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Foreword

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The fourth volume of Ex Novo has the pleasure to host Heleen van Londen, Marjo Schlaman, and Andrea Travaglia as guest editors of the special issue titled *The Natural and The Cultural. Integrating Approaches in Landscape Heritage Management.* This timely collection of peer-reviewed papers and short essays seek to bridge the longstanding gap between natural and cultural heritage when it comes to landscape management. To this end, the editors foster a combined approach to both domains by promoting stronger internal cooperation and the systematic engagement of new forms of integrated heritage with the external world.

The volume contributes to the debate on the new role of heritage in an ever changing framework for land use, infrastructural investment and sustainable development at national and international levels. All contributions are based on the papers presented in two sessions at the EAA annual meeting in Maastricht 2017.

The final section of any annual issue is usually dedicated to the reviewing recent books, opened exhibitions, international meetings or conferences. This year we decided to use that space to interview the author of the front and back cover of the issue. It is now a tradition for Ex Novo to host great artworks on its covers, and the career path of the artist selected for this occasion, Fabio Fogliazza, ties particularly well with the theme treated in this number. Discussing his vision on the eternal divide between natural and cultural seemed thus the best epilogue for the volume.

As a last note, we are very glad to announce that the editorial board of Ex Novo grew significantly this year, and since March includes three new associate editors: Enrico Giannitrapani, Matteo Cantisani and Maurizio Crudo. Thank you guys for joining the team!

Acknowledgments

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Last but not least, special thanks go to Fabio Fogliazza, who allowed us to use his creations on the cover of this special issue.