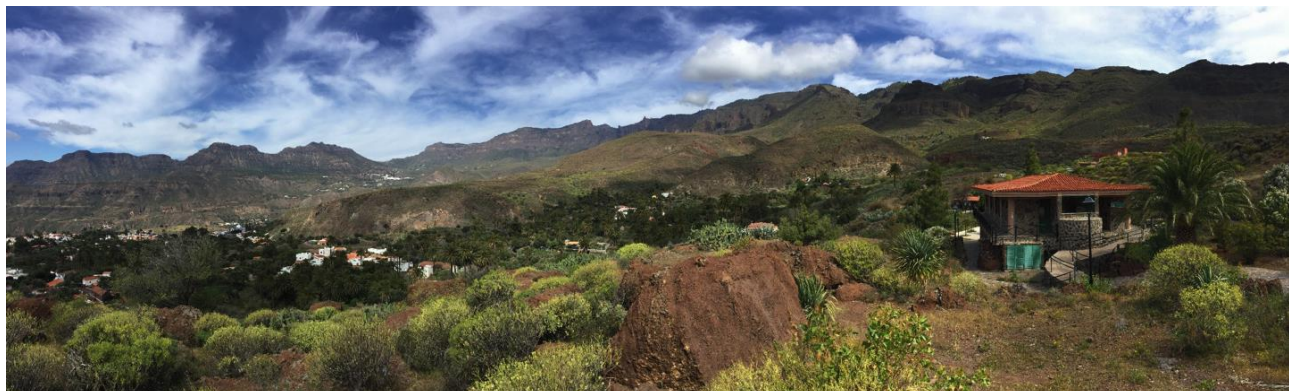


## EVENT 3

### Academic PAR<sup>1</sup> and LANDSCAPE Workshop 2018 – Gran Canaria June 12th to 19th, 2018



#### Introduction

In March 2019, the IV ITLA Terraced Landscapes World Congress "RE-ENCHANTING TERRACES" will be held in La Gomera, the other Canary Islands, Madeira, the Azores and Cape Verde. As in the previous Congresses in China (Red River, Yunnan in 2010), Peru (Cusco in 2014) and in Italy (Venice and Padua 2016) the Congress will be an event attended by custodians, activists, researchers, academics and students from all over the world. There will be different spaces to exchange of experiences as well as multiple interactive scenarios with the purpose of approaching the rural population that maintains terraces as living landscapes. The emphasis will also be on giving and promoting significant progress in relation to the involvement of local, regional and national governments in the protection and recovery of this type of territory. In 2010 we formed the International Terraces Landscapes Alliance (ITLA) and approved the "Honghe Declaration" which establishes as a priority the recovery of terraces around the world. In 2014, we achieved a dialogue of traditional knowledge between community members and community member guardians of the terraces of the Andes with activists and scientists to promote the local organization in charge of peasant rights and their practices. In Italy in 2016, we approved an action plan and a Manifesto to strengthen social movements committed to securing the future of terraced areas through different ways of identifying, protecting and recovering them in the different mountainous and coastal areas of the world.

The Organizing Committee of the IV ITLA World Congress-Terraced Territories, to be held in March 2019, is sponsored by the International Terraced Landscapes Alliance (ITLA), whose president is Professor Timmi Tillmann, the Insular Council of La Gomera as well as by the coordination committee of the Landscape Observatory of the Canary Islands and the University of Las Palmas de Gran Canaria, represented by Professor Juan Manuel Palerm Salazar. The main objective of the IV Congress is to **recover the memory** of the terraces of the islands of the "Macaronesia" and **achieve the active re-enchantment** of the terraces in the world. The workshop described below is part of a sequence of preparatory events for the IV ITLA World Congress – Terraced Territories.

