



ICOMOS TheoPhilos ISC Conference

## **Accessibility of Cultural Heritage: Inclusiveness and Constraints in Conservation**

13<sup>th</sup> edition in Florence, Italy

**Florence (Italy), April 11-12, 2022**

**Palazzo Coppini (Via del Giglio 10) – Sala Komech Room**

**The Conference promoters:**



**In collaboration with:**



## **PAY ATTENTION**

By **27 March 2022** participants are required to confirm their presence in Florence or their online attendance to [theophilos@icomos.org](mailto:theophilos@icomos.org) and to [icomos.theory@fondazione-delbianco.org](mailto:icomos.theory@fondazione-delbianco.org) Thank you!

## 1. Topic of the Conference

This year's conference of the International Scientific Committee on Theory and Philosophy of Conservation and Restoration is focused on accessibility of cultural heritage. It will discuss the theoretical and practical problems of inclusiveness and constraints in perception, conservation and presentation of monuments and sites.

## 2. Purpose and Scope of the Conference

The International Scientific Committee for Theory and Philosophy of Conservation and Restoration in collaboration with the Fondazione Romualdo Del Bianco-Life Beyond Tourism is organizing the International conference entitled **Accessibility of Cultural Heritage: Inclusiveness and constraints in Conservation of Cultural Heritage** (Florence 11-12 April 2022).

The aim of the conference is to discuss different aspects of physical and intellectual access to cultural heritage. Following the intellectual and social processes of their recognition, initiated at the beginning of the 20<sup>th</sup> century (Alois Riegl's *Democratization of Monuments*, Gerard Baldwin Brown's *Present Popular Movement* in 1905, with the contribution of Italian legislation on cultural heritage) and continued in contemporary global societies, we will discuss the problems of inclusiveness and constraints, accessibility and unavailability of heritage, human rights and conservation ethics, quality of life and sustainable use, both in practical and theoretical aspects.

The conference will be organized as three thematic sessions:

1. **Principles:** Theoretical issues in reconciling accessibility and heritage
2. **Issues of Authenticity and Integrity** in the adaptation of monuments and sites to public needs
3. **Technologies:** The use of technologies to improve accessibility to heritage, and its implications
4. **Case Studies:** Practical examples of the successful adaptation of monuments to public needs.

## 4. Condition of participation

Thanks to the MoU between ICOMOS and the Romualdo Del Bianco Foundation (Institutional Member of the Theophilos ISC), the latter "will

*provide free of charge a meeting room (with coffee station) for a maximum of 20 participants". While the other participants are required to pay a registration fee as above:*

<b>CONFERENCE FEES</b>	
<b>Registration fee for ICOMOS Members, Romualdo Del Bianco Foundation Experts or Life Beyond Tourism Movement Affiliated Member</b>	<b>€ 70</b> <b>Attendance in 2 Days Sessions (April 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>, 2022)</b> (Farewell Dinner EXCLUDED, to be booked and paid separately)
<b>Registration fee for Non ICOMOS/Romualdo Del Bianco Foundation/ Life Beyond Tourism Movement Affiliated Members</b>	<b>€ 130</b> <b>Attendance in 2 Days Sessions (April 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>, 2022)</b> (Farewell Dinner EXCLUDED, to be booked and paid separately)
<b>Student Auditor Daily Fee</b>	<b>€ 30</b> <b>Attendance in daily Session</b> (Farewell Dinner EXCLUDED, to be booked and paid separately)
<b>Standard Auditor Daily Fee</b>	<b>€ 70</b> <b>Attendance in daily Session</b> (Farewell Dinner EXCLUDED, to be booked and paid separately)
<b>OPTIONAL DINNER</b>	
<b>Farewell Dinner 12th April 2022</b>	<b>€ 40</b> Typical Tuscany menu

Each participant will take full charge of the logistical arrangements (travel, accommodation, meals).

