

Crises, Heritage and Urbanity

QUESTIONS OF REHABILITATION; RECONSTRUCTION AND RECOVERY

Reflections on contextual and morphological dynamics

Second Workshop – Amman, Jordan

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

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This workshop is the sixth event in the framework of the project on post-conflict rehabilitation and reconstruction of Syrian historic cities which will take place at the School of Architecture and Built Environment (SABE) of German Jordanian University (GJU). The project's focus has been on contextual understanding and analysing the (post) conflict situation in various case study areas. This 7-day event is the follow up of the on-going studies, workshops, consultations and seminars that have been carried out from the beginning of the project in early 2020 and should come to culmination within this event. We build on the previous works and aim to advance in this training by having face-to-face interaction and discussion among the former project participants, new members as well as the cooperation partners.

During these seven days, we reflect on the progress and training that have directed the participants so far to articulate case-specific knowledge on contextual problematics. In this workshop, we bring 'new blood' to the working groups: new participants who will give a fresh look to the on-going work. The new and former participants will work side-by-side to build up on the potentials of each study area formerly explored and bring additional and fresh insights. These insights will be guiding the production of further articulated in-depth understanding, more contextual guidelines and intervention proposals.

The event itself is divided into three types of activities: online introductory rounds of the cases by the main groups to the new participants, in-person lectures and on-site excursions. These activities aim to energise the groups' dynamics, feed and support the studio work. At the same time, the working groups are expected to carry group research and discussions which will be supported by consultation with the cooperation team. On the last day, the outcome of the studies will be presented by each working group and possibilities of moving further with these findings (conference contributions, published research, basis for stakeholder meetings, etc.).

Case Studies

Cooperation participants have chosen eight study areas in April 2021 when the project was kicked off. During the sixth event in November 2022, the reformed working groups will be working on the following focal points highlighted formerly. During this workshop the teams will focus on their case studies more intensively and will present the outcome of their findings and proposals that will incorporate more context-based visions. These visions will take into account the socio-economic dimensions that have been (re)surfacing as a critical factor for (post)conflict situations. The expected outcome will be a more integrated approach of guidelines and innovative interventions that would feed into the (post)conflict strategic framework for recovery and rehabilitation.

- **Suq of Aleppo:**
Reconstruction and reactivation of the Suq area as the former socio-economic centre of historic Aleppo and reformulating its role for the post-conflict period
Considering the possibility of recentralization with view to the socio-demographic changes.
- **Periphery of Aleppo Citadel:**
Understanding the role and character of Citadel periphery - mainly the southern part - before, during and after the conflict
Defining reconstruction / revitalization strategies with respect to the symbolic and public features of this area
- **Al-Judayda District of Aleppo:**
Reconstruction and revitalization of the heart of al-Judayda with regard to its former characteristics and identity and current damages / changes
Developing a new rehabilitation framework through a participatory approach

- **Al-Farafira District of Aleppo:**
Documentation and reconstruction of al-Farafira with regard to its rich urban fabric and variety of functions as well as extensive war destructions
Understanding heritage values and typologies of buildings versus the extent of damages
Considering the urban changes of this area - as one of the affected areas by former modernisation process of the city - before, during and after the conflict
- **Historic Centre of Homs:**
Social-oriented and people-centred reconstruction process with emphasis on the concept of return
Respecting the historic identity and urban values of the city and paying attention to the ownership rights
Reflection on the link between pre-war memories and urban spaces
- **Historic Centre of Al-Raqqa:**
Reactivation of Raqqa's historic centre while addressing the complexities of the structural, socio-cultural, economic and political challenges, particularly the traumatised society and the stigma related to the Islamic State
- **Historic Centre of Bosra:**
Understanding the relationship between the local community and the historic fabric as living heritage and the changing perception of such relation before and after the war
Heritage as a catalyst for social cohesion while addressing challenges such as Sovereignty dissonance internal / external displacement, ownership right, lack of fund and technical resources
- **Historic City of Maaloula:**
Local strategic Planning of the historic city of Maaloula with respect to its unique character in close relationship with the natural setting and agriculture, religious importance and diversity (tolerance), traditional construction, food industries and handicrafts.