1. PAR: Participatory Action Research

## Workshop Contents

This workshop focuses on the application of the scientific methodology of the Participatory Action Research (PAR) and the Practical Landscape Manual (PLM) to the recovery of the memory of the terraced landscapes in different places of Gran Canaria. The epistemological bases, the concepts and the ethical principles of PAR as well as the basic methods and the main techniques of the wide participatory repertoire will be discussed. Specifically, we will deal with methodological issues such as the role of the researcher/facilitator in the process of dialogue of traditional knowledge, the recovery of the historical memory of the community, the cognitive, emotional and sensorial advantages of visualizing the traditional knowledge of local farmers and terrace builders versus participant observation as well as the key aspects of the hermeneutic interpretation.

The workshop is designed as a pedagogical approach to learning through experience, especially aimed at students and academics from the Universities of Las Palmas de Gran Canaria and La Laguna. The workshop will have terraced areas of the island of Gran Canaria as a practical learning field. In this way, the participants, through the PAR participatory approach, will be able to gain experience of a practical approach to the history and the uses of the approach in an insular context. Participants will collect and compile the views of growers and terrace builders regarding to memories of traditional knowledge and practices thereby creating a space for expressing meaningful ideas to reflect on the environmental, social, cultural and power conditions to know how to bring the terraces back to life in the future.

Simultaneously, by means of presentations, there will be illustrations of and discussions about the characteristics of the terraced landscapes of Macaronesia, their recent changes, threats and, with the use of methodologies of landscape science and geographical information techniques (GIS), key elements will be provided for the inventory, the diagnoses, valuation and recovery proposals of these agricultural spaces.

A meeting is also proposed between students and technicians from different sectors (agriculture, environment, heritage, territorial policy, tourism, local development ...) and public administrations (town councils, insular councils, etc) and private (rural development associations, ecological agriculture, grape growers, agri-food industries, agri-tourism, active tourism, etc. ..) to find points of contact between the various considerations of the terraces according to planning instruments (sectorial territorial, agricultural, landscape, heritage, tourism plans...), evaluation, states of conservation, vulnerabilities, aptitudes, strengths, opportunities, environmental services, etc ... In order to do this, discussions between technicians from different sectors will be held, and brainstorming sessions, role plays and case studies will be used, such as idea exchanging techniques and proposals for solutions to the problems facing the terraced landscapes.

## Participants

This workshop is aimed at academics and postgraduate students of the two universities in question who wish to go beyond conventional positivist approaches, at members of local and insular administrations and actors involved in the different processes generated in the terraced territories,

interested in rethinking development projects with a methodological approach based on the knowledge and practices of the inhabitants themselves. The workshop is an opportunity to broaden academic methodological horizons and enrich the research work with a dialogue perspective of knowledge for transformative social action.

The maximum number of participants will be 24 (minimum 12, optimum 15 to 18) and composed of as many women as men, if possible. Participants will have the possibility to decide on a supporting role for local processes prior to and during the IV ITLA World Congress.

## Objectives

The objectives of the workshop are that the participants:

- Familiarize themselves and discuss the epistemological aspects, i.e., the scope and limitations of the concepts and ethical principles of PAR vis-a-vis social transformations in the hands of the protagonists of the terraces and acquire knowledge about the Practical Landscape Manual (PLM)..
- Learn and practice PAR and PLM methods and techniques with participatory awareness, as well as exercise the facilitation of local dialogues to recover memory from the terrace growers and builders in 3 areas of Gran Canaria (to be decided)
- Apply PAR and PLM content as scientific methods of the dialogue of knowledge to obtain a local vision of the past, present and future of the terraces, which will be presented during the IV ITLA World Congress.
- Identify areas, villages and local traditional farming specialists of the terraces in Gran Canaria that are part of the teams, testimonies and field work areas during the IV World Congress.

The expected results of the workshop will be study plans on terraces with PAR and PLM scientific methodology that contribute to the professional training of the participants (studies or theses) and documentation of a vision of the farmers and residents concerning their landscape for the IV ITLA Terraced Landscapes World Congress.

