



is it a tree?, it is not just tree! In many places in the world, when people or government want to help to public spaces beauty or do something for public space, they have easy solutions: tree! but what is public space? Public space and treatment with that is always same around the world or not? What's difference of Cairo, Amsterdam, Beijing, Tehran and Mexico City? Only people? Building? Who is responsible for public space management in these cities? Who decide about using tree and grass for public space or inviting Artist and designer for designing best place according to our needs and purpose? Here in Netherland answer is one word: SKOR.



In the right you can see Cairo (<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cairo>), capital of Egypt. In the Left you can see one sample of public space in Netherland: Schoolyard project have been done by Skor. In each city Problems and solutions are different. In some cities collecting children to and from school and traffic chaos made by parents car is a problem (<http://www.skor.nl/artefact-3469-nl.html?lang=en>) in

Public Space Problems differ by city atmosphere, people and urban culture. In one of Skor's (SKOR: Foundation Art and Public Space <http://www.skor.nl/article-1527-nl.html?lang=en>) recent project: Schoolyard, 2 things play main roles: safety and accessibility. Mixing important factor (important for society) and finding artistic solution is SKOR's job.



To artistic sculpture for for the Reinier van Arkel psychiatric clinic (<http://www.skor.nl/artefact-1526-en.html>) or participation for publishing book about public art and expedition with Gerrit Rietveld academie (<http://www.skor.nl/artefact-1306-en.html>)

Skor projects is not limited to only architectural projects. Skor work with all material related to public domain and public space: research, exhibition, internet, book or anything can affect public affairs related to SKOR (<http://www.skor.nl/>) for instance lecture with this title: How search engines, blogs and YouTube have reshaped public opinion? That included presentation of big collection of news images from the internet, depicting the knocking down of the Saddam Hussein statues in Iraq and says something about political effects that images have on our public domain is one of interesting subjects of SKOR's Project. (<http://www.skor.nl/artefact-3445-en.html>)



Every day parent are bringing and collecting their children to and from school, and sometimes with personal cars. These cars need some place for stop and collecting their passengers, but where? In front of school gate? Where is safe and also accessible? How we can protect our kids from uncontrolled traffic made by parents. We need special place. But who can design it?

Skor has many project, from redesigning charity building with adopting traditional value of charity with modern values (<http://www.skor.nl/artefact-3471-en.html>) (right photo)



some another one changing open dump to park is main goal (http://www.pps.org/great_public_spaces/one?public_place_id=812)

For preview of Cairo public space is better to have look at these online collections about Cairo: <http://www.earth-photography.com/Countries/Egypt> and <http://www.pbase.com/bmcmorrow/cairo&page=all> and <http://www.pbase.com/markwp/cairo> you can see many differences in public architecture and way of thinking about public beauty and design.

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