

**Landscape: From Natural to Cultural**

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# Key Note Speakers

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# Prof. Kathryn Moore



Birmingham  
School of  
Architecture and  
Design

President of the  
International  
Federation of  
Landscape  
Architects (IFLA)

# Prof. Kathryn Moore

- President of the International Federation of Landscape Architects (IFLA) since June 2014 and Professor of Landscape Architecture at Birmingham City University.
- Recently appointed an independent member of the HS2 Design Review Panel, as President of IFLA she is a member of the steering committee and founding partner of the World Design Summit to be held in Montreal in October 2017.
- She has published extensively on design quality, theory, education and practice; her book 'Overlooking the Visual: Demystifying the Art of Design' (2010) provides the basis for critical, artistic discourse. Her teaching, research and practice, set within landscape architecture have clear implications for architecture, planning, urban design and other art and design disciplines, in addition to philosophy, aesthetics and education
- Chair of the pilot design review panel for the HS2 landscape guidelines, she has taken a lead role in redefining the relationship between landscape, culture and governance, finance, health and community engagement within the context of the Birmingham region. Her HS2LV initiative has been described as being: "in the spirit of all the great landscape evolutions in the country, seizing an opportunity to reinvent and rekindle the connection between the people and the countryside in a way not seen for decades" (Andrew Grant, Grant Associates, winner of The RIBA Lubetkin Prize in 2013).

# Prof. Simon Bell



Head of the  
Department of  
Landscape  
Architecture,  
Estonian University  
of Life Sciences

ECLAS President

# Prof. Simon Bell

- Dr Simon Bell is a forester-turned-landscape architect. He is interested in aspects of the wider landscape, such as forests, rural and wild landscapes as well as the peri-urban zone. This includes planning and design aspects, forest landscape aesthetics, urban forestry and also outdoor recreation in such areas. Accessibility by people from a range of backgrounds to such landscapes has also been a feature of his research and practice. He is a part-time Associate Director of the OPEN space Research Centre within ESALA.
- Simon was educated at The University of Wales, Bangor (now Bangor University), the University of Edinburgh and took his doctorate at the Estonian University of Life Sciences where he is also Professor and Head of the Department of Landscape Architecture. He also carries out consultancy work, mainly designing forests for private and NGO clients and prepares guidance material on forest landscape design for the Forestry Commission.
- Before academia Simon worked for 20 years for the Forestry Commission, ending his time there as Chief Landscape Architect. He has worked all over the UK and also extensively in Canada and the US as well as Ireland, Finland, the Baltic States and Russia. His recent practice includes working on the regeneration of the Caledonian Forest in Glenfeshie for Glenfeshie Estate in the Cairngorms National Park and designing extensive new forests such as Victory wood in Kent, Heartwood Forest in Hertfordshire and Queen Elizabeth Diamond Jubilee Wood in Leicestershire, all for the Woodland Trust.

# Prof. Simon Bell

- Simon's recent research interests have focused on issues arising in the changing landscapes of post-Communist Eastern Europe, especially the Baltic States and Poland. He is a Professor in the Latvia University of Agriculture as well as having been Visiting Professor in 2013 at the Warsaw University of Life Sciences. Simon has published many books and papers.

- Several of his textbooks are standard course material in landscape architecture research programs around the world and some have been translated into Chinese and Farsi. Simon teaches about landscape planning and design in ESALA and supervises a number of master and PhD students in Edinburgh and in Estonia. He is on the board of the academic journals Urban Forestry and Urban Greening, Ecological Indicators and Journal of Recreation and Tourism.

- In 2012 Simon was elected President of the European Council of Landscape Architecture Schools (ECLAS). This body represents the interest of landscape architecture educators and researchers, holds a prestigious annual conference, presents awards for teaching and research and owns the Journal of Landscape Architecture.

