

Mediterranean Ecologies



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Mediterranean landscapes have long fascinated ecologists and landscape architects. They are teeming with life, lush, but also resilient to heat stress and water shortages. This makes them even more relevant today, and we can learn a lot from Mediterranean vegetation to understand how to better deal with global warming, rising temperatures and recurrent droughts. This seminar will take us through some of the places on the French Riviera. We will visit Arles and the park of the LUMA Foundation, created by Bas Smets, and learn from the landscapes of the Camargue how to create resilient ecosystems. The Jardins du Rayol will introduce us to the ideas of Gilles Clément's planetary garden, and the cubist garden of Gabriel Guevrekian's Villa Noailles will show us a rare example of a modernist garden, described

by Dorothée Imbert as the state of the art in Europe between the wars. The trip ends in Marseille, a city of a thousand migrations - including plants - where we will tour the city and meet with local artists and researchers.

Cost range C (CHF 501 to 750)

Including accommodation, local transport and visits, excluding return train ticket to Arles/ Marseille. 10 to 15 students.

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