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A Sense of Place

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"Genius loci cannot be designed to order. It has to evolve, to be allowed to happen, to grow and change from the direct efforts of those who live and work in places and care about them....."

ISOLA Delhi Chapter will be hosting the 9th Annual National Conference on February 28th and March 1st, 2014 at the India Habitat Centre, New Delhi. The conference theme is "A Sense of Place" and will highlight how globalization and urbanization are continually and often irreversibly changing our social and spatial context and negating cultural distinctness and nuance.

The most evocative and successful landscapes, are usually associated with a more discernible, or at times, sensory experience specific to that place. It may be the occurrence of a significant event, or its scenic qualities, historic/ religious or cultural associations or its place central to the social fabric of a city or neighborhood that ascribe it this character. It is dependent on the engagement of society with space and often enhanced by its representation in the arts- poetry, literature, movies, history, art, music and culture.

This conference looks into these representations across various disciplines in what we hope will be an informative discourse for the landscape architecture fraternity. It will consist of four sessions. The sessions will deal with 'Sense of Place' as applied to different geographical scales: Region, City and Place with each session presenting the following three aspects of how

- Places originate – i.e. Origins
- How they adjust, how their meanings change – i.e. Transformations
- How new places evolve – i.e. Creations or Place-making

Session 1: REGION

Investigations into landscape geography and evolution of spaces at a regional scale, focusing on their development, natural and human interventions.

Session 2: CITY

Urban landscape of developing communities; changing demographics, dynamics, rapid urbanization resulting in their evolution.

Session 3: PLACE

At a neighbourhood/ community scale, understanding elements, issues and strategies that create a sense of space.