Prof. Stefano della Torre



Head of the  
Department of  
Architecture  
(ABC), Milano  
Polytechnic

# Prof. Stefano della Torre

- Stefano della Torre is a full professor at the Polytechnic of Milano (Italy), where he holds the position of Head of the ABC Department (department of Architecture, Built Environment, and Construction Engineering).
- He is also a Consultant to the Lombardy region for Planned Conservation policies and consultant to the Cariplo Foundation Project in the Cultural Districts. Mr. Torre is also the author of more than 250 publications.
- He is the president of Building Smart Italian Chapter, Principal Investigator of the project Built Heritage Information Modeling/Management, granted by the Italian Ministry and a Teacher of Preventive Conservation of Cultural Heritage in the Postgraduate School of Cultural Heritage, University of Macerata.
- Mr. Torre is a professor of Restoration with a sound practical experience, introduced the research on preventive and planned conservation into Italy. He has been the scientific coordinator of trans-boundaries research programs, partner in many international projects, coordinator of huge national projects. He is currently the head of a large department that encompasses many capabilities useful to carry on the proposed research.

# Marco Visconti



Marco Visconti  
Architects,  
Sustainable  
Design  
Groups, Torino

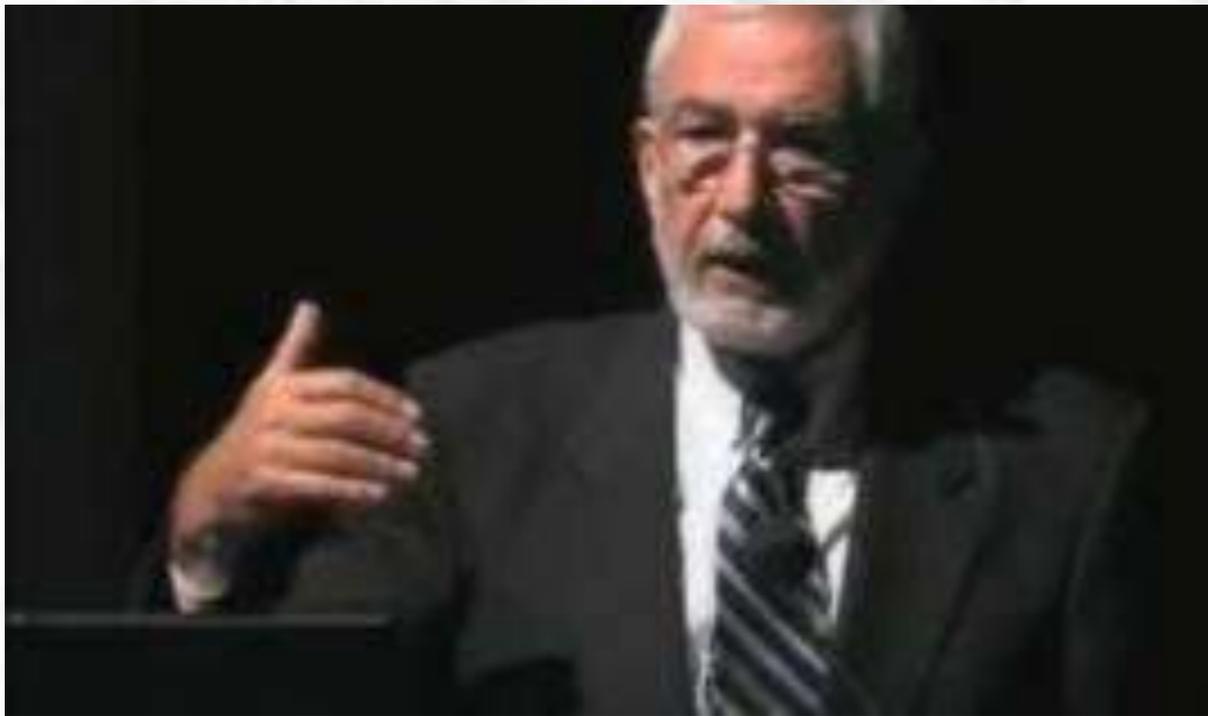
# Marco Visconti

- Marco Visconti graduated in architecture at the University of Genoa, followed by a postgraduate master in Architectural Design at the UCLA of Los Angeles and a degree in Engineering at the Polytechnic University of Turin. In Genoa he collaborated with Renzo Piano from 1984 to 1986. From 1987 to 2006 he was the head of the architectural group of Fiat engineering and subsequently of Maire Tecnimont.
- In January 2007 he founded an architectural firm focused on sustainability. This group is a creative laboratory where architects and engineers, focused on human needs, work together to find the best passive solutions for energy saving.
- Among the projects in industry, professional training and culture filed, noteworthy are: the engine production hall and the paint pavilion Ferrari, as well as the restaurant Ferrari in Maranello; the Iveco's training center in Turin; the research center Fiat Sata in Melfi; Hitachi's training centre in Lecce; Turin's National Automobile Museum's conference room, Mugello's race track's service building in Florence; Iren cogeneration and hydroelectric plant in Moncalieri; Zucchetti office tower in Lodi.