## Development and Program

June 12<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup>, 2018

Day	Content
<b>Santa Lucía de Tirajana</b>  <b>Tuesday</b> <b>12th</b>	<p>10:00 <b>Arrival at the Las Tederas Nature Hall and hosting of the participants</b></p> <p>10:30 <b>Welcome ceremony and presentation.</b> Inauguration by the authorities and managing committee of the event. Representatives of the Insular Council of Gran Canaria, the Town Hall of Santa Lucía de Tirajana, the ULPGC, the President of the ITLA, the Director of the Landscape Observatory, the Government of the Canary Islands and the Coordinating Committee of ITLA MAC, Event 3 of the IV Congress.</p> <p>11:00-11.30 <b>Objetives and Program. Formation of themed teams according to the topics of the IV ITLA World Congress Terraced Territories</b></p>

Day	Content
	<p>11:30-12:00 Coffee break</p> <p>12:00-12:30 <b>Presentation of the ITLA Congresses. The Terraces of the World</b> Timmi Tillmann and Maruja Salas</p> <p>12:30-13:00 <b>Presentation of the IV ITLA MAC Congress</b> Juan Manuel Palerm</p> <p>13:00-13:30 <b>Presentation-Organization of Event 3</b> Lidia E. Romero Martín, coordinator</p> <p>14:00-16:00 Lunch</p> <p>16:00-16:30 <b>“The terraces in Macaronesia: landscaping analogies?”</b> (Ricardo J. Santana Rodríguez, ULPGC)</p> <p>16:30-17:00 <b>“The terraces in the Canary Islands: diversity – multi-functionality”</b> (Lidia E. Romero Martín, ULPGC)</p> <p>17:00-17:30 <b>“How terraces have been studied?”</b> (Emma Pérez-Chacón Espino, ULPGC)</p> <p>17:30-18:00 <b>Debate</b></p> <p>18:00-18:30 Coffee break</p> <p>18:30-19:00 <b>GIS as tools for the analysis of terraced landscapes</b> Leví A. García Romero, IOCAG, ULPGC</p> <p>19:00-19:30 <b>The terraces in the cultural landscape of Risco Caído and las Montañas Sagradas de Gran canaria</b> Ricardo J. Santana Rodríguez, ULPGC</p> <p>19:30-20:00 <b>Debate</b></p> <p>20:00-21:00 Dinner</p>
<p><b>Santa Lucía de Tirajana</b></p> <p><b>Wednesday 13th</b></p>	<p>09:00-09:30 Breakfast</p> <p>09:30-11:30 <b>Practical workshop on terrace management proposals</b> Emma Pérez-Chacón Espino and Grupo Geofisma, IOCAG, ULPGC</p> <p>11:30-12:00 Coffee break</p> <p>12:00-14:00 <b>Presentation of the Practical Landscape Manual - Juan Manuel Palerm</b> Theory, methods and techniques 1st Part Experimentation Ángela Ruíz, ULPGC</p> <p>14:00-16:00 Lunch</p> <p>16:00- 18:00 <b>Presentation of the Practical Landscape Manual</b> Practices and techniques 2nd Part Experimentation Ángela Ruíz, ULPGC</p> <p>18:00-19:30 Presentation of the fieldwork sites. Formation of teams and preparation of fieldwork plans</p> <p>20:00-21:00 Dinner</p>
<p><b>Santa Lucía de Tirajana</b></p> <p><b>Thursday 14th</b></p>	<p>09:00-09:30 Breakfast</p> <p>09:30-11:30 <b>Research Workshop, Participative Action - Timmi Tillmann and Maruja Salas</b> Theory, Methods and Techniques</p> <p>11:30-12:00 Coffee break</p>

