



## What is an **ISLAMIC GARDEN** in the 21st Century?

With new Islamic gardens and landscapes being designed around the world, the question of identity has become more complex, and tradition and modernity increasingly entangled. The symposium asks what defines an Islamic garden or landscape today. Because research on Islamic landscape and gardens has mostly been written by and for historians, little attention has been paid to the modern and contemporary world. However, the symposium brings the historical focus closer to the present, and explores not only the various ways that contemporary designers have used the rich archive of historical precedents for inspiration in their work, but also how they have in turn contributed to the ongoing tradition of Islamic gardens. The symposium engages with contemporary issues related to identity, representation, modernity, nationalism, globalization and tradition, and it considers the impact and meaning of these themes for the history and design of Islamic gardens and landscape.

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