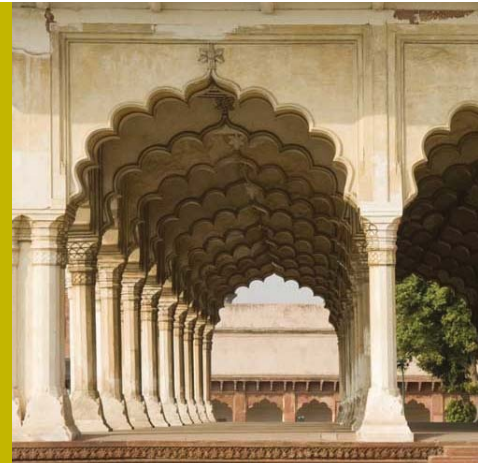


Conservation Philosophies: Global or Local?

A three day Conference organised by Centre for Conservation Studies,
Department of Archaeology, University of York and ICOMOS-UK

3 - 5 June 2010, King's Manor, York, UK



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Is there such a thing as a global conservation philosophy for cultural heritage? Should there be? Or should cultural heritage conservation reflect cultural diversity? The 1965 Venice Charter was based on the idea that the principles guiding the preservation and restoration of ancient buildings should be agreed and laid down on an international basis, with each country being responsible for applying them within the framework of their own culture and traditions.



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These aspirations were translated into an Australian national framework by the Burra Charter, the Australian National Charter, 1979 while the idea of universality was strengthened by the 1972 World Heritage Convention with its concept of outstanding universal value for properties that might be seen part of the 'world heritage of mankind as a whole' which thus translated universal ideas to places perceived to be of universal value.

In recent years the China Principles, 2002, and the INTACH Charter for the Conservation of Unprotected Architectural Heritage and Sites in India, 2004, have developed conservation guidance related to specific cultural traditions. Do these still somehow reflect the idea of an over-arching conservation philosophy that can be seen to be global? Or are they stand alone documents whose similarities merely reflect the interchange of ideas between east and west?

Programme

DAY 1 Thursday 3th June, 2010

10.00 - 10.15 Welcome and Introduction

Morning Session: North-East Asia

10.20 - 10.50

Professor Guo Zhan, Director, World Heritage Expert Committee of China; Vice President, ICOMOS International: Universality and Individuality in the Concept of Conservation

10.50 - 11.10

Xue-cai Yu, Department of Tourism, Southeast University, Nanjing, China: The Confucian Philosophy of Heritage

11.10 - 11.30

Namiko Yamauchi, Japan Cultural Heritage Consultancy, Tokyo, Japan: Different Ingredients: Same Dish? (tbc)

Tea and Coffee

12.00 - 12.20

Dr Louise Cooke, Independent Consultant, UK: Earthen materials for conservation – Looking backwards and forwards

12.20 - 12.40

Dr Souad Sassi, University of Mentouri, Constantine, Algeria: National Heritage, Colonial Heritage and Universal Heritage

Lunch

Afternoon Session: UK

2.10 - 2.40

Paul Drury, The Paul Drury Partnership, London, UK: Culture, heritage values and places – relating the abstract to the concrete.

2.40 - 3.00

Dr Keith Emerick, Inspector of Ancient Monuments, English Heritage, UK: The English Heritage Conservation Principles and definitions of authenticity

3.00 - 3.20

The Revd Jeff West, ICOMOS-UK Executive Committee, UK: In praise of mere age

Tea and Coffee

3.45 - 4.30

Discussion and Conclusion

6.00 - 8.00

Reception, Jorvik Centre.

Hosted by the York Archaeological Trust

DAY 2 Friday 4th June, 2010

9.00 - 11.00

Visit to York Minster, led by Andrew Arrol, Surveyor of the Fabric, York Minster

Tea and Coffee

Morning Session: India

11.40 - 12.10

Professor A. G. Krishna Menon, Convenor, Delhi Chapter of the Indian National Trust for Art and Cultural Heritage (INTACH): The evolving conservation movement in India: its relevance in a globalising world

12.10 - 12.30

Dr Binamol Tom, Assistant Professor, College of Engineering, Trivandrum, Kerala, India: Philosophy for Conservation - East meeting the West

12.30 - 12.50

Vikas Dilawari, Head of Conservation, Kamla Raheja Vidyaniidhi Institute of Architecture and Environmental Studies, Mumbai, India: Global Spectacle Frame with Local Glasses

Lunch

2.20 - 2.40

Sarah Wolferstan, Consultant, Institute of Archaeology, University College London: A moral and ethical guide: The Council of Europe's Framework Convention on the Value of Cultural Heritage for Society (Faro, 2005) as an overarching philosophy to participating in conservation?

2.40 - 3.00

Susan Denyer, Secretary, ICOMOS-UK; World Heritage Advisor, ICOMOS; London, UK: World Heritage: Does Universal Value mean Universal Conservation Approaches?

3.00 - 3.30

Discussion in 3 groups

Tea and Coffee

4.00 - 4.30

Discussion & Conclusions

5.00 - 6.30

York Centre for Conservation Course Alumni AGM

DAY 3 Saturday 5th June 2010

Excursion to Fountains Abbey & Studley Royal World Heritage Site and ICOMOS-UK AGM

9.00 Depart York by coach

10.00 Arrive Fountains Abbey & Studley Royal

10.00-10.30 Tea and Coffee

10.30-12.30 Tour of Water Garden

12.30-1.30 Lunch

1.30-3.00 Tour of Abbey and Mill

3.00-3.30 Morris Dancing demonstration

4.00-5.00 ICOMOS-UK AGM

5.00 Depart Fountains Abbey & Studley Royal

Conference fees

The conference fee covers the full two-day Seminar and the Thursday evening reception. Please note there is a small extra charge for the excursion to Fountains Abbey and Studley Royal on Saturday 5th June.

ICOMOS-UK Members and York Alumni: £145

Non-Members: £190

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Fountains Abbey and Studley Royal Site Visit: £30

Accommodation

Please note that this Conference is non-residential; a list of appropriate accommodation (hotels, guesthouses, B&Bs and Youth Hostel) in York will be forwarded to those who book.

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Preliminary Programme Thursday 3rd - Friday 4th June 2010

The Conference will include three keynote speeches from internationally prominent practitioners in China, India and UK. They will explore conjunctions and differences between conservation philosophies and principles in China, India and UK and discuss international conservation instruments and guidelines including the China Principles, INTACH Charter and English Heritage Conservation Principles and a possible UK Charter.

Keynote speakers

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