Day	Content
	<p>12:00-14:00 <b>Research Workshop, Participative Action</b> - Timmi Tillmann and Maruja Salas Practice of space, time and wisdom methods</p> <p>14:00-16:00 Lunch</p> <p>16:00-17:00 Short presentation and socialization of the work plans of the 3 teams for the application of the methods in terraced areas</p> <p>17:30-19:30 <b>Guided tour of the site of the Ansite Fortress and the Interpretation Center</b></p> <p>20:00-21:00 Dinner</p>
<b>Fieldwork</b> <b>Friday 15th</b>	<p><b>Start of the Fieldwork.</b> Transfer to 3 Zones of the island:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Santa Lucía de Tirajana – Temisas (Agüimes) – Ayacata – Tunte (San Bartolomé de Tirajana)</li> <li>- Tejeda – Juncalillo (Gáldar) – Artenara</li> <li>- Las Palmas de Gran Canaria – Santa Brígida – Vega de San Mateo</li> </ul>
<b>Fieldwork</b> <b>Saturday 16th</b>	<b>Continuation of the Fieldwork</b>
<b>Fieldwork</b> <b>Sunday 17th</b>	<p><b>Continuation of the Fieldwork</b> <b>Return to the workshop headquarters</b> <b>DINNER for the socialization of the experience</b></p>
<b>Santa Lucía de Tirajana</b> <b>Monday 18th</b>	<p>09:00-09:30 Breakfast</p> <p>09:30-11:30 <b>Interpretation of the results and testimonies of the fieldwork by the teams and according to the themes</b> (Timmi Tillmann y Maruja Salas, ITLA)</p> <p>11:30-12:00 Coffee break</p> <p>12:00-13:30 <b>Exposition of the results on the terraces in Gran Canaria</b> (Timmi Tillmann y Maruja Salas, ITLA)</p> <p>14:00-16:00 Lunch</p> <p>16:30-18:00 <b>The re-enchantment of the terraces in Gran Canaria. Recovering the memory of the terraces</b></p> <p>18:00-18:30 Coffee break</p> <p>18:30-19:30 <b>Follow-up of the academic workshop with a view to the IV World Congress (March, 2019)</b></p> <p>20:00-21:00 Dinner</p>
<b>Santa Lucía de Tirajana</b>	<p>09:00-09:30 Breakfast</p> <p>09:30-11:30 <b>Evaluation of the Workshop</b></p>

Day	Content
<b>Tuesday 19th</b>	11:30-12:00 Coffee break
	12:00-13:30 <b>Sectorial table: Convergence of views regarding the terraces</b> Participation of technicians from the institutions Moderator: Emma Pérez-Chacón Espino, ULPGC
	14:00-16:00 Final Lunch

## Places

The workshop will take place in the "Las Tederas" Nature Classroom in Santa Lucia de Tirajana. We will identify 3 terraced areas of Gran Canaria, where fieldwork will be carried out (recognition of the terrain and meeting with local actors and activists). The group will be divided into three fractions, of approximately 8 people each, which will be joined by local residents and institutions interested in this process.

The results will be presented in a large communal room where other actors from universities, local government, civil society and residents will come to hear about the memory of the terraces and participate in a process of dialogue of traditional knowledge to facilitate the re-enchantment of the landscapes where they are.

## Registration and contact information

The persons who wish to contact the organization should do so through the website [www.terracedlandscape2019.es](http://www.terracedlandscape2019.es), where they will find a specific section on the activities to be held in Gran Canaria. For any questions, doubts or clarifications you can also contact via email at [itlamac2019@gmail.com](mailto:itlamac2019@gmail.com).

Those persons who wish to enroll in the Academic Workshop on PAR and Landscape - June 12<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup>, 2018 in Gran Canaria - must register by completing the online form. The steering committee will contact the interested parties to confirm acceptance of the application after the applications have been received.

The number of participants will be around 20 people. The workshop is free and the accommodation will be paid for by the organization, participants must pay for their return plane ticket to Gran Canaria.

The sponsors, collaborators and organizers will be in charge of the logistics during the workshop. For any questions, doubts or clarifications please contact the organization at [info@terracedlandscapes2019.es](mailto:info@terracedlandscapes2019.es).

## Actors

The following profiles are proposed as participating actors in the working group in Gran Canaria: university and postgraduate students, Insular Council and town hall technicians (local development officers, environmental agents, Biosphere Reserve technicians), Education, mature students, UNED (distance learning) groups, organic farmers, sustainable tourism technicians, collectives.

## Workshop team

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