

# ICOMOS Conference Historic Cities in the UNESCO World Heritage List: Opportunities and Drifts

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By focusing on some Italian and international case studies, the Conference will discuss the great opportunities and the threats occurring in historic cities that have been inscribed to the Unesco WHL.

Comparing opportunities and threats is a way to discuss how they are considered in the urban planning process. How is urban planning able to respond to, or to take advantage from the great expectations related to the World Heritage nomination? On the contrary, how does it risk being manipulated in order to respond to pure real estate and commercial interests, so betraying the Unesco mission? These questions will be discussed by comparing some case studies, each belonging to different socio-economic contexts and related to different periods of maturation of the preservation process.

□ To facilitate the comparison between the different experiences, three subjects will be discussed in each case:

Contents, problems and implementation status of the Unesco Site Management Plan, with a special focus on the physical and functional aspects.

□ How and how much the Unesco Site Management Plan interacts with ordinary urban planning policies and practices (from both the national and the local level).

□ How and how much the Unesco Site Management Plan results from an effective interaction with the various stakeholders linked to the site area.

## PROGRAM

### Thursday 7 June 2018

#### 9.00 Welcome greetings

Giulio Mondini, Director of DIST Politecnico di Torino  
Carlo Alberto Barbieri, Istituto Nazionale di Urbanistica  
Mauro Volpiano, ANCSA

#### 9.20 Introduction

Giuseppe Cinà, DIST, Politecnico di Torino

#### First Session

Chair: Cameron Rashti, Aga Khan Trust for Culture

#### 9.45 The case of 'Historic Cairo' (1979), Egypt

Galila El-Kadi, Institut de Recherche pour le Développement, Cairo, Egypt  
Alaa El-Habashi, Architectural Engineering Department, Menoufia University, Egypt

#### 10.30 The case of the 'Historic Centre of St. Petersburg' (1990), Russia

Elena Minchenok, Russian National Heritage Preservation Society

#### 11.00 Coffee break

#### 11.30 The case of the 'Historic City of Ahmedabad' (2017), India

Rabindra Vasavada, Ahmedabad Municipal Corporation

#### 12.00 The case of the 'Historic City of Yazd' (2017), Iran

Mohammad Hassan Talebian, ICHHTO, Iran

Farhad Nazari, ICHHTO, Iran

#### 12.45 Debate

#### 13.00 Lunch break

### Second Session

Chair: Filippo De Pieri, DAD, Politecnico di Torino

#### 14.30 The case of 'Mantua and Sabbioneta' (2008), Italy

Roberto Bolici, ABC Department Politecnico di Milano

#### 15.00 The cases of the 'Historic Centre of Naples' (1995) and 'Genoa' (2006), Italy

Alessio Re, Centro Studi Silvia Santagata-EBLA

#### 15.30 Coffee break

#### 16.00 The cases of the 'City of Vicenza' (1994) and 'City of Verona' (2000), Italy

Antonio Cassatella, University of Trento

#### 16.40 Debate

#### 17.00 Conclusion

Guido Montanari, Vice Mayor of the City of Turin

### Friday 8 June 2018

#### Third Session

#### 9.30 Round table: comparing different experiences among four case studies

Moderator: Giuseppe Cinà (DIST, PoliTo)

The speakers of the cases from Ahmedabad, Cairo, Saint Petersburg and Yazd will give their first comments deepening and comparing the different planning and management issues derived from the presentations. A second round of comments will be provided by some invited experts, focusing on the difficulties to develop and implement a management plan in WHI historic cities.

**Guest speakers:** Alaa el-Habashi, Elena Minchenok, Farhad Nazari, Galila El-Kadi, Mohammad Hassan Talebian, Rabindra Vasavada.

**Participating experts:** Ahmad Shirvani (UniFi), Angioletta Voghera (PoliTo), Bertrand Bonfantini (PoliMi), Claudia Cassatella (PoliTo), Christophe Bouleau (AKTC)

#### 11.30 Conclusion and final greetings

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