TIMETABLE

Overall plan:

Fri. 11.11	Online Orientation Colloquium	
Sa. 19.11	Arrival Day	
Sun. 20.11	Lecture	Half-day excursion
Mo. 21.11	Studio work	Studio work
Tu. 22.11	Studio work	Studio work
Wed. 23.11	Lecture	Studio work
Thu. 24.11	Full-day Excursion	
Fri. 25.11	Studio work	Studio work
Sat. 26.11	Final Colloquium	
Sun. 27.11	Departure Day	

Schedule:

Lectures and final colloquium will take place in a hybrid format via the link below:

<https://b-tu.webex.com/b-tu-en/j.php?MTID=m5ae9720ac5714af1a0016d0b452a000b>

DAY	TIME (UTC +3)	AGENDA
Saturday	All Day	Arrival
19.11.2022		
Sunday	09:00	Welcome Note <i>Dean: Assoc. Prof. Dr. Omaimah Ali</i>
20.11.2022		
German Lounge of SABE	09:10 – 10:10	Opening Lecture: Empowered Partnerships and Community Engagement to conserve the architectural and urban heritage; the case of Jordan <i>Leen Fakhoury</i>
	10:10 – 10:30	Case study Presentation Malula <i>Leina Hlal</i>
	10:30 – 11:00	Introduction to the Programme <i>Sepideh Zarrin Ghalam</i>
	11:00 to 12:00	Lecture: Reconstruction of the city centre of Hebron: A Success Story <i>Emad Hamdan</i>
	12:00 – 12:45	Lunch Break
	12:45 – 13:25	Preparation Lecture for the Excursion <i>Arch. Hadeel and Arch. Rasha</i>
	13:30 – 18:00	Excursion: 1) Co-design stairs as part of green infrastructure project 2) Amman Citadel

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Monday	09:00 – 12:00	Studio Work / Consultation per need
21.11.2022	12:00 – 13:00	Lunch Break
	13:00 – 17:00	Group Work in Studio / Consultation per need
Tuesday	09:00 – 12:00	Studio Work / Consultation per need
22.11.2022	12:00 – 12:00	Lunch Break
	13:00 – 17:00	Group Work in Studio / Consultation per need
Wednesday	09:00 – 10:00	Lecture: Challenges and Opportunities in Reconstruction Projects in the Arab region
23.11.2022		<i>Hana Alamuddin</i>
German Lounge of SABA	10:00 – 11:00	Lecture: Mapping, the (p)olitical practice
		<i>Razan Khalaf</i>
	11:00 – 12:00	Group Work in Studio / Consultation per need
	12:00 – 13:00	Lunch Break
	13:00 – 17:00	Group Work in Studio / Consultation per need
Thursday	08:30 – 18:00	Excursion:
24.11.2022		1) As Salt 2) Baptism Site
Friday	09:00 – 17:00	Group Work in Studio / Consultation per need
25.11.2022		
Saturday	09:00 – 09:10	Start of Final Colloquium - submission of presentation files
26.11.2022		20 mins Presentation + 20 mins feedback)
	09:10 – 12:00	Group 1 to Group 4
	12:00 – 13:00	Lunch Break
	13:00 – 16:00	Group 4 to Group 8
	16:00	Closing
Sunday	All Day	Departure
27.11.2022		

Lecture 1. Empowered Partnerships and Community Engagement to conserve the architectural and urban heritage; the case of Jordan

The Urban Heritage Protection Project is a development project par excellence as defined by the World Heritage Convention of 1972. This presentation reviews the theoretical framework of the conservation endeavours as a project based on several partnerships, including partnership between the public and private sectors, especially partnership with local communities that also build their capacities. What is meant by collective participation is the transition to participatory levels that empower society and use creative tools to propose solutions that suit it. The presentation reviews several partnerships through case studies in Jordan from Salt and Taybeh village and presents lessons from the region.

This paper summarizes the efforts made by various studies, over the past three decades, to propose master plans and action plans and empower the community to protect the "meaning and value" of its common heritage in Salt. It discusses some of the main obstacles to the implementation of these studies, partnerships and lessons learnt. It also sheds light on the role of public-private partnership and community participation in the Taybeh Village project. The paper also examines the level of responsibility that falls on the shoulders of professional communities that conduct various studies based on community participation and incentives for local empowerment as they constitute one of the main pillars for the protection of the architectural and urban heritage.