## 5. Final program

**Monday, 11 April 2022. Day 1**  
**Palazzo Coppini, Sala Komech Room**

**h. 9.30-10.00: Registration**

**h. 10.00-11.00: Session I**

**Paolo Del Bianco / Italy**

*Welcome greetings*

**Carlotta Del Bianco / Italy**

*The recent H2H (human to human) practices of “Life Beyond Tourism” to fulfil the role of heritage to intercultural inclusiveness and peace*

**Bogusław Szmygin / Poland**

*Welcome introduction*

*Accessibility – Assumptions from the perspective of heritage protection*

**h. 11.00-11.30: Coffee break**

**h. 11.30 -13.00 Session II**

**Shirley Cefai / Malta**

*Accessibility and heritage an ongoing debate*

**Nigel Walter / UK**

*Improving access to historic buildings: some English experience*

**Calogero Bellanca / Italy - Susana Mora Alonso-Muñoz / Spain**

*The accessibility in the pre-existences, theory and practice*

**Ádám Arnóth, Hungary**

*Understandability in conservation-restoration*

**h. 13.00 -14.15: Lunch break**

**h. 14.15- 16.00: Session III – Virtual Presentations**

**Chih-yuan Chang, Taiwan**

*An analysis of the evolution of the barrier-free environment laws for monuments and historic buildings in Taiwan*

**Clara Arokiasamy / UK**

*Are human and cultural rights skin deep?*

**Negin Eisazadeh, Ann Heylighen, Claudine Houbart / Belgium**

*The value of disability experience for heritage – Lessons learned through collaboration with disabled people as user/experts*

**Bie Plevoets, Shailja Patel / Belgium**

*Vernacular re(use) as a source for heritage management. Making Premabhai Hall accessible for the local population*

**Ojars Sparitis / Latvia**

*"Eternal Fight" with compromises and constraints in revitalisation of medieval architecture*

**Discussion**

**h. 16.00-16.30: Coffee break**

**h. 16.30-17.45: Meetings of the ICOMOS ISC TheoPhilos**

**Tuesday, 12 April 2022. Day 2**  
**Palazzo Coppini, Sala Komech Room**

**h. 10.00-11.30: Session IV**

**Giora Solar / Israel**

*Accessibility to understanding and appreciation of heritage: should it lead to rethinking of conservation principles?*

**Rosa Anna Genovese / Italy**

*Accessibility and enhancement of cultural heritage: examples of best practices in Europe*

**Karl Kupka / Netherlands**

*Adaptation to climate change*

**Michela Benente, Valeria Minucciani / Italy**

*Authenticity and interpretation for the personal appropriation of heritage in museums*

**h. 11.30-12.00: Coffee break**

**h. 12.00-13.30: Session V**

**Ave Paulus / Estonia - Arnstein Brekke / Norway**

*The role of local communities in the discourse of controversial heritage of Norway and Estonia*

**Mesut Dinler / Italy**

*Digital heritage as an opportunity for and a barrier against the access to culture*

**Gianluca D'Agostino, Cristina Boido / Italy**

*Technological artifices: good practices for inclusive communication in museums*

**Lene Van de Bemdt, Negin Eisazadeh, Ann Heylighen / Belgium**

*Built heritage meets inclusive design: identifying challenges and strategies through a multiple case study enquiry*

**h. 13.30-15.00: Lunch break**

**h. 15.00-17.00: Session VI**

**Dimitrios Zygomalas / Greece**

*An intricate encounter? Cultural significance and accessibility in the conservation of the 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> century monuments of Thessaloniki, Greece*

**Iuliia Eremenko / Germany**

*Digital twin and World Heritage Cities accessibility: the experience of Bamberg*

**Colm Murray / Ireland**

*Rothe House, Kilkenny, Ireland: survival, change re-appropriation, interpretation*

**Greta Acuto / Italy**

*To communicate the contents of a restoration site to different public targets. Chapel 1 of the Sacred Monte of Varallo, "The original sin"*

**Mohamed W. Fareed / Egypt**

*The gamification of heritage in the Historic District of Al-Zahir, Cairo, Egypt*

**h. 17.00: Final Discussion and closing**

**h. 19.00: Farewell dinner (optional, see conference fees)**

## Notes

Thanks to a Memorandum of Understanding signed originally in 2013 and renewed in 2019 all the ICOMOS ISC's have the possibility to hold their annual meetings in Florence, in collaboration with the Fondazione Romualdo Del Bianco and its "Life Beyond Tourism" Movement, that prompt local communities in WHS to protect and enhance heritage for travelers inclusiveness and intercultural dialogue.

