

## Capability Brown: Perception and Response in a Global Context

9-11 September 2016  
The University of Bath

An ICOMOS-UK Conference in collaboration with the University of Bath, supported by the Gardens Trust, Historic England, The National Trust, and The ICOMOS IFLA International Scientific Committee on Cultural Landscapes

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The Capability Designed Landscape of Prior Park, Bath

Capability Brown changed the face of 18th-century England. Yet he left little written explanation of his work. Much must be inferred from his surviving landscapes and by seeing his work in the wider context of the naturalistic style that developed in Europe and further afield.

This major conference, organised by the Cultural Landscapes and Historic Gardens Committee of ICOMOS-UK (International Council on Monuments and Sites UK), will be one of the highlights of the first-ever national Capability Brown Festival, providing an international dimension to complement the UK's national festival of events, openings, exhibitions and publications.

Over a three-day conference in the historic city of Bath (one of the UK's World Heritage Sites), world-renowned researchers and practitioners will present Brown's work in a global context and explore the ways in which it has been interpreted over the last 250 years. The conference will include evening receptions at Prior Park, the Brown designed valley garden with its iconic Palladian bridge overlooking the city, and at the Bath Assembly Rooms. There will also be a tour of Brown's landscape at Croome Court, recently restored by the National Trust. Conference papers will be published for delegates in a special edition of *Garden History*.

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### Booking Form

#### Delegate Details

Name:

Job Title:

Organisation:

Contact Address:

Email:

Phone Number (mobile preferred):

Do you have any special access or dietary requirements?

#### Tickets

I would like \_\_\_\_\_ ICOMOS member places at £275.00 per person

I would like \_\_\_\_\_ non-member places at £340.00 per person (includes one year's annual membership of ICOMOS-UK)

*The attendance fee includes all lectures, lunch on 9th, 10th & 11th, light refreshments, receptions at Prior Park and Bath Assembly Rooms, and the tour of Croome Park on Sunday 11th.*

I will/will not be attending the visit to Croome Park on Sunday 11th September (please delete as appropriate)

#### Payment

Please select as appropriate:

I enclose a cheque payable to ICOMOS-UK

I have paid online at <http://www.icomos-uk.org/payment/>

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#### Accommodation

Accommodation is available at the University of Bath. Bookings can be made online at <http://tinyurl.com/ICOMOS-UK> up until 8th August 2016. After this time, bookings must be made directly with the University's guest accommodation team: +44 (0)1225 383 441, [conferencesandevents@bath.ac.uk](mailto:conferencesandevents@bath.ac.uk)

Single en-suite rooms with breakfast: £36 per night

Double/twin rooms en-suite with breakfast: £81 per night

There are a limited number of rooms which will be let on a first come first served basis.

Parking on the University campus is included in the price per room for the total length of stay.

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## Capability Brown: Perception and Response in a Global Context Programme

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**Day 1: Friday 9 September 2016**

**10.00 Registration**

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### Session 1: Brown in Great Britain

- 11.00-11.05 Welcome**  
Dr David Thackray OBE, President of ICOMOS-UK
- 11.05-11.15 Introductory Address**  
His Royal Highness the Duke of Gloucester KG GCVO, Patron, ICOMOS-UK
- 11.15-11.20 Chairman for Session 1**  
Dr Marion Harney, Senior Lecturer/Director of Studies. University of Bath
- 11.20-11.55 Keynote Talk: Brown and Neo-Classicism**  
Professor John Dixon Hunt, University of Pennsylvania
- 11.55-12.20 Lancelot Brown's Design of the Waters at Blenheim**  
Hal Moggridge, OBE VMH, Past President of the Landscape Institute, Consulting  
Landscape Architect at Blenheim 1981-2001
- 12.20-12.30 Questions**
- 12.40-14.00 Lunch**
- 14.00-14.25 Shrubbery to Grove and Flower Garden to Meadow**  
Dr Mark Laird, Historic Landscape Consultant, UK and North America
- 14.25-14.50 Brown at Burghley: Aestheticising the Medieval Past**  
Dr Megan Aldrich, Senior Fellow, Sotheby's Institute of Art, London
- 14.50-15.00 Questions**
- 15.00-15.30 Afternoon Break**
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### Session 2: Brown as Perceived Abroad

- 15.30-15.55 The Limits of Brown's Landscape: Translations of the Landscape Garden into Ireland**  
Dr Finola O'Kane Crimmins, Senior Lecturer, University College Dublin
- 15.55-16.20 Models in this Art: Tracing the Brownian Landscape Tradition in America**  
Dr Therese O'Malley, Associate Dean, Center for Advanced Study in the Visual Arts,  
National Gallery of Art, Washington DC
- 16.20-17.00 Chaired Q&A: Reflections on Session 1 and 2**
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### Evening Reception