- Mr. Visconti lectures on specific topics at Italian and foreign universities. He is the author of publications and thematic books and his projects are documented by major international journals of architecture. Fundamental characteristic of his work is the search for the best relationship between man, building and nature in a logic of respect, understanding and use of the surrounding environment.

# Prof. Spyros Amourgis

Professor emeritus  
of architecture at  
California State  
Polytechnic University

President of Athens  
School of Fine Arts



# Prof. Spyros Amourgis

- Studied architecture at the London Polytechnic, specialized in Urban Design at the Nat.Tech.Univ. of Athens and received a scholarship to the Salzburg Seminar in Urban Studies. Was appointed Senior Fellow for Research at the Center for Metropolitan Planning and Research of the Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore, and received a Japanese Government Research Fellowship to the Kyushu Institute of Design in Fukuoka.
- Has taught at the National Technological University of Athens, the Architectural Association School of Architecture in London, Ecole Polytechnique Federale in Lausanne, the California State Polytechnic University, Pomona, where he also served as the Dean, and the Hellenic Open University (HOU), where he also served as the Academic Vice President, and as External Examiner to the Universite de Cergy in France.
- Past Secretary to the Board of the Assoc. of Collegiate Schools of Architecture, USA, and Past President of the Hellenic Quality Assurance Agency for Higher Education in Greece (HQAA).

# Prof. Spyros Amourgis

- In Greece he served at the Dept. of Regional Planning of the Ministry of Coordination and later as Secretary General for the Nat. Tourist Organization (EOT). A President of the Public Corporation for Housing and Planning (DEPOS). Professional work of his office has been published in Greece, Norway, Germany, Japan and the USA.

- He is a member of the Architectural Association of London, the American Institute of Architects and a member of SADAS (Arch.Assoc.of Greece). Has served as juror for the AIA and the ASLA in Los Angeles for architectural and landscape architecture competitions, and for SADAS awards in Greece.

He has been the recipient of numerous awards, his projects have been published in professional journals throughout Europe and the East, and his building designs have been exhibited at the German Architecture Museum in Frankfurt, the Architecture Academy of Mendrizio in Switzerland, the Benaki Museum in Athens, and in Nicosia, Cyprus.

