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Invitation and Call for papers

First International Research Seminar of Forum UNESCO – University and Heritage on

Architectural Heritage and Sustainable Development of Small and Medium Cities in South Mediterranean Regions
Results and strategies of research and cooperation

Thursday 27 – Friday 28 May 2004
Aula Magna of Dipartimento di Tecnologie dell’Architettura e Design,
Via San Niccolò 89/a
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organized by:

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The seminar facilities are located within a comfortable walking distance from the Florence centre.

**WELCOME STATEMENT**

On behalf of the Dipartimento di Tecnologie dell’Architettura e Design “Pierluigi Spadolini” and the Forum UNESCO Branch Office – University of Florence, Italy, we extend to you a warm welcome and invitation to attend and participate in the First International Research Seminar. The Seminar organizers aim to present a good mix of presentations in the field of:

- research projects and case-studies on architectural heritage enhancement and appropriate and sustainable development in the Draa Valley, Morocco;
- research methods and case-studies on architectural heritage valorisation and sustainable development of small and medium cities in the South Mediterranean Sub-Region;
- more widely, cooperation between Europe and the South Mediterranean Sub-Region.

_Saverio Mecca_

_Seminar Coordinator_

**THE SEMINAR**

The seminar is a way of involving researchers and helping to debate about Europe’s relations with the South Mediterranean Regions in the field of architectural heritage and local sustainable development of small and medium cities. The project is intended to provide a tool for research, dissemination and debate, a forum in which the perspectives of different stakeholders can be shared and developed.

A session of the Seminar will be specifically dedicated to research on the Draa Valley and the Ksar of Tamnougalt (Morocco).

The **main objectives of the Seminar** are:

- to present and discuss results of research on urban settlements of Draa Valley in Morocco as a specific case study;
- to provide an opportunity to gain a wider perspective on key research developments on the theme of sustainable development in the South Mediterranean region which is characterized by an important architectural heritage;
- to provide an opportunity to discuss on strategies for improving effectiveness of research and cooperation between EU and the South Mediterranean Region oriented to a sustainable and appropriate development of historic small and medium cities;
- to link academic and research institutions, public administrations and NGOs more closely and effectively in order to develop project proposals in higher education and research;
- to review, analyse, monitor and evaluate research papers and papers or posters on the various aspects of architectural heritage management and sustainability in development in order to enable the establishment/setting...
up/ formulation of plans of actions and propositions for appropriate research and practice.

PRELIMINARY PROGRAMME

The objective of this scientific seminar is to address the notion, process and practice of sustainability in architectural and urban development through the investigation of key topics.
As a preliminary proposal, the seminar will be organized in three sessions as follows:

First Session –
Tamnougalt and Draa Valley (Morocco): earthen architecture, cultures of building and living

Topics for the papers may include but are not limited to the following:
Anthropological, social and cultural aspects
Environmental resources management: agriculture, infrastructures, water management
Urban structures and Urban space morphologies
Documentation and data-bases
Residential and civil architectural buildings
Vernacular architecture and rural cultures
Building techniques and processes: earthen architecture conservation, restoration and re-use. Principles and best practice.
Case-studies of building restorations

Second Session –
Architectural Heritage and Sustainable Development of Small and Medium Cities of South Mediterranean regions: investigation methods, tools and case-studies

Topics for the papers may include but are not limited to the following:
Anthropological, social and cultural aspects
Environmental resources Management: Agriculture, Infrastructures, Water management
Architectural Documentation and data-bases
Monumental Architecture analysis, conservation and valorisation
Vernacular architecture and rural cultures
Building techniques and processes: conservation, restoration, re-use. How to define common principles and best practice?
Mechanical and environmental analysis and design

Third Session –
EU countries and Architectural Heritage in Small and Medium cities of South Mediterranean Regions: experiences, funded projects, strategies and proposals

Topics for the papers may include but are not limited to the following:
Sustainable socio-economic development
Agriculture development
Local resources based on integrated development
Cultural tourism
Human resources, capacity-building, training and education
Building technical regulations

SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE

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WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

Topics should be of special interest to academicians and researchers of the various disciplinary fields related to local sustainable development in the South Mediterranean Region, public and private administrations, heritage professionals and practitioners, NGOs.

