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PROFILE

Ms. Xie Xiaoying is a distinguished figure in landscape architecture, demonstrating the outstanding achievements of contemporary Chinese landscape design globally through innovative practice and theoretical exploration.

Her leadership on impactful projects demonstrates her exemplary contributions. The Beijing Yangmeizhu Street Renovation Plan project pioneered a “resident-driven placemaking” mechanism, utilizing public space to rebuild community connections and enhance social equity. It has been featured prominently, selected for the Venice Architecture Biennale (2016), the UN ESCAP Award for Urban Sustainable Development Excellence (2021), and highlighted as a special case study at the UIA World Congress of Architects (2021).

For the Beijing CITIC Jinling Hotel landscape design, she innovatively integrated ecological restoration with traditional Chinese Shan Shui aesthetics. Applying a “minimum intervention – maximum restoration” strategy, the damaged site regained ecological vitality, creating a poetic vision where “architecture grows from nature”. This project was awarded First Prize in the China Engineering and Consulting Association Industry Award (2017) and stands as a model for ecological landscape design in China.

In the Beijing Sub-center Administrative Office Area project, she spearheaded the integrated design of municipal facilities using landscape planning to build a robust green infrastructure system. This received the IFME China Pilot Work Award (2023), serving as a global model for ecological construction.

Her work on Sheger Park Friendship Square, Addis Ababa, showcased exceptional cross-cultural collaboration. Focused on benefiting local populations, her project, marked by professional excellence and dedication, received widespread acclaim from the Ethiopian government and citizens, becoming a benchmark for China-Ethiopia sustainable development partnerships.

Academically, her “Landscape Integration” theory system, disseminated through publications, profoundly influences the industry, driving innovation in Chinese landscape design from practice to theory and offering valuable Chinese wisdom for sustainable development globally, particularly in developing countries.

PUBLICATIONS



As a recognized leader driving the industry forward through both theory and practice, Ms. Xie has established the “Landscape Integration” methodology through influential books including *Home*, *Integration and Development*, and *Greenway Planning and Construction under the Guidance of Park City*. Her completed projects are featured in authoritative international publications and industry yearbooks such as *30:30 Landscape Architecture*, *China Public Art Annual* over the years, and *Annals of Chinese Architecture*. Furthermore, she has led the development of the “Integrated Construction” column in the national-level journal *Urban and Rural Development* and authored over ten articles in prominent professional journals across various disciplines, including *Chinese Landscape Architecture*, *Landscape Architecture*, *Design Community*, *Landscape Architecture Frontiers*, and *Public Art*.

MAIN PROJECT

Beijing Yangmeizhu Xiejie Renovation Plan and Mixed-Courtyard Public Space Design



This project regards public spaces as a vital medium for fostering interpersonal communication and harmonious coexistence. Through targeted design interventions for existing residents, Yangmeizhu Xiejie project effectively compensates for the disparities in quality of life and living conditions caused by rapid urbanization and commercialization. The subsequent "Hutong Flora Cottage" is a planting showcase where Hutong residents transform into the leading roles. The designer's role, on the other hand, shifts from "designing for residents" to "guiding in spontaneous placemaking." This approach enhances local residents' personal dignity, rebuilds community connections, and strengthens residents' sense of happiness and belonging, transforming their experience from "unease" to "abide-in." (In other words, a sense of “home”.) It promotes social equity and justice, fosters positive social relationships, and achieves dual improvements in both environmental and social well-being.



The large-scale installation work based on this project was selected for the 15th Venice International Architecture Biennale in 2016. Visitors to the Venice Biennale were able to interact with residents of Yangmeizhu Xiejie Street through a network connection.

