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The late Denis Cosgrove was Alexander von Humboldt Professor of Geography at the University of California Los Angeles. A founding editor of the journal *Ecumene* (now *Cultural Geographies*), his previous books include *The Palladian Landscape* (1993), *Social Formations and Symbolic Landscape* (2nd edn 1998), *Mappings* (editor, 1999) and *Apollo’s Eye* (2001), which won the Association of American Publishers Professional and Scholarly Publishing Award in Geography & Earth Sciences. He is co-editor, with Veronica della Dora, of *High Places: Cultural Geographies of Mountains, Ice and Science* (I.B.Tauris, forthcoming).

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