



Media Matters in Landscape Architecture

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- **Media Matters in Landscape Architecture** critically examines the ways in which various tools, methods, and images shape our conceptions of landscapes and environments
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Media Matters in Landscape Architecture makes a unique contribution to landscape architectural praxis for its explicit framing of “environmental media” in terms of its dual meaning within our discipline. In the sciences, environmental media are the materials of the natural world—soils, air, water, plants, microbes. Within STS and media studies, “environmental media” refers broadly to the relationship between environmental issues—such as pollution, biodiversity loss, climate change—and the creation and application of the tools, interfaces, and images, through which information about these issues is conveyed. This book focuses on how these two distinct understandings of environmental media coalesce within the discipline of landscape architecture and other spatial design fields. Authors from a wide-range of disciplines—landscape architecture, media studies, history of science, civil engineering, ecology, planning, and architecture—examine how the creation and use of data, images, and models acts as intermediaries—the mediums through which a particular understanding of “environment” or “landscape” arises. This framing of environmental media emphasises the relationships among various design media and the specific material and social environments within which they operate.

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