# Hanne Bat Finke



## Danish Centre for Rural Research

# Hanne Bat Finke

- 1996: Cand.Arch. at The Royal Academy of fine Arts, School of Architecture, Copenhagen
- 2013-2016: PhD-student at the University of Southern Denmark, Danish Centre for Rural Research
- 1997-2001: Landscape architect, Odense Municipality, Innovation Department
- 2001-2002: Head of Landscape department, CREO architects, Odense - DK
- 2002-2011: Partner of LAND+, landscape architecture company, Odense- DK
- 2013-2011: Founder and Manager of HanneBatLandscape, landscape architecture company, Kerteminde - DK
- Scientific research areas: Nature and landscapes as a healing environment - urban-rural-dynamics - relations between landscape and rural business - the meaning of aesthetic surroundings - the rural transformation - learning from nature - sensorial benefits of the landscape - relational actor theory International relations
- Member of The European Federation of Landscape Architects

# Annita Demetriadou

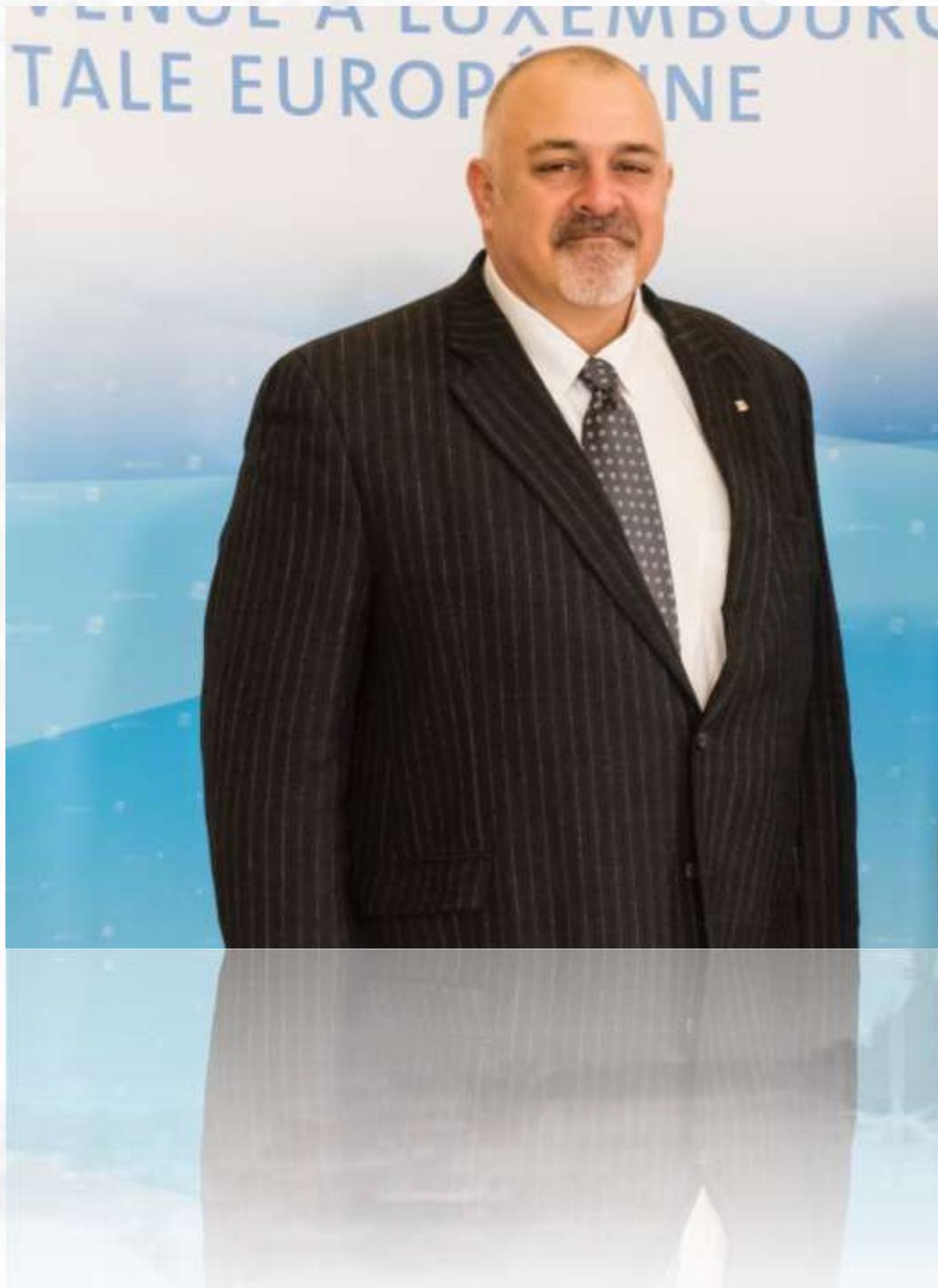


Acting Director  
General of Cyprus  
Tourism  
Organization

# Annita Demetriadou

- Mrs. Annita Demetriadou is the Acting Director General at the Cyprus Tourism Organization, which is the National Tourism Organization of Cyprus.
- During her vast work experience within the Organization, she held the position of Director of Tourism at the Quality Assurance Department, the Strategy Department and the Administration, Accounts and Registry Department. In addition, she had the responsibility of the operation of the Filoxenia Conference Centre and the Larnaca Marina.
- Since 2010, Mrs Demetriadou holds the position of Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Cyprus Agrotourism Company. She represented the Cyprus Tourism Organization at various international conferences and committees and since her appointment at the position of Acting Director General, she represents Cyprus in the European Travel Commission (ETC).

# Phaedon Enotiades



Department  
of Town  
Planning  
and Housing

# Phaedon Enotiades

- Phaedon Enotiades is a spatial planner at the Department of Town Planning and Housing (DTPH) of the Ministry of the Interior, where he has worked for the last 22 years. He currently serves as a planning expert at the Unit for Spatial Planning and Research.
- Since 2004 he is the representative of Cyprus to the European Landscape Convention (Council of Europe), as well as the Cyprus Monitoring Committee Member for the ESPON Programme (European Union), which funds research in spatial development and territorial cohesion.
