

Rehabilitation and Reconstruction of Historic Districts and Preservation of Architectural Heritage After Armed Conflicts

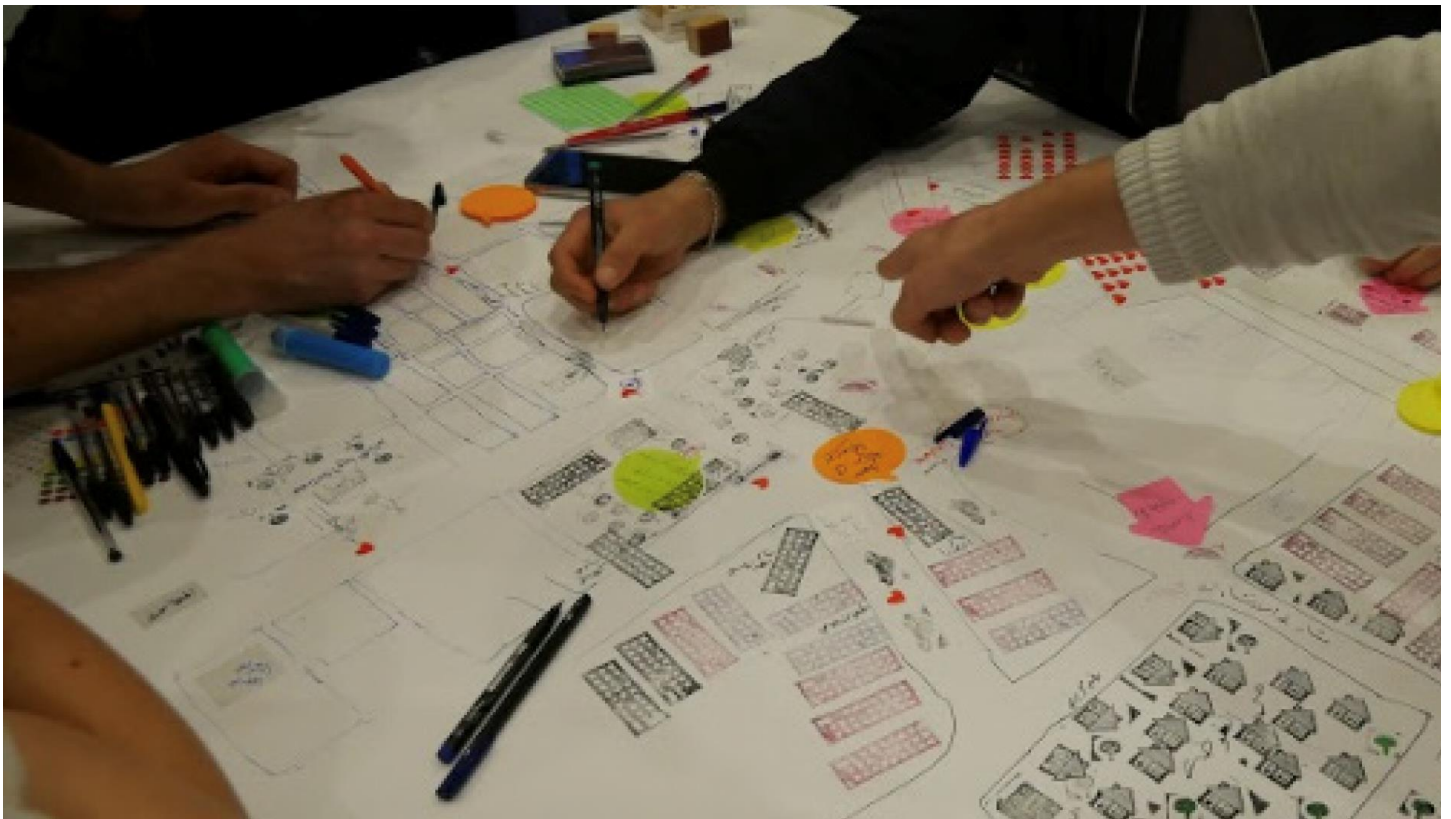
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09:00 – 12:00 UTC +2

09:00 – 10:30 Teamwork presentations & discussion: Aleppo, Bosra

10:45 – 11:45 Guest Input:

Mapping Heritage and the Politics of Memory

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Abstract: So far, millions of Syrians have been displaced. Some are still in their journey while others have already settled. Throughout these journeys, each one of them carried a story of a place and a city in which they lived. In Homs, for instance, more than 70% of the city has been destroyed, or completely transformed. Thus, a pre-2011 Homs only exists in the memories of those who witnessed it. How displaced Syrians from Homs perceive their city? In how much, the new places of settlement affect this perception? How these forms of spatial memory and knowledge can be mapped and disseminated? This lecture seeks to present few examples of the art-research initiative “**memory, place, heritage, displacement**” which was run between 2017-2019, and to question the potentials and limitations of mapping, especially for the Syrian “lost cities” and after displacement.

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