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Designing a Planet _ Richard Weller

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Richard Weller is the Meyerson Chair of Urbanism and Professor and Chair of Landscape Architecture and co-director of the McHarg Center at the University of Pennsylvania. In over 30 years of practice he has worked simultaneously as an academic and a consultant specializing in the formative stages of design and planning projects ranging across all scales. Weller's creative work has received numerous awards in international design competitions and been exhibited in galleries such as the Museum of Contemporary Art in Sydney, the Gardner Museum in Boston, the MAXXI Gallery in Rome and the Canadian Design Museum. Weller's research has concerned scenario planning for cities, megaregions and nations. His most recent research concerns global flashpoints between biodiversity and urban growth. He has published 4 books and over 90 single-authored academic papers, book chapters and articles on the theory and practice of landscape architecture. In all his work he has emphasized a critical approach to the discipline. He teaches subjects in the history of ideas of nature, contemporary urbanism and advanced design studios and in 2017 was voted by the Design Intelligence Survey as one of North America's "most admired" teachers. Weller sits on the board of the Landscape Architecture Foundation (LAF) in Washington, is a member of the International Federation of Landscape Architect's (IFLA) Advisory Circle and is the Creative Director of the interdisciplinary journal of landscape architecture LA+.

Giuseppe Bettoni is Professor of Geography at the University of Rome Tor Vergata. Expert in geopolitics, he studied Geography and Geopolitics at University of Paris 8. He has collaborated with Ives Lacoste for ten years. He has been visiting scholar in London School of Economics, University College of London, and Science Po Toulouse. His research focused on different conflicts and antagonisms, between territorial actors, territorial organization, decentralization, identity issues, following the effects of globalization and constitutional reforms with a specific focus on "metropolitan" issues. He has been author and director of mentioned issues both in Italy and abroad (France, Great Britain, USA, Africa, Near and Middle East).

Guido Chelazzi, is full professor of Ecology, and the president of the Natural History Museum of the University of Florence. He has authored academic papers, book chapters and articles on the topic of animal behaviour and ecology in high ranking scientific journals; among them we can mention (co-author G. Santini and A. Provini) *Ecologia: dagli organismi agli ecosistemi* (CEA, 2004) and *L'impronta originale* (Einaudi, 2013).

Biagio Guccione, professor of Landscape Architecture, he was the former president of Master's Degree in Landscape Architecture at the University of Florence /2013-2017. He is currently the Coordinator of the Master's in Landscape Design. For decades, he has been actively involved in research programs and teaching to disseminate the culture of landscape architecture in Italy. He has received Grinzane Gardens Hanbury award (2002) for his book entitled as: *Parks and Contemporary Gardens*. He has published over 400 academic papers and articles in national and international journals.

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