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# Global Building Conservation Conference

Protecting the World's Built Heritage

### Course level

Intermediate



### Type of event

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### CPD Hours

7

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This event will be invaluable for all professionals operating within the built conservation arena as we celebrate and showcase the very best of building conservation. Expert speakers from around the world will bring their unique perspective of protecting and preserving some of the most important built heritage assets for future generations

The agenda will cover the effect that climate change has on our built heritage with a look at innovative ways experts are working globally to protect sites, such as Hong Kong's pioneering sustainable development that is reviving a once-abandoned rural cultural landscape. Discover how the Mughal Gardens in Agra are building resilience in sites and communities while preserving and maintaining integrity.

Hear our global experts bring these and other examples of cutting-edge practice to life, illustrating the challenges they faced, the lessons they've learned and the remarkable achievements they have made in building conservation including:

- The risks posed by earthquakes to heritage buildings in New Zealand
- Philosophical and practical challenges of working with the At-Turaif District's mud structures and ruins.
- The challenges and opportunities presented in repurposing a dangerously derelict medieval building in the heart of Galway City

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## Day 1



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### Registration

### Welcome remarks

Conference Chair: Duncan Phillips FRICS, Historic Buildings Advisor, Listed Building Surveys and Professor of Architectural Conservation, Centre for Building Conservation Studies

### RICS Update and welcome

30 years since RICS Building Conservation Accreditation was established, to provide recognition for individuals specialising in conservation of scheduled monuments, historic buildings or sites. We celebrate how the accreditation is recognised and respected throughout the sector.

- Understand how RICS is supporting and engaging with members

Speaker(s): Ann Gray FRICS, President, RICS

### Keynote Speech: Cultural Impact on Heritage Sites

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Speaker(s): TBC

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### Preservation in practice

Each speaker will be allocated 25-minute for their presentations.

#### Case study one: Earthquakes in New Zealand

One of Arrowtown's oldest buildings reopened in December 2022 after a \$3.5m seismic upgrade. The opportunity was taken to reinstate the exterior form of the old bank building to return to its original architecture from 1875.

- Understand how unreinforced masonry heritage building in New Zealand are at risk from earthquakes or from having to be demolished if they are not seismically strengthened.
- This case study gives an example of the lengths it can be necessary to go to strengthen a Victorian building and how the effects on heritage values can be managed.

Speaker: Kirsten Gibbs, Architect, Origin Consultants

#### Case study two: At-Turaif District

At-Turaif District in ad-Dir'iyah rose as the first capital of the Saudi State, in the heart of the Arabian Peninsula in the early 18th Century. The royal palaces were subject to a major conservation campaign in 2010s, exhibiting a range of approaches to mud conservation.

- Look at the heritage management opportunities that arise within a major development focused around the rediscovery of national identity in a rapidly changing society
- Assess how to approach the philosophical and practical challenges of working with mud structures and ruins

Speaker: Adam Wilkinson, Chief Heritage and Cultural Officer, DGDA

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### Preservation in Practice

Case study three: A Place Plan for Kg Gelam Historical Area

The district is a mixed of about 600 conserved urban townhouses and 4 key institutions that have developed over 2 centuries.

- Understand how changing social and economic environments requires a new plan to guide community and public agencies.
- Lessons learnt in developing a more integrated process of conserving and sustaining the diverse cultural heritage on ground.

Speaker: Kelvin Ang, Director of Conservation Management, Urban Redevelopment Authority, Singapore

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### Panel Discussion: Built Heritage in Peril – what is the greatest threat ?

- Discover the range of threats affecting cultural heritage in the modern world
- Understand the factors affecting protection of heritage sites
- Hear differing viewpoints on conservation policy and practice globally

Facilitator: Craig Ross MRICS, Senior Manager Safety and Security, Diriyah Gate Development Authority

Panellist:

John Darlington, Executive Director, World Monument Fund

Henry Russell, Lecturer of Historic Environment, Reading University

Dr Martina Renzi, Archaeology Associate Director, Diriyah Gate Development Authority

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### Future proofing records

Moderator: Duncan Phillips FRICS, Historic Buildings Advisor, Listed Building Surveys and Professor of Architectural Conservation, Centre for Building Conservation Studies

How can we preserve precious records of buildings when even the latest tech can degrade over time, become obsolete or incompatible with newer products.