- Phaedon is a registered architect and spatial planner in Cyprus, and holds post-graduate Master's degrees from the University of Texas in City and Regional Planning (1989) as well as Architecture (1991). His further education experience includes courses on local economic development (1996) and architectural heritage inventory and documentation (1998), as well as continuous participation in workshops on urban sustainability, heritage conservation and landscape issues.

Christos Christodoulou



President  
at Cyprus  
Architects  
Association

# Christos Christodoulou

- Christos Christodoulou was born in Nicosia, Cyprus. He studied Architecture in Manchester Metropolitan University, UK; receiving the BA(Hons) in Architecture in 1995 and the B.Arch. in 1997. At the university, the main field of his study was urbanism, contextualism and insertions of new buildings in the existing urban fabric.
- From 1997 to 2000 he was working as an intern architect at Tyler&Co Architects in Manchester, involved with projects in the UK, Scotland, Russia, Germany, Estonia, Greece and Lithuania.
- In 2000 he relocated in Cyprus and worked in local architectural practices until 2002. Since 2003 he is a founding partner and director at Simpraxis Architects mainly working on residential, commercial and public projects. He has been a recipient of several awards in International Architectural Competitions and his work has been published in books and magazines.

Marina Solomidou-Ieronymidou



Director of  
the Department  
of Antiquity,  
Cyprus

# Marina Solomidou-Ieronymidou

- She was born in Nicosia and graduated from the University of Sorbonne (Paris IV) in 1980. She received a Masters in Archaeology in 1981, D.E.A. (MPhil) in Archaeology in 1984 and PhD in 2001 in Medieval Archaeology at the University of Sorbonne (Paris I) with a grade of "Excellent".
- In 1986 she was appointed Archaeological Officer in the Department of Antiquities. In 1995 she was promoted to Archaeological Officer A position and in 2006 she was promoted to Superintendent of Antiquities (Monuments Division).
- From December 2012 to date she is also the Associate Director of the Antiquities Department. A member of the National Commission for UNESCO from 2012 until today and a member of the National Committee of ICOM from 1999 until today. Mrs. Ieronymidou is also a Founding Board Member of the National Committee ICOMOS Cyprus since 2003.