In 2014 Life Beyond Tourism has been endorsed by the ICOMOS GA Resolutions n. 1 and n. 42

*The Final Resolution of the 18th General Assembly in ICOMOS recognizes the operating of the Foundation's Life Beyond Tourism Model and considers the Foundation as a partner for promoting conferences and meetings with Foundation's university network and ICOMOS*



18th General Assembly of ICOMOS  
Florence, Italy  
9 to 14 November 2014

### Resolutions of the General Assembly

#### 18GA Agenda item 2 Opening of the General Assembly

##### Vote of thanks

##### Resolution 18GA 2014/01

The 18<sup>th</sup> General Assembly of ICOMOS,

**Congratulates** with gratitude ICOMOS Italy for the successful hosting of the 18<sup>th</sup> General Assembly;

**Thanks** The President of the Italian Republic, the President of the Council of the Italian Republic, the Italian Ministry of Cultural Heritage and Activities and Tourism, the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, and UNESCO; as well as the Region of Tuscany, the Province of Florence, the Municipality of Florence, the ITA Italian Trade Agency, the Italian National Commission UNESCO, for their support;

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#### Resolution 18GA 2014/42 – Travel beyond sustainable tourism: Life Beyond Tourism, Travel for Dialogue

The 18<sup>th</sup> General Assembly of ICOMOS,

**Recalling** that the Fondazione Romualdo Del Bianco signed on 4 March 2013 a Memorandum of Understanding with ICOMOS regarding collaboration on scientific activity related to heritage conservation for intercultural dialogue;

**Noting** that the Fondazione has implemented the "Life Beyond Tourism" philosophy and model for promoting the presentation, interpretation and enjoyment of local cultural identities in order to promote sustainable development;

**Noting** that the Fondazione established the International Life Beyond Tourism Institute in October 2013 for the implementation of its philosophy and model;

**Noting** that the Fondazione develops initiatives for intercultural dialogue including "Life Beyond Tourism: Travel for Dialogue"; which advocates travel as personal outreach, and travel as a gift to share with others, to know and to be known, to be open to dialogue, to appreciate and to respect diversity;

**Recognising** with gratitude that the implementation in Florence of the Life Beyond Tourism Model has allowed a financial support to the Italian National Committee of ICOMOS for organising the 18<sup>th</sup> ICOMOS General Assembly and Scientific Symposium in Florence;

**Considers** the Fondazione Romualdo Del Bianco - with its International Life Beyond Tourism Institute - as a partner for familiarising young people in the Fondazione's network with ICOMOS;

**Supports** the notion and activity of travel to promote dialogue among international youth.



The Fondazione Romualdo Del Bianco and its “Life Beyond Tourism” Movement are glad to invite universities and heritage organisations represented by the Members of the ICOMOS ISC TheoPhilos to take part to:

# The World in Florence

International Festival of the Diversity of the Cultural Expressions

[www.theworldinflorence.com](http://www.theworldinflorence.com)

Florence (Italy), November 16-18, 2022

("Hybrid" format: on-line or in presence)



The Festival is a 5 years-long project (2021-2025) that aims to enlarge worldwide the turnout of higher educational institutes and public administrations engaged in contributing to raise awareness, interpret and communicate the local cultural expressions of their sites for a not only sustainable, but also an inclusive, supportive and ethical progress of the communities they are part of.

Participants are invited to produce:

- a **“cultural storytelling”** of a heritage site
- 3 posters summarizing the main cultural features of the cultural storytelling
- a .ppt/.pdf presentation for the Festival (delivered on-line or in presence)

Publication of an ISBN indexed digital catalogue by the “Life Beyond Tourism Editions” is included. For info, write to [secretarygeneral@fondazione-delbianco.org](mailto:secretarygeneral@fondazione-delbianco.org) or [info@lifebeyondtourism.org](mailto:info@lifebeyondtourism.org)



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