

## UNESCO CHAIR/UNITWIN NETWORK PROGRESS REPORT FORM

<b>Title of the Chair/Network:</b>	UNESCO Chair in Urban Design and Conservation Studies
<b>Host Institution:</b>	Bezalel Academy of Arts and Design, Jerusalem
<b>Date of establishment of Chair/Network:</b>	2004
<b>Period of activity under report:</b>	Academic Year 10.2018 – 09.2019
<b>Report established by:</b>	Professor Michael Turner UNESCO Chair in Urban Design and Conservation Studies

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### **1. Executive Summary:**

*Major outcomes, results and impact of the Chair, including on national policies, in relation to its objectives as stated in Article 2 of the Chair Agreement (between the Institution and UNESCO)*  
 (Not exceeding 300 words)

This is the seventh full year as UNESCO chargé de mission. The original contract as chargé de mission to the ADG Culture was signed in August 2011, renewed in January 2012 and January 2013, and subsequently renewed as chargé de mission to the Director of the World Heritage Centre in January 2014, and since January 2015 further renewed annually as chargé de mission to the Director for Heritage, Dr Mechtild Rossler. The 2019 contract was signed during the World Heritage Committee session in Baku and approved in October.

In accordance with the contract, the main activities proposed during the year 2019 continued to be: World Heritage especially the Recommendation on Historic Urban Landscape and Cities Programme; advise on sites of memory especially the property of Auschwitz-Birkenau; other academic cooperation and evaluations of UNESCO Chairs in the fields of cultural and urban heritage.

Many of the activities are intertwined, and coordination has been with the Director and staff of the World Heritage Centre through skype and information meetings. The activities of the chargé de mission have been supported by the UNESCO Chair at the Bezalel Academy and below are those activities attributed to the contract and that were performed during the year. The report follows the format of previous years.

**2) Activities:**

*Overview of activities undertaken by the Chair during the reporting period*

**a) Education/Training/Research**

*(key education programmes and training delivered, and research undertaken by the Chair during the reporting period, target group and geographical coverage)*

<b>i) Education</b> (leading to certificate)	The Graduate Program in Urban Design at the Bezalel Academy was recognised as a UNHabitat University in September 2017. Within this framework a new course on Urban Innovation was developed with the Ministry of Housing and recognised as Continuing Professional Development - CPD.
<b>ii) Training</b> (short term)	The UNESCO Chair participates in EU research projects and supports national programmes for conservation including the Historic Urban Landscape Recommendation and the UNDRR Resilient Cities programme. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Lectures and seminars for conservation training and capacity building</li> </ul>
<b>iii) Research</b>	Supporting national programmes for conservation including the Historic Urban Landscape Recommendation and the UNHabitat New Urban Agenda. The start of HERILAND, a pan-European research and training network on cultural heritage in relation to Spatial Planning and Design with six universities and 15 PhD candidates. It is funded by the <a href="#">European Union's Horizon 2020 research and innovation programme under the Marie Skłodowska-Curie grant agreement No 813883</a> .

**b) Conferences/Meetings**

*(key conferences and meetings organized by the Chair or to which its Chairholder contributed)*

**(i) Key conferences and workshops co-organized by the Chair**

No conferences and workshops were organised by the Chair

**ii) Other conferences/organizational activities to which the Chairholder contributed:****World Heritage**

Participation was noted in the following activities, including the preparation of background material and reporting as relevant:

1. Regional Meeting of the Organization of World Heritage Cities; Local and Global – *Sharing responsibilities in the digital age* 28 October to 1 November 2018 under the theme “Heritage & Sustainable Tourism”, Suzhou, China; Representing the Director for the Jean-Paul-L’Allier Prize
2. State of Conservation reporting of the City of Shakhrisabz 20-27 January 2019, Joint World Heritage and ICOMOS mission
3. Conference Meeting on the State of Conservation of Prague 4-6 March 2019, City of Prague
4. Living Religious and Sacred World Heritage in Historic Urban Context, *New Jerusalem – interpretation and presentation in a historic urban context* 12-15 May 2019, Ministry of Culture, Georgia
5. Experts Workshop, General Conference of the OWHC, Krakow, \* 2-4 June 2019, Organization of World Heritage Cities
6. World Heritage Committee and Young Professionals Forum, Baku - 23 June – 5 July 2019, Ministry of Culture, Azerbaijan
7. ICOMOS – ISC PRERICO at the World Heritage session side-event – *World Heritage- accompanying the pilgrims*
8. The International Conference on the Preservation of Tangible and Intangible Cultural Heritage: Challenges and Strategies - *Challenges for urban heritage in the post-soviet era* – 25-28 August 2019 Ministry of Culture, Uzbekistan

\* Representing the Director, World Heritage Centre for the Jean-Paul-L’Allier Prize evaluations

On-going support

- Urban Heritage and the Initiative on Heritage of Religious Interest

**Historic Urban Landscape Recommendation - Urban Heritage**

During the year efforts were made assisting in the preparation of the Reporting Exercise for the General Conference 2019 and developing the HUL programme and future actions in coordination with the UNHabitat New Urban Agenda. Based on the preparatory meeting in Fukuoka, further material was prepared for the Experts’ Meeting to take place in 2020 according to the decision of the World Heritage Committee.

