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#### Review

Landscape Architect and Professor Bruce Sharky, through his many years of practice and worldwide teaching has written a thorough introduction and definition of the art and science of Landscape Architecture: its scope, its amplitude, and its present and future relevance in the XXI century.

The book establishes definitions of methodology, scope of work, outlook and design concepts for students and professionals alike. It touches succinctly and clearly into the history and evolution of the profession, and of the scale and typological landscapes professionals are committed to today. It also defines the amplitude and limitations of a profession difficult to define. A book much needed at schools, as well as in private corporations and public institutions.

*Mario Schjetnan, FASLA, Landscape Architect/Architect*

#### About the Author

**Bruce Sharky** is a Fellow of the American Society of Landscape Architects and a professor at the Robert Reich School of Architecture at Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, USA. Bruce is also a registered professional landscape architect

His interests in landscape architecture are varied and have evolved over the years and through work in varied locations and countries. He has worked professionally in Los Angeles, San Francisco, and Winnipeg, as well as in state government. He has lectured and taught design courses in countries as varied as China, Chile, Japan, and Israel, and was a Fulbright Scholar in Mexico and Portugal. He had a private landscape practice in Anchorage, Alaska, for 15 years prior to taking on the position of director of the Robert Reich School of Landscape Architecture, Louisiana State University. In 1990, Professor Sharky was honored as a Fellow of the American Society of Landscape Architects for his years of service and contributions to the profession.

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