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- 17.45 Depart on foot or Prior Park, Church Lane Entrance**
- 18.30 Reception at Prior Park**

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**Day 2: Saturday 10 September 2016**

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**Session 3: Brown as Perceived Abroad**

- 09.30-09.35 Introduction from the Session 3 Chairman**  
Dr Michael Symes, Author, Lecturer and Garden Historian
- 09.35-10.00 Brown Invisible in France? The French Perception and Reception of Gardens in Eighteenth Century Britain**  
Dr Laurent Châtel, Senior Lecturer, Université Paris-Sorbonne  
Dr Monique Mosser, Garden Historian
- 10.0-10.25 The English Garden in the Low Countries and the Principauté of Liège**  
Dr Nathalie de Harlez de Deulin, Assistant Professor, Université de Liège
- 10.25-11.05 Morning Coffee**
- 11.05-11.30 Thomas Whately, Catherine the Great and the Brownian Tradition in Russia**  
Professor Boris Sokolov, Russian State University for the Humanities
- 11.30-11.55 Capability Brown's Design for Schönenberg at Laeken near Brussels, 1782**  
Wim Oers, Lector, the Catholic University of Leuven
- 11.55-12.10 Hungarian Garden Tourists in Search of Brown's Legacy**  
Dr Kristor Fatsar, Lecturer, Writtle College, University of Essex
- 12.10-12.35 Brown's Impact on Garden Design in Hungary**  
Gábor Alfödy, Landscape Architect and Garden Historian, Budapest
- 12.35-13.10 Chaired Q&A: Reflections on Session 3**
- 13.10-14.25 Lunch**
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**Session 4: Echoes of Brown**

- 14.25-14.30 Introduction from the Session 4 Chairman**  
Peter Goodchild, Director of The Garden and Landscape Heritage Trust, UK (GARLAND)
- 14.30-14.55 George Parkyn's "Entwürfe..." Published in Leipzig in 1796 and 1805**  
Dr Eva Ruoff, Assistant Professor, Aalto University
- 15.55-15.20 The Early Landscape Garden in Germany**  
Professor Dr Marcus Köhler, Technische Universität Dresden
- 15.20-15.45 Beauty in Simplicity: An Exploration of the Design Principles of Capability Brown**  
Matthew Tickner, Director, Cookson & Tickner Ltd &  
Will Cookson, Landscape Architect, Cookson & Tickner Ltd
- 15.45-16.15 Afternoon Break**
- 16.15-16.40 Misconceptions**  
John Phibbs, Principal, Debois Landscape Survey Group
- 16.40-17.05 Why Celebrate Capability Brown?**  
Dr Oliver Cox, Knowledge Exchange Fellow, University of Oxford
- 17.05-17.20 Chaired Q&A: Reflections on Session 4**
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**Evening Reception**

- 17.45 Depart on foot for Assembly Rooms**
- 18.00 Civic Reception in the Assembly Rooms, with Address from Dame Helen Ghosh, Director-General of the National Trust**



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**Day 3: Sunday 11 September 2016**

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**Session 5: Reflections on Brown's Legacy**

<b>09.00-09.05</b>	<b>Introduction from the Session 5 Chairman</b> Steven Brown, Chair of the ICOMOS International Scientific Committee of Cultural Landscapes
<b>09.05-09.30</b>	<b>Reflections and Future Directions</b> Dr Michael Symes, Author, Lecturer and Garden Historian
<b>09.30-10.00</b>	<b>Chaired Q&amp;A: Reflections on Session 5</b>
<b>10.00-10.30</b>	<b>Morning Coffee</b>

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<b>10.30</b>	<b>Depart in coaches for Croome Court, Worcestershire. Packed lunches provided.</b>
<b>12.30-16.00</b>	<b>Site Visit to Croome Court</b>
<b>16.00</b>	<b>Depart Croome Court to return to Bath.</b>

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**About The Capability Brown Festival**

The Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) funded Capability Brown Festival 2016 brings together a huge range of events, openings and exhibitions. New research and a full listing of his sites will help build knowledge about Brown and fix him at the forefront of modern thinking on design and management of the natural environment. The Festival is managed by the Landscape Institute on behalf of the Festival Partnership. <http://www.capabilitybrown.org/>

**About the Cultural Landscapes and Historic Gardens Committee of ICOMOS-UK**

This Committee takes a particular interest in the cultural landscape dimension of World Heritage Sites. Its members meet regularly to comment on current proposals, develop good practice, and raise awareness. It also promotes the implementation of the European Landscape Convention.

**On the Road with Lancelot 'Capability' Brown 2016: Pre and Post Conference Tours from Inspiration Events**

Led by John Phibbs, the acknowledged authority on Brown's work, these two complementary residential tours aim to shed light on, and celebrate, his mysterious achievement. Please contact [info@inspirationevents.com](mailto:info@inspirationevents.com) for the full Brochure and to book.

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