1. 20th ICOMOS Ireland, annual memorial lecture Future of the Historic City - 16 November 2018
2. Dublin City Council Historic Urban Landscape Workshop – 17-18 November 2018
3. Guest Editor of BUILT HERITAGE Vol. 2, No. 4, Special Issue: Historic Urban Landscape: An Approach to Rethinking Urban Heritage, 25 December 2018  
<https://www.built-heritage.net/volume2-2018>

4. Preparation Meeting for Urban Heritage Conference  
25-31 May 2019, Kyushu University, Fukuoka
5. Future of Historic Villages and Towns 6-13 June 2019, UNESCO Culture sector and Government of Meishan
6. Nidas Summer School on the Historic Urban Landscape  
5-8 August 2019, The University of Vilnius

### **Recovery and Reconstruction**

- World Bank and UNESCO  
Review of the joint World Bank and UNESCO White Paper - Integrating Culture, Recovery and Reconstruction for Sustainable Urban Development; The launch meeting took place at UNESCO HQ, 16 November 2018
- World Heritage  
Follow-up on *Warsaw Recommendation on Recovery and Reconstruction of Cultural Heritage*, meetings with Polish representatives and proposals.
- UNDRR  
As an advocate for the UNDRR Resilient Cities Campaign, the UNESCO Chair has worked to have better coordination between this programme and World Heritage - *Reducing risk to cultural heritage*. The meeting of the 2018 European Forum on Disaster Risk Reduction took place in Rome, 22-25 November 2018

### **UN Habitat – New Urban Agenda**

The second block course, this year, with the Ministry of Welfare, took place during February 2019, which highlighted the inter-relationships between the academia and professional practice and the harmonisation of the HUL Recommendation and the Action Framework for the Implementation of the New Urban Agenda – AFI-NUA. Preparations for WUF10 on Culture and Innovation included the National Urban Forum side event and the ICCROM networking on Heritage and the Metropolis.

### **UNESCO Chairs and Category 2 Centres**

Continuing the initiative of the *UNESCO/World Heritage Priority Topics and Research Questions to be investigated by Universities* by Shaping the Research Agenda;

Activities of *MUNCH - Mediterranean UNESCO Chairs*; Follow-up of the meeting that took place at the Bezalel Academy, 5 June 2018, to review the possible future activities of the UNITWIN of the Mediterranean Chairs and generate a new integrative programme.

A joint research with the UNESCO Chair at Kadir Has University on Archiving Jerusalem under Ottoman and British Rule

### **Academic activities, lectures and conferences**

On the background of the Restoration of the Aedicule in the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, Jerusalem – the 1<sup>st</sup> International Conference on "Trans-disciplinary Multispectral Modelling and Cooperation for the Preservation of Cultural Heritage (TMM\_CH)" - the panel "*Historic Cities: Sustainable preservation and reuse, within the context of circular economy and social participation*", Athens, 12-13 October 2018

Round Table, University of Montreal, *Revisiting the Vienna Memorandum in the light of the Recommendation on the Historic Urban Landscape* – 5-8 December 2018

*New Approaches for a Sustainable 21<sup>st</sup> Century City*, International University of Andalusia, Baeza, 12-13 December 2108

The UNESCO Chair in the Urban Design Graduate Program at Bezalel is part of a six-university consortium that has won a Marie-Curie ITN Grant for 15 PhD candidates to research cultural heritage – HERILAND <https://www.heriland.eu/> This may provide important support for subjects hitherto less studied.

PROCEED with care - on tourism and UNESCO World Heritage Sites - Exploring and overcoming the challenges and threats of the emerging conflict between overtourism and the safeguarding of heritage cities, monuments and landscapes – *Synergies for Realising the 2030 Sustainable Development Goals*. 1-5 May 2019, University of Zagreb, Šibenik, Croatia

Appointment as a member of the E-RIHS Scientific Advisory Board, European Research Infrastructure for Heritage Science that supports research on heritage interpretation, preservation, documentation and management - <http://www.e-rihs.eu/> Meeting 11-15 September 2019, London

**iii) Local conferences/organizational activities to which the Chairholder contributed:**

Lectures and seminars for conservation training and capacity building. Continuing dissemination of the UNESCO Recommendation on the Historic Urban Landscape in academic and professional fora;