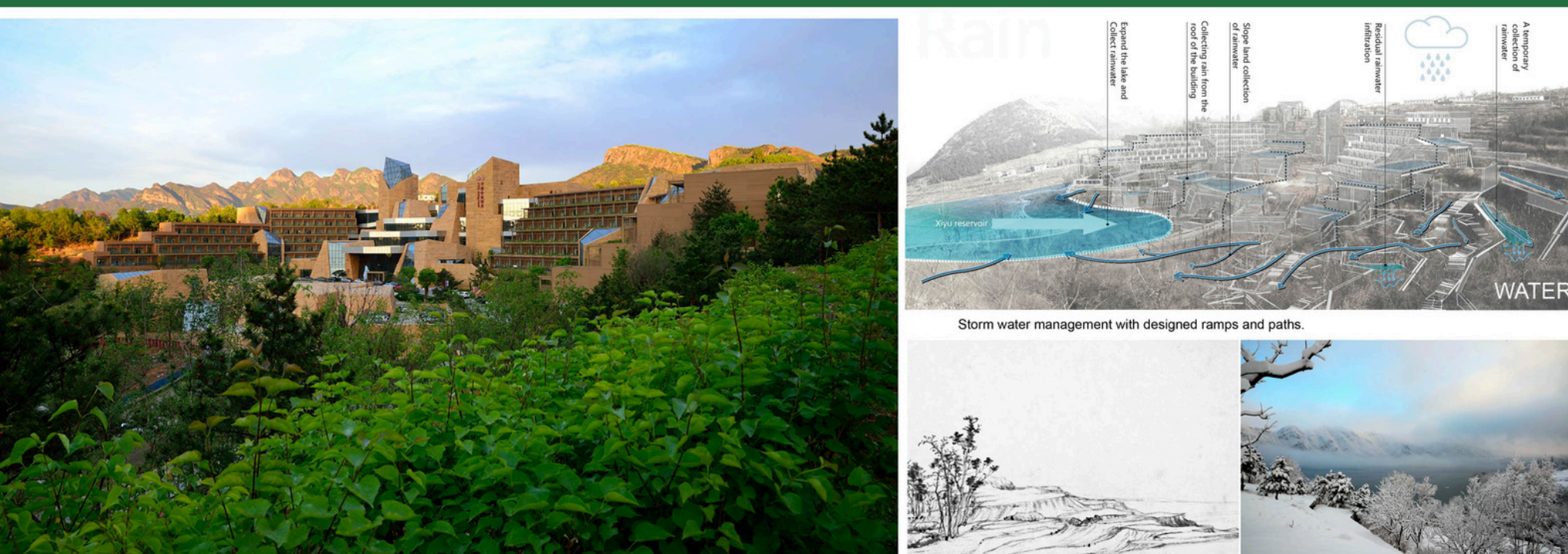
HONORS & AWARDS



In 2021, the Beijing Yangmeizhu Xiejie Renovation Plan project was included in the UN ESCAP Award for Sustainable Urban Development Excellence database. That same year, Ms. Xie was invited by the International Union of Architects (UIA) to present this project at the 27th UIA World Congress of Architects in Rio de Janeiro. In 2022, it was recognized as a Best Practice Case for Beijing Urban Renewal.



Beijing CITIC Jinling Hotel Landscape Design



The project seamlessly blended contemporary ecological restoration techniques with the timeless aesthetics of Chinese landscape culture.

Beijing Sub-center Administrative Office Pioneer Area Landscape Design



The transformed drainage channel has been redeveloped into a multi-functional and composite landscape waterway surrounding the Beijing government buildings.

Addis Ababa Shagel Park Friendship Square Landscape Design



The project's rich recreational facilities and interactive features have made it a beloved urban green heart and tourist destination for the Ethiopian people. In November 2020, its achievements were permanently commemorated on a joint commemorative stamp celebrating the 50th Anniversary of China-Ethiopia Diplomatic Relations.



In September 2020, Ethiopian Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed personally bestowed upon her the “Ethiopian National Honor Certificate”. In December 2020, the Ethiopian Prime Minister's office conveyed their special thanks in a letter, commending Ms. Xie and her team for their efforts and dedication.