# Dr. Andreas Christou



Head of Research,  
Publicity and  
Silviculture Sector  
Department of Forests,  
Cyprus.

# Dr. Andreas Christou

- Dr. Christou graduated the Forestry School of the Aristotelian University of Thessaloniki in 1989. He continued his studies obtaining a Diploma, MSc and PhD in the Management of Mediterranean Forest Resources and Forest Genetics, respectively.
- He worked as a lecturer in the Cyprus Forestry College for several years, teaching forestry subjects. Nowadays, he works in Cyprus and holds the position of the Senior Conservator Forests in the Department of Forests.
- He is also the head of the Forest Research and Forest Management Sectors.

Prof. Jorgen Primdahl

Prof. Lone Kristensen



University of  
Copenhagen,  
Faculty of  
Science

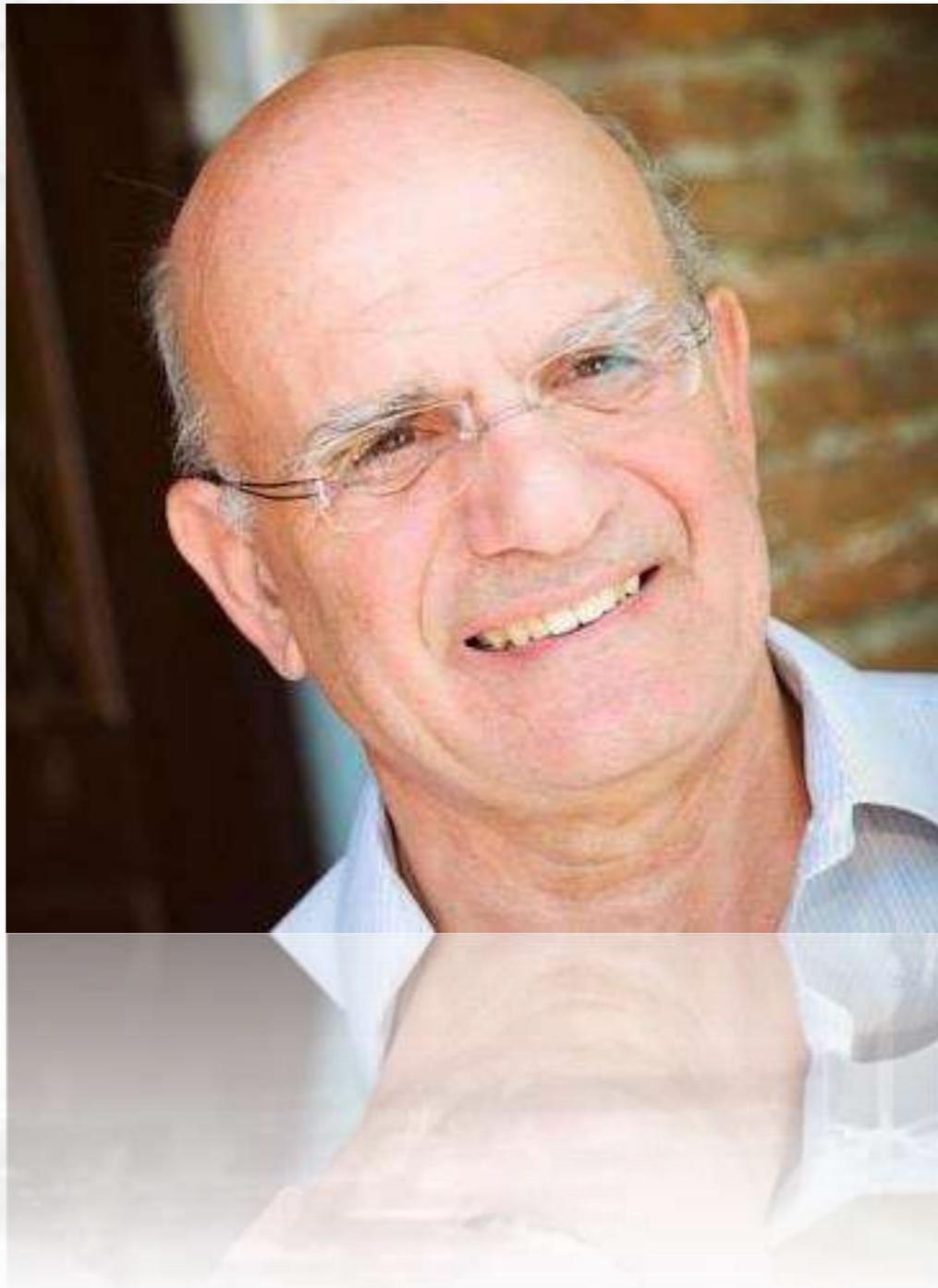
# Prof. Jorgen Primdahl

- Jørgen Primdahl is a Landscape Architect, with a PhD.
- Another goal is to contribute to improved policy and planning approaches and solutions concerning the protection, maintenance, and enhancement of rural landscapes.
- The rural landscape is his primary research field focusing on functions, management, and policy interventions. A primary goal for his research is a deeper understanding of landscape management practices, landscape change, and the role of planning and various forms of policy interventions in protecting, maintaining and enhancing landscape services and values.
- Currently he is working with two issues: (1) The intersecting dynamics of rural landscape change caused by combinations of agricultural structural change, urbanization, policy interventions, and local actions, (2) Collaborative planning for the local rural landscape – new approaches and spatial solutions.

# Prof. Lone Kristensen

- Lone Søderkvist Kristensen, PhD and Associate Professor at Forest & Landscape, University of Copenhagen. She has more than 15 years of research experiences in Countryside Planning and Management.