1. Heritage Conservation for Sustainable Development – Council for the Preservation of Sites 26 November 2018
  2. Historic Urban Landscape – Shenkar College Engineering, Design, Art. 4 November 2018 New approaches for a sustainable 21st century city – Technion 2 January 2019
  3. Mapping Memory – the township of Belze, Centre for Jewish Art, Hebrew University, 29 April 2019
- Scientific Committee for the safeguarding of the Tomb of the Kings, Jerusalem coordinated by the French Consulate,
  - Audit Committee – ICOMOS-Israel

**c) Interuniversity Exchanges/Partnerships**

*(principal exchanges/partnerships between the Chair and other institutions including UNESCO Chairs/UNITWIN Networks)*

**d) Publications/Multimedia Materials**

*(major publications and teaching/learning materials)*

*Please tick relevant fields of output and indicate volume of output:*

	[tick]	[no.]
<b>Books</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<b>Books (edited)</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<b>Books (chapters)</b>	x	
<b>Monographs</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<b>Research Reports</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<b>Journal Articles (refereed)</b>	x	

	<b>Conference Proceedings</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	<b>Occasional Papers</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	<b>Teaching/Learning Materials</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<b>Multimedia Materials (CD-Rom)</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<b>Multimedia Materials (Video)</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<b>Multimedia Materials (Other)</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>

*Give details of major publications and materials including full citations.*

**i) Theses**

None

**ii) Publications – Book/Chapters**

Turner, M., 2018. *The 2006 Round Table on the Historic Urban Landscape*. Montreal, University of Montreal, pp. 19-29.

Juma, M. & Turner, M., 2019. Zanzibar: The HUL Approach Explored. In: A. Pereira Roders & F. Bandarin, eds. *Reshaping Urban Conservation: The Historic Urban Landscape Approach in Action*. Singapore: Springer, pp. 529-544.

Turner, M. & Tomer, T., 2019. Community Participation and the Tangible and Intangible Values of Urban Heritage (2013). In: J. Cody & F. Siravo, eds. *Historic Cities: Issues in Urban Conservation*. Los Angeles: The Getty Conservation Institute, pp. 428-433.

**iii) Publications – Journal**

Turner, M., 2018. Repositioning Urban Heritage: Setting the Scene. *Built Heritage: Conservation and Heritage*, 2(4), pp. 1-6.

Rodwell, D. & Turner, M., 2018. Impact Assessments for Urban World Heritage: European Experiences under Scrutiny. *Built Heritage*, 2(4), pp. 58-71.

**iv) Publications (in press)**

**e) Cooperation with UNESCO Headquarters, Field Offices**

The main cooperation has been with the World Heritage Centre and the Culture Sector – see above.

**f) Other**

*(any other activities to report)*

The Chair presented criteria to the Israel Lands Authority that highlights heritage values to be applied in the development briefs of all properties of the Authority and a national policy for conservation as coordinated by the Prime Minister's Office.

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**3. Future Plans and Development Prospects:**

*Outline of action plan for the next biennium and short/medium and long-term development prospects. Please do not hesitate to refer to difficulties that the Chair has experienced (Not exceeding 300 words)*

The focus will be on the major global documents of the past two years and their integration into National policies. This will include local applied research and dissemination. These documents include the SDG, New Urban Agenda, Sendai Framework and COP21, while the emphasis will be given towards the issues of urban design and conservation.

**Appendix:****1) Human Resources**

The UNESCO Chairholder, Professor Michael Turner together with research assistants are active in maintaining the activities of the Chair. This year, Professor Els Verbakel has joined the activities of the UNESCO Chair. Extra human resources are allocated on a project by project basis wherever necessary.

**2) Financial Resources**

*Please tick sources of financial contribution and specify the amount in U.S. dollars*

	[tick]	Amount (\$)
<b>Host Institution</b>	x	<b>\$30,000 – salaries, activities and student support</b>
<b>Partner Institution</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
<b>Government Body</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
<b>Other Public Institution/Body (incl. Research Councils)</b>	x	<b>\$25,000 in grant projects</b>
<b>UNESCO</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
<b>Other UN Agency</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
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<b>NGO</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
<b>Industry</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
<b>Other Private</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____

*Give details of financial contributions, material resources and space.*

The situation is similar to previous reporting years.

The financial contribution to the UNESCO Chair from the Bezalel Academy includes a component part of the salary of the UNESCO Chairholder and support for research assistants on a project-by-project basis. Specific activities are supported in kind and with funds for expenses.

All office administration and spaces are allocated within the budget of the Graduate Programme for Urban Design.

The EU funded projects, specific research grants and contracts and for which the Chair is associated, are integrated within the Department; as were the support given by other agencies. While it is difficult to calculate the exact amounts within the UNESCO Chair activities the rounded amounts are indicated under *Other Public Institution/Body (incl. Research Councils)* and represent the value of the input of the UNESCO chair within these activities.