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The Academic and Scientific Jury of the Award was composed of Professors of Architecture teaching in six Universities -Polytechnic University of Catalonia, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, National Institute of Applied Sciences of Strasbourg, University of Geneva, National Technical University of Athens, Izmir Institute of Technology, as well as Researchers of the CNRS, Paris.

The competition was open for all Ph.D. holders of Schools of Architecture worldwide, with the aim at rewarding the best three Doctoral Theses which have been completed within the previous four years (2007-2010).

The Jury supported the Doctoral Thesis of **Rikke Munck Petersen** (Royal Danish Academy of Fine Arts, Copenhagen) as the winner of the **3<sup>rd</sup> ICAR-CORA PRIZE 2011**. The title of the Thesis is "*Landscape transformations. A new paradigm for understanding and working with the synergy of physical and abstract landscapes*".

The thesis of **Rikke Munck Petersen** treats transformations of the landscape and its production in operations of architectural conception, combining phenomenological and analytical tools. In order to propose a meta-language on the generative process of the project, it is based on readings in the epistemology of architecture and on the analysis of conceptual operations of design. After a discussion of the rational and functional approach of the landscape in the Modern era, it proposes a method of design implementing a space of architectural conception. This space is made up of data and charts, diagrams and models, drawings and texts, making it possible to project transformations while basing itself on the "sensing and experiencing" of the physical landscape. The Thesis thus recognizes an explicit role for the architect and the discipline of architecture to establish the generative dimensions as well as the specific qualities in the production of the landscape.

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