- Research topics include landscape changes in agricultural landscapes, farmers' landscape behavior, agricultural policy, policy integration, agri-environmental policies, regional and local planning and the role of public policy interventions in general.
- During the last 10 years she has been involved in several projects on the implementation and impact of the reformed CAP with focus on cross-compliance, agri-environmental and less favoured area policies. Currently she is involved in projects on innovation in countryside planning with focus on collaborative and strategic forms of planning targeted rural landscapes.

# Dr. Costas Apostolides



University  
of Malta,

Conflict Processes,  
Development  
Economics

# Dr. Costas Apostolides

- Costas Apostolides studied economics/politics (BA), Development Economics (MA) and Project Evaluation (postgraduate) at Lancaster, Boston and Harvard Universities. In Cyprus he served in the Land Consolidation Authority, and subsequently at the Planning Bureau of the Republic of Cyprus (ROC)
- At various times he was responsible for spacial planning, rural development, agriculture, and refugee housing programmes, and subsequently environment policy. Important projects undertaken included the Island Plan, the IBRD Pitsilia Integrated Rural Development Project, and the establishment of the national Environment Committee
- From 1990 to 2005, he became an advisor to the ROC President on the UN Cyprus Talks. Concurrently he served as a development economist with UN agencies in Croatia, Palestine, Iraq, Lebanon, Myanmar, Thailand and Tanzania. Since 2006 he is a visiting lecturer on “negotiation” for the joint Malta/George Mason Universities MA in Conflict Resolution
- From 1990 to the present he specializes in economic transactions across ceasefire lines in Cyprus, Georgia (Abkhazia, SOssetia), Armenia and Azerbaijan, Turkey and Armenia and Pakistan (Kashmir). Currently he is a Presidential Advisor on the Cyprus Problem (Property & Territorial Adjustment), and is working on Peace Economics, and as a facilitator for win-win negotiations for conflict resolution.