

World Heritage for Tomorrow

International Conference in celebration of the
40th Anniversary of the World Heritage
Convention



Saturday 1st December 2012
Gustave Tuck Theatre, University College London

Since the adoption of the World Heritage Convention in 1972, the perception of what constitutes 'heritage' has undergone dramatic change, including a widening of the definition to include both the 'great' and the 'ordinary', tangible and intangible forms of heritage, and even cultural diversity itself. The Convention has been central to debates which have transformed our understanding of what heritage *is* and *does* in contemporary global societies.

This one day conference is jointly organised by ICOMOS-UK, The Open University, and University College London. It marks the 40th anniversary of the World Heritage Convention by looking to the future of World Heritage in the UK and beyond. The conference brings together government representatives, policy makers, academics, heritage site managers and interested members of the public to discuss the role of World Heritage in the UK in the coming decades in relation to the following series of questions:

What is the relationship between the Outstanding Universal Value of World Heritage and the range of other values which such places hold for local stakeholders and the nation more broadly?

What are the economic, social and environmental benefits of World Heritage? How can heritage be more productively linked with other issues of social, economic and environmental concern?

What are our aspirations for engaging people and communities with the conservation of World Heritage Sites? What mechanisms might encourage increased collaboration of communities with experts and policy makers?

This one-day international conference will reflect on how the UK might contribute to broader international debates on sustainability and the evolving role of World Heritage in the future.

In collaboration with
The Open University, UCL Centre for Museums, Heritage and Material Culture
Studies and the Institute of Archaeology, University College London



Conference Programme—Saturday 1st December 2012

9.30-10.00 Introduction

Keynote Address:

Baroness Andrews, Chair, English Heritage:
“Engaging with the World Heritage Convention”

Speaker 3: Adam Wilkinson: Director, Edinburgh World Heritage: *“What tools are available to spread the benefits?”*

10.00-10.40 Session 1:

World Heritage: Sustaining what the world values

Chair: **Rodney Harrison**, UCL

Speaker 1: Professor Christina Cameron, University of Montreal: *“The World Heritage Convention as a charter for global conservation”*

Speaker 2: Susan Denyer, World Heritage Advisor, ICOMOS: *“Outstanding Universal Value as a reflection of evolving ideas of cultural heritage”*

12.30-12.50 Discussion

12.50-13.50 Lunch

13.50-14.50 Session 3:

World Heritage: Collaboration & collective responsibility

Chair: **Susie West**, The Open University

Speaker 1: Feng Jing, Head of Asia-Pacific Unit, UNESCO World Heritage Centre: *“International Collaboration along the Silk Roads”*

Speaker 2: Kate Roberts, Senior Inspector of Ancient Monuments & Archaeology, Cadw: *“The challenge of delivering international obligations at local level”*

10.40-11.00 Discussion

11.00-11.30 Tea & Coffee

11.30-12.30 Session 2:

World Heritage: Cultural capital that can deliver sustainable benefits

Chair: **David Thackray**, ICOMOS-UK

Speaker 1: Marie-Noël Tournoux: Programme Specialist, Special Projects Unit, UNESCO World Heritage Centre: *“Managing dynamic Historic Urban Landscapes”*

Speaker 2: James Rebanks, Rebanks Consulting Ltd: *“What are the pre-conditions for optimising benefits of World Heritage status?”*

Speaker 3: tbc
“Using World Heritage as a regional asset”

14.50-15.10 Discussion

15.10-15.40 Tea & Coffee

15.40-16.30 Panel Discussion

Chair: **Sue Davies**, Deputy Chair UK for National Commission UNESCO & Chief Executive, Wessex Archaeology Ltd

17.00 Conclusions and Depart

Conference Booking Form

The delegate fee includes lunch, tea and coffee.

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