Keywords: community engagement; participatory level; heritage for development; community engagement; architectural heritage; community empowerment

Lecture 2. Reconstruction of the city centre of Hebron: A Success Story

See: <https://thisweekinpalestine.com/tourism-development-in-the-old-city-of-hebron/>

Lecture 3. Challenges and Opportunities in Reconstruction Projects in the Arab region

The topic of the lecture is the challenges and opportunities in reconstruction after wars and natural disasters in the Arab region. Reconstruction projects face great challenges, including: addressing the amount of destruction and its environmental effects, ensuring the return of the displaced, the delicate environmental situation in the region, and preserving the richness of heritage and archaeological monuments in our countries.

On the other hand, reconstruction can be a unique opportunity to establish the infrastructure and base for sustainable developments, not only to protect the environment, but to advance the recovery of society and secure a decent life for all and avoid future conflict.

Inspired by actual experiences from Lebanon and projects from around the world, the intervention will address these challenges and opportunities, especially those of protecting and rebuilding our heritage.

Heritage is at the core of any sustainable reconstruction as it forms the core identity of a place, rebuilds the sense of belonging which creates a sense of safety and community and leads to social reconciliation

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Arch. Leen Fakhoury

Since 2011, Leen Fakhoury serves as an industrial professor at the German Jordan University and previously a lecturer at the Department of Architecture/University of Jordan.

She is a heritage expert in urban heritage with thirty years of experience in preparing and managing cultural resource development plans for several projects: Architectural heritage expert and team leader for the Taibet Zaman project - a product of the Jordan Tourism Investment Company for the reuse of parts of the traditional village- for which it received the Tourism for Tomorrow Award 1996. Preparing the urban renewal and tourism development plan, programmes, and work projects for the city of Madaba in cooperation with the joint venture of Lufthansa Consulting, Lahmair International Consulting and Sigma, the renewal plan of the historical center of Irbid and the tourism development project for the city of Karak / Jordan and in cooperation with the Engineering firm of Consolidated Consultants

The researcher has many research projects and scientific publications

Researcher in the risk management plan in Petra organized by the UNESCO Office in partnership with the University of Leuven/Belgium 2010-2012

- Coordinator-Team Leader & Heritage Expert for the project "Heritage for Development: Investing in People for the Protection and Management of Historic City Centres" (H4D) 2012-2014, Jordan and lead author of the Manual for the Conservation of the Historic City Centre in Salt funded by the European Union and in partnership with the Bethlehem Cultural Heritage Conservation Center and the Cultural Technology Association.

His Excellency Emad Hamdan, is the General Director of Hebron Rehabilitation Committee (HRC). He holds a Master degree in Sustainable Development. He is a Cultural Heritage Preservation Activist, a lecturer and trainer in many local universities and institutions. Moreover, he is the head of Hebron Housing Society and a board member in many NGOs.

Hana S. Alamuddin R.I.B.A, Smarchs (MIT), LEED AP ND

Ms. Alamuddin, LEED AP in Neighborhood Design, heads an award-winning practice, Almimariya, Architects and Designers for Sustainable Development in Lebanon. The practice works on architectural, urban design and landscape projects in Lebanon and the Arab world. Projects executed range from residential, educational projects, heritage preservation to post war reconstruction. She has several articles published about reconstruction and heritage preservation and a children's book illustrating the environmental quality and sustainable practices of a traditional house

Ms. Alamuddin has been a senior lecturer at American University of Beirut since 1994. She was a board member of the Lebanon Green Building Council from 2014 until 2018 and served as jury member for The Green Building Council MENA Awards during four cycles. In mid-2020, she joined the World Green Building Council MENA team for the formulation of the Sustainable Reconstruction Guidelines and proposed the addition of a chapter on heritage which she later on wrote.

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Razan is an interdisciplinary researcher driven by socio-political curiosity, her research seeks to track alternate tools of navigation to document and communicate spatial knowledge within disadvantaged space and colonial contexts. She's trained as a spatial planner and has parallel obsessions with textiles, books, music and organic patterns.

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