WORKING LANGUAGES

There are no official languages imposed for this seminar: papers can be presented in either Italian, French, or English. In order to lower the seminar registration fees there will be no interpretation services during the seminar. Seminar preparatory documents will be published in the language used for paper presentation.-They will include a provisional list of participants.

CALL FOR PAPERS

Submission of Abstracts
Abstracts of no more than 200 words should be sent by e-mail to the Seminar Secretariat to arch.insmr@taed.unifi.it (WITH A cc. TO the Forum UNESCO Secretariat: forum@unesco.upv.es and to UNESCO World Heritage Centre m.richon@unesco.org ) together with a preliminary registration form by 29 February 2004.
Abstracts should be submitted by e-mail by a MS Word file (Times New Roman, size 12, page format A 4 and simple space) attached, specifying:
- Name of Author(s)
Submission of Full papers
Full papers should be 16 pages long maximum, including figures and references, according to the formatting instructions. All submissions (including figures) should be sent electronically to arch.insmr@taed.unifi.it by 30 April 2004.
Specific formatting instructions can be obtained from the Seminar website or sent by email when the paper will be accepted. The papers will be reviewed by the Scientific Committee.
Each participant will be given a 10 minutes slot to present his/her paper during the Seminar. Each session will end with a 15-20 minutes questions and answer debate and authors are requested to attend these debates.
Each Participant should send or leave a CD with a copy of presentation slides to Seminar Secretariat.

IMPORTANT DATES

Deadline for abstract submission: 29 February 2004
Notification of abstract acceptance: 15 days after submission
Complete papers due: 30 April 2004
The papers will be sent to Scientific Committee for a review.
Reviews back from Scientific Committee to authors: end of May
Papers submitted after 15 May will not be included in printed preparatory documents distributed before the Seminar.
Final Reviewed Paper submission: 30 June 2004
Final Reviewed Papers submitted after 30 June will not be included in printed preparatory documents.

REGISTRATION AND FEES

Registration details
Please use the enclosed registration form that can be found in the seminar website to register for the seminar. Please complete the registration form and send it together with your payment.

Registration fees
There are 2 rates:
early registration rate, before February 29th, 2004
normal registration rate after February 29th, 2004

Seminar participant with paper or poster:
early registration rate: € 70,00
normal registration rate: € 100,00
**Seminar participant without paper:**

Early registration rate: €50,00
Normal registration rate: €50,00

*Full-time students* *(please enclose a copy of a valid student accreditation)*

Early registration rate: €30,00
Normal registration rate: €30,00

**Included in registration fees**

Admission to the Seminar, documentation, printed preparatory documents, coffee breaks on May 27 and 28, a copy of the printed final report of proceedings. These fees **do not include** hotel, accommodation expenses, telephone calls or meals.

Please note that prepayment of registration fee is required. Payment can be made by **bank transfer to:**

*Holder:* Università degli Studi, piazza San Marco 4, Firenze, ITALY

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**Please indicate the name(s) of the participant(s) and the purpose**

**Cancellation - refunds**

Pre-registered participants who are unable to attend the seminar will receive the printed proceedings at the address they communicated in the registration form.

**Registration and information during the conference**

The Dipartimento TAeD will operate a registration desk at the Seminar (cf. address indicated on page 1). The provisional list of participants and preparatory documents, as well as badges will be remitted to each participant at this desk, from 27 May, 08,30 on.

**HOTEL ACCOMODATION**

Detailed information on hotel accommodation can be downloaded from the seminar web site: [http://web.taed.unifi.it/incolab](http://web.taed.unifi.it/incolab)