

First International Symposium of ICOMOS Iceland

Climate Change and Cultural Heritage

REYKJAVIK - ICELAND
HYBRID EVENT
2 December 2021 in Nordic House

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The impact of climate change is by now obvious to most. With floods all over Europe, fire in other parts of the planet, hurricanes and sea-level rise around the world, it is on us to get ready for applying the right decisions, following a program to adapt through the climate change and being prepared for protecting our planet, our values and our heritage. Cultural and natural heritage can play an important role as a generator of solutions and bring awareness for climate change and emphasize reducing it. They can be a source of inspiration by outlining the strategies that have previously been used to adapt and survive and recover.

The 2019 ICOMOS report: "The future of our Past. Engaging Cultural Heritage in climate Action" raises the following questions:

How cultural heritage can be utilized to stress urgency about climate change?

What we can learn about adaptation and mitigation strategies from cultural heritage?

Role of cultural heritage to build community resilience to climate change.

The aim of the symposium is to bring forward the cultural heritage potentials and find a vision, a framework and future action plans for protecting heritage, learning from them and reusing them during climate change.

9:00 Registration

9:15 Welcome and Introduction

Guðný Gerður Gunnarsdóttir
(President of ICOMOS Iceland)

9:35 Rúnar Leifsson

(Ministry of Education, Science and Culture, Iceland)
Climate Action for World Heritage

Session I Build heritage

9:55 Hrönn Hrafnisdóttir

(Reykjavik City - Icelandic Climate council, Iceland)
Reykjavik and Climate Change

10:15 Anna María Bogadóttir

(Úrbanistan - Iceland University of the Arts, Iceland)
Interment – and Building with Time

10:35 Coffee break

10:55 Loeiz Caradec and Caroline Mazel

(PAVE research laboratory - ENSAP Bordeaux, France)
Structural Permanence in 20th Century
Architecture : a Vector of Sustainability -
Spatial intervention approaches and
recommendations for cultural dissemination
through the case of individual housing in New
Aquitaine

11:15 Dr. Aline Barlet , Dr. Fanny Gerbeaud and
Dr. J. Kent Fitzsimons

(GRECCAU Research Centre - PAVE Research Centre, ENSAP
Bordeaux, France)
Reconciling Heritage Preservation and
Sustainability in Late Modernist Co-ownership
Neighbourhoods: Methods and Tools From a
Research Experiment in Greater Bordeaux (France)

11:35 Dr. Sahar Ghaderi

(SP(R)INT Studio - Iceland University of the Arts, Iceland)
Role of Digitalization of Cultural Heritages for a
better Documentation and Managements in case
of Damage and Loss

11:55 Discussion

12:10 Lunch break

Session II

Archaeological resources, Cultural landscapes

12:40 Dr. Tinna Grétarsdóttir, Dr. Prof. Sigurjón
Baldur Hafsteinsson

(University of Iceland , Iceland)
The Agency of Turf House Heritage in the Age of
Climate Change

13:00 Sara Kariman

(Art Scholar, Tehran, Iran)
Iranian desert architecture is an aesthetic
response to climate change, With a case study of
the architectural context of Yazd

13:20 Katrín Heiðar, Eva Dögg Jóhannsdóttir,
Kristín Guðmundsdóttir

(Iceland University of the Arts, Master of Architecture, Iceland)
The Architectural Heritage of the Turf House in the
Theoretical Context of Posthumanism and Care

13:40 Gavin Douglas, Dr. Clare Wilson, Dr. Iona
Murray, Dr. Eileen Tisdall

(Historic Environment Scotland - University of Stirling,
Scotland)
Conservation strategies for archaeological
excavated structures in a climate change(d) future

14:00 Tom Dawson

(University of St. Andrews and the SCAPE Trust, Scotland)
Community action at heritage sites affected by
climate change

14:20 Discussion

14:35 Coffee break

14:55 Lisabet Guðmundsdóttir

(University of Iceland, Iceland)
Red weather alerts and stories from the trenches.
Archaeological studies on material culture and sites
that might be gone tomorrow

15:15 Dr. Thomas H. McGovern

(North Atlantic Biocultural Organization and City University of
New York, USA)
Archaeological Sites as an Endangered Distributed
Observing Network of the Past: Global Crisis and
Local Responses

15:35 Vibeke Vandrup Martens¹, Anne-
Cathrine Flyen¹, Ionut Cristi Nicu¹, Lena
Rubensdotter², Knut Stalsberg², Cecilie
Flyen³, Dr. Hans Renssen⁴, Tom Dawson⁵

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Norway's Geological Survey, 3. SINTEF Community, Norway, 4.
USN, University of South Norway, 5. University of St. Andrews,
Scotland, UK)

CULTCOAST - Cultural Heritage Sites in Coastal
Areas Use, Monitor, Manage and Preserve
Sites & Landscapes under Climate Change and
Development Pressure

15:55 Guðmundur Stefán Sigurðarson

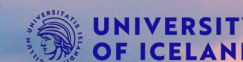
(The Cultural Heritage Agency of Iceland, Iceland)
Adapting Cultural Heritage to Climate Change

16:15 Discussion and Conclusion (35 min)

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no later than 29 November.
Limited number of seats.

Registered participants will
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the day before the Symposium.

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