Speaker(s): Timothy Keefe, Head of Digital, Chester Beatty Museum

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### Focus session on climate change and climate protection

Case study one: Living with Water Good practices from Sukhothai's local wisdom

- Lesson Learned from its rampant urbanisation
- Understand how to live with nature and water rather than how to live against them which will remind us to look backward to sustain our resilient future. Integrating local wisdom with affordable technology will make conservation a more compromising approach for our future sustainability.

Speaker: Witiya Pittungnapoo, Associate Professor, Faculty of Architecture, Art and Design, Naresuan University, Thailand.

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### **Focussions on climate protection**

Case study two: Recreating the ideals of the Mughal Garden of Itimad ud Daulah in a rapidly changing environment

The swathe of Mughal gardens once fed by the melting snows of the Himalayas facing climate change and extreme environmental pollution challenges. The project was adapted to address these and also the marked shift from a tomb garden to a civic space, irrevocably altering the intent.

- Assess how Monumental sites today are far more vulnerable than they were fifty years ago and our responses must adapt to each situation developing new paradigms for safeguarding our past.
- Discuss there are few definitive solutions, and our capacity to change, to find new ways to manage our past will determine the future of our past.

Speaker: Amita Baig, Executive Director, WMF India

Case study three: Lai Chi Wo Rural Cultural Landscape

The project undertakes holistic rejuvenation of the historic Hakka agricultural settlement using nature-based solutions.

- Evaluate the multi-pronged strategy and how the project transforms notions of heritage practice.
- Examine the importance of interweaving nature and cultural heritage in setting a new urban-rural sustainability agenda for Hong Kong SAR and beyond.

Speaker: Mr David Au, Project Director, Hong Kong Countryside Foundation

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### Balancing conservation and development

Conservation in Action - Rihab Municipality Jordan

See how the AVSI foundation is working on empowering the local community with an integration and territorial approach. Preserve cultural heritage can have a great impact on economic development.

- Is it enough to work only on the rehabilitation archeological and heritage sites? Working on an integrated approach and a wholistic development plan in the cultural and tourism sector
- Hear an overview of the rehabilitation work on archeological sites done since 2020 by involving the community and municipality

Speakers:

Dina Al- Younes, Project Manager, AVSI Foundation – Jordan

Nicola Orsini, Country Representative, AVSI Foundation – Jordan

Case study: Galway City Centre

In 2016 ACP were commissioned by the new owners of derelict building (part medieval and part 19th century) to design a commercial outlet within the restored building.

- Discuss the challenges and opportunities presented in repurposing a dangerous derelict medieval building in Galway City into a successful retail premises.
- Assess how this project can be an economic success and a win for the historic environment when stakeholders work towards a shared vision of bringing the building back into a sustainable use.

Speaker: David Humphreys MRICS, Director, ACP Group



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### Balancing the Conservation of Civil Rights Movement Sites with New Development in a Growing City

How the City of Montgomery is advancing the protection of sites and districts associated with the Civil Rights Movement while recognizing the need for new development.

- Understand the architectural, historical, and cultural significance of sites and districts associated with the Civil Rights Movement.
- Recognize the economic and planning mechanisms available for the ongoing protection of the sites and districts.

Speaker(s): Warren Adams, Land Use Control Administrator, City of Montgomery

### Conference wrap-up

Speaker(s): Duncan Phillips FRICS, Historic Buildings Advisor, Listed Building Surveys and Professor of Architectural Conservation, Centre for Building Conservation Studies

### End of conference

## Delivering confidence

We are RICS. Everything we do is designed to effect positive change in the built and natural environments. Through our respected global standards, leading professional progression and our trusted data and insight, we promote and enforce the highest professional standards in the development and management of land, real estate, construction and infrastructure. Our work with others provides a foundation for confident markets, pioneers better places to live and work and is a force for positive social impact.

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