



The World Heritage Institute of Training and Research for the Asia and the Pacific Region under the auspices of UNESCO (WHITRAP) is a Category II institute under the auspices of UNESCO. It has three branches, one in Beijing, Shanghai, and Suzhou. Mandated by the States Parties of the World Heritage Convention and other Member States of UNESCO, the Institute was founded in 2008, to promote the conservation and development of World Heritage in Asia and Pacific Region. One of WHITRAP's key priority areas is Urban Heritage and since its inception WHITRAP has supported the development Recommendation on the Historic Urban Landscape in close relationship with the College of Architecture and Urban Planning (CAUP) of Tongji University as well as the Shanghai Tongji Urban Planning & Design Institute Co. Ltd (TJUPDI).





Tongji University, one of China's earliest national key universities, is a prestigious institution of higher education that is directly under the Ministry of Education and is supported by the Shanghai Municipality. With its 10 academic disciplines, it is a comprehensive and research-intensive university with distinctive features and an international reputation.



The College of Architecture and Urban Planning (CAUP) of Tongji University was founded in 1952. Its Department of Architecture, of Urban Planning, of Landscape Architecture and its Built Environment Technology Centre currently offer undergraduate and graduate programs in architecture, urban and rural planning, landscape architecture, Conservation of Historic Architecture and urban design. CAUP has developed a broad range of teaching and research frameworks on urban and rural development history and heritage protection. The College has developed academic exchanges and long-term cooperation with world leading universities and UNESCO as well as technical cooperation with World Heritage sites and historic towns and landscapes.

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The Network for Urban Heritage Conservation in Higher Education Institutions (UHC-HEI) aims to strengthen cooperation among Universities and Higher Education Institutions that have recognized urban heritage conservation and design for sustainable development as key subjects of their teaching, research, and action plans.

The principles were set in the International Conference on Urban Heritage Conservation and Design for Sustainable Development and International Network for Urban Heritage Conservation in Higher Education Institutions (UHC-HEI), held in 26-27 September 2023 in Shanghai.

The UHC-HEI refers to UNESCO Culture and Arts Education policies and frameworks.

## The objectives of the UHC-HEI Network are:

- Contribute to the international debate on the role of culture and heritage in sustainable development processes and address priority areas such as Climate Change, Economic Development and Heritage, acknowledging Traditional Knowledge systems;
- Advance the knowledge about education on urban conservation and sustainable development through shared initiatives among partners, at the levels of teaching, research and action.
- Stimulate and enhance initiatives led by member Universities and Higher Education Institutions to make urban heritage conservation and sustainable development an essential component of academic development;
- Improve the academic quality of teaching, research and action on urban heritage conservation and sustainable development by facilitating cooperation with non-academic stakeholders and combining traditional knowledge with modern technologies.

## UHC-HEI NETWORK

GOAL 1.

To Build and Consolidate the Network

GOAL 2.

To Promote

Exchange Among

Partners of the

Network

GOAL 5.

To Foster Out of the Classroom
Operational
Activities

GOAL

To Develop
Innovative
Pedagogical
Programs

To Advance
Knowledge and
Build New Skills

GOAL 3.

GOAL 4.

