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NEW HERITAGE AND FUTURE STRATEGIES

Perspectives on conservation and promotion

Acceleration in technology, the climate crisis, and the social transformations of the 21st century have introduced new challenges and new frameworks for restoration, conservation, and promotion of the built environment.

A reflection on the very meaning of "heritage" is needed, as well as on the factors that determine its definition and its scopes, both traditional and new, and on its transmission to future generations.

Through the development of a knowledge process aimed at designing sustainable environmental, cultural, and social interventions, the objective of the congress is to reaffirm the centrality of the conservation of built heritage, achievable through dialogue between different disciplines.

Starting from these premises, we propose a specific, though not exclusive, reflection on the criteria for evaluating and conserving architecture, cities, and landscapes from the second half of the 20th century, whether they are those located in pre-existing historical contexts or if they are designed or built in newly developed areas.

PAPERS WILL PUBLISHED UNDER SCOPUS INDEXATION

MAY 29th - Submission of the full paper for the peer review
June 19th - Reviewers' response
June 29th - Submission of the revised paper

INSCRIPTIONS

EARLY June 20th – July 19th
LATE July 20th – September 21st
Inscription form available from June 20th

Congress:

Nov.4, Inauguration and visit in Girona
Nov. 5-6, Parallel sessions in Barcelona
Nov. 7, Congress visits

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The drawing in the background, representing the Catalan coastal city of Cadaqués, is courtesy of architect Toni Gironés.



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