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Sören Schöbel studied landscape architecture at the Technical University of Berlin. Here, he was earning his PhD in engineering and landscape architecture, all the while working as a freelancer and a research fellow in Berlin.
Since 2005, he was appointed professor of Landscape Architecture and Regional Open Space (LAREG) at the Technical University of Munich.
His interests in research are laying into design methods for urban and rural landscapes on a regional scale.
In general, the professorship researches on the conceptual, formative design of open spaces and landscapes as a structural provider for new urban and rural living environments. And it does so by following four main perspectives. These are: the renewal of lands and cultural landscapes, the revitalization of European cities, the qualification of suburban spaces, and the integration of new land uses and infrastructures.
A particular deal of attention is paid to the evolution of structures of cultural landscapes and urban spaces over time and how these can be uncovered, protected, and reinterpreted in order to use landscape and open space as structural generators and as a principle of spatial coherence in ongoing transformation processes.
The prominent fields of conflict, such as wind energy and solar plants in the landscape or land consumption - as well as with more inconspicuous but equally significant problems and potentials - proportions of infrastructures in the landscape, meeting places of rural partial cultures are also studied, along with a right to redevelop landscapes and their public use in suburban spaces. In the professional practice, Prof. Schöbel is active as an expert consultant on urban planning and landscape aesthetic issues of monument protection, especially in connection with wind and solar plants.
Prof. Schöbel is a member of the German Academy for Urban and Regional Planning (DASL), the Academy of Rural Areas Bavaria (ALR) and in the Scientific Board of Trustees of the ALR as well as of WindForS - Wind Energy Research Cluster Southern Germany.