INTERNATIONAL ICOMOS DAY – 18 April 2024

"Disasters and Conflicts through the lens of the Venice Charter"

The International Day of Monuments and Sites is celebrated on 18 April, this year marking the 60th anniversary of the Venice Charter. The Venice Charter is a document that it could be said that this is also the year of the commemoration of the 60th anniversary of the conference of this pioneering Charter, to be celebrated in May 2024.

The Venice Charter, the 1st Conference of Architects and Technicians of Historic Monuments, Venice, 1964, was adopted by ICOMOS following the Second International Congress of Architects and Technicians of Historic Monuments, held in Venice, 25-31 May 1964. The Charter was drafted and approved the following year, and 2 quotes: "The conservation and restoration of monuments requires the collaboration of all sciences and techniques that can contribute to the study and safeguarding of our cultural heritage".

In fact, the Venice Charter has been an important instrument for the conservation and safeguarding of our cultural heritage, and it has been a reference document, with its attention to all the more demanding issues, in relation to the physical composition of destruction, we must also consider the spiritual component due to the annihilation, destruction of disappearance of the values to be saved.

In some parts of the world, we are unfortunately in danger of becoming a generation that will see the destruction of the past, because of conflicts that bridge two distinct historical periods.

That's why reconstruction is important, that's why everything must be done to ensure that future generations can see what we have seen and what we have lost, because we are part of a interdisciplinary, we, the conservators, have the task to the drafting of the Venice Charter and to see their relevance in the face of current circumstances in which conservation and restoration of cultural heritage must be carried out, in the ethical concepts that activate technical interventions and heritage values.

This is the discussion that is emerging around the world as part of a new framework for the Venice Charter, although there are many cultural heritage associations, such as Portugal with the conference entitled "Venice Chart Reformed 1964-2024, New Heritage Challenges" on 27-30 May 2024, in which the Venice Charter is at the center, and Venice celebrates on the 50th anniversary of the World Heritage Convention, namely Sustainable Development Goals linking cultural and natural heritage, making cities and human settlements inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable.

Let's work towards this and join forces to ensure that there is peace, harmony, prosperity and that the cultural and natural heritage communities feel integrated in a more holistic, solution of heritage and its transformations.

This second number of our newsletter is to announce ICOMOS Day and to provide you with information about events and initiatives that are being organized around the world to celebrate the world or parts, namely because Doha is about and our participation is necessary.

As our work within the ISCHEM for heritage conservation continues, we are also announcing our next webinar, which will take place on 18 May this year, and I'm attaching some clarifying information so that you can be motivated to take part.

I wish you all a happy and rewarding ICOMOS Celebration Day.

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Five Years After the Fire: Notre-Dame de Paris and the Largest Restoration Project of the Century

Jenna Pearl Mullen Lecturer Greenhouse

Venue

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Erica Abdul Malak

Former Ministerial Cultural Heritage advisor to President Macron

Lindsay S. Cook

Architecture Curator, Columbia University

Brendan Cassidy

Director of the Studio de Cluny

Pierre Rosenberg

Part-Reply commentator of the Notre-Dame de Paris Fire Department

Matteo Pellegrino

Carpenter, Maison Arthur Martin, France

Thursday, April 18

6:00 pm ET / 6:00 PM

Livestream

Link to Watch:

https://www.youtube.com/live/TFbcqbuDFcI?feature=share

Webinar - April 18, 7:00 AM - 9:00 PM (Beijing time)

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Shanghai, Jiaoyu Road, No. 1
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