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*Investigating & linking
Tangible & Intangible
forms of Heritage of
Urban Green Spaces ...*

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with Historic England

Structure of presentation

- Expertise & research accomplishments
- Valuing Nature Placement - objectives and aspirations
- Anticipated outputs and outcomes



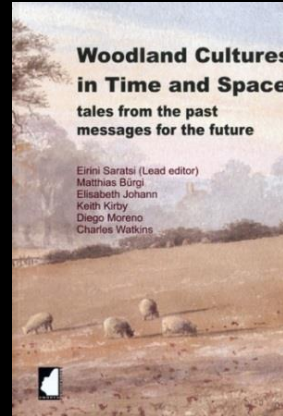
Human Geography & Environmental studies

- Landscape and Environmental history
- Contemporary land management and conservation
- Knowledge cultures and participation



Research projects

Traditional landscape management practices



Habitat restoration & community engagement



The use and appropriation of nature

A Public Dialogue on ecosystem services



Agri-environmental schemes in UK

Farmer environmental knowledge and cultures



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Valuing Nature Placement

Motivation

- People hold strong cultural heritage associations with urban green spaces (e.g. parks and botanical gardens)
- There is a need to further understand how the diversity of such values can be better reflected in relevant policy and research agendas

Historic England

the government's expert advisory service on England's historic environment



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Objectives

- Knowledge exchange with non- academics cultural heritage experts;
- Look at existing data to understand how narratives around cultural heritage of urban green spaces are constructed;
- Describe meaningful ways to evaluate this kind of cultural heritage in order to successfully maintain and (re)produce it today.



Aspirations

- Discover new ways to unfold the diversity of heritage values of urban green spaces.
- Better communicate the value of this cultural heritage to policy makers and practitioners.
- Propose innovative approaches for further research.
- Bridge gaps between academic reasoning and policy and practice rationales.



Planned outputs & anticipated outcomes

- A policy and practice note
- Visual representation of the findings
- Develop academic publications and further research proposals
- Contribution to video and written blogs on VNN webpages



***Thank you
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