

Netscape: Virtual Landscapes of the Internet

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THIS PAPER EXAMINES a recent example of virtual place making: *acmipark*. Based on the real-world architecture and public spaces of Federation Square, Melbourne, *acmipark* is a three-dimensional virtual environment in which users explore architectural and landscape spaces while interacting and communicating with others online. Exhibited at the Australian Centre of the Moving Image, it allows the architecture and public space of Federation Square to be experienced both locally and globally. Its designers suggest that it represents a new paradigm for public space; this paper investigates that notion.