

1_Transforming built heritage and landscapes

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Heritage recently has become a new focus for social and economic development. At the same time, the emergence of landscape as a new social and institutional stake signs the turn from urban design and planning as a functional task towards practices able to take into account subjective perceptions as well.

Both heritage and landscape are extremely important as long-term cultural and material memories, but also something, that is constantly altered, adjusted and interpreted by the contemporaries.

From this perspective, they are both a social construct. While they exist as a physical object, referring to them carries different meanings and values to individuals and different groups of people.

The track explores the ways in which massive changes, often unintended (financial globalization, ecological crises, mass movements of people, socio-economic and political changes) influence heritage and landscape perceptions with reference to preservation policies, economic development and regeneration programmes in challenging situations supporting transition. What kind of projects and results can we expect in urban design and planning?

The track invites papers and presentations referring to the following sub-themes:

- the role of urban design in coping with environmental and social transition
- rediscovering heritage as an inventory of long-term resilient practices
- landscape as an effective indicator of socio-economic transition
- how dealing with landscape transition is changing knowledge, concepts, tools, and skills in planning
- the point about heritage-based development: how it re-shapes territories, local communities, economic perspectives
- how transformation can incorporate environmental and social resiliency

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