

**30-31 May 2013**

## ***Heritage, Cities and Sustainable Development***

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### **CALL FOR PAPERS**

In 2011, UNESCO's General Conference adopted the Recommendation on the Historic Urban Landscape. This legal text and its central concept of the Historic Urban Landscape aim to consider historic buildings and monuments holistically within their wider urban environment. This concept thus moves us away from the study and conservation of historic buildings and monuments as isolated entities. Instead, it encourages an integrated understanding of urban areas that takes into account the historic layering of cultural and natural attributes within their broader social and geographical context, including the city's topography, built environment – both past and present –, open spaces, land use patterns and spatial organization, as well as its associated intangible cultural practices, values and memorial dimensions.

UNESCO's Historic Urban Landscape recommendation aims to be an innovative tool, integrating policies and practices regarding conservation of the built environment into the wider goals of urban development in full respect of related environmental, social and cultural values and concerns. It also encourages both researchers and planners to embed the conservation of historic urban landscapes within a broader strategy to achieve a sustainable balance between urban growth and quality of life, tourists and local inhabitants.

This conference aims to identify and critically analyze tools for the implementation of this Historic Urban Landscape recommendation. It will focus on the following aspects:

- Methods and issues relating to the comprehensive survey and mapping of the city's natural, cultural and human resources, along with their associated values. Of particular interest will be those papers on methodologies for mapping and representing the intangible heritage of historic urban landscapes and related issues;
- Methods assessing the vulnerability of identified attributes embodying urban heritage values to socio-economic pressures and impacts of climate change and related concerns;
- Methods to integrate urban heritage values and their vulnerability status into a wider framework of city development, which shall provide indications of areas of heritage sensitivity that require careful attention to planning, design and implementation of development projects.

This second conference will tackle similar issues as those discussed at the Stanford conference, entitled "The conservation of historic urban landscapes and sustainable development" held 7-8 march 2013 and incorporate the Labex Patrima's approach to the study of tangible heritage as a meeting point between the exact sciences and the social and human sciences. We therefore encourage paper submissions from diverse perspectives in the human and social sciences, but also from scientists working on materials or Information technology. Papers should rely on interdisciplinary thinking either to theorize these issues or present practical case studies as a means to discuss tested methods and solutions. They should be underpinned by a holistic understanding of the historic urban landscape and of its relation to sustainable development, breaking away from exclusively site- and artifact-based definitions of heritage.

Abstracts in English, with a selected bibliography and a short biography (maximum 2,000 words in total) should be sent to: [cecile.doustaly@u-cergy.fr](mailto:cecile.doustaly@u-cergy.fr) (please cc: [sophialabadi@gmail.com](mailto:sophialabadi@gmail.com))

***Abstract submission deadline: January, 30, 2012***

*All delegates whose abstracts are approved will be expected to give a 20-minute presentation at the international conference to be held at the University of the Sorbonne Nouvelle - Paris 3 on May 30, 2013 and at the University of Cergy-Pontoise on May 31, 2013.*

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