

2023 HeritAP Chat

EARLY INTERVENTION IMPACT ASSESSMENTS

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Background

World Heritage properties grapple with multifaceted conservation and management challenges, with a large percentage of them facing issues related to development. The World Heritage Committee has increasingly requested State Parties to the World Heritage Convention to undertake Impact Assessments before deciding to proceed with the implementation, which is essential to both prevent damage to World Heritage and identify sustainable options. *The Guidance and Toolkit for Impact Assessments in a World Heritage Context* (the IA Guidance) is the go-to reference that serve to better assist State Parties in the understanding of what these assessments entail and to provide a roadmap for their implementation.

However, based on the 1st HeritAP Chat ¹ on [Impact of Ground Transportation Infrastructure at World Heritage Sites](#), professionals raised the issue that sometimes it would be too late for the impact assessments and mitigation measures when the project is discovered. Meanwhile, *the IA Guidance* encourages the State Parties to include impact assessments into their own management system of heritage.

Considering the above-mentioned requirement, in the 3rd HeritAP Chat, we will discuss the **Early Intervention of Impact Assessments**. Three cases will be introduced during the HeritAP Chat from China, Germany, and Canada. The cases will present the possible early intervention from different departments and impact assessments of cultural heritage properties. Chat will focus on how to embed the impact assessments into the management system, the practice of screening and scoping process etc.

HeritAP Chat expects to facilitate the communication among professionals. We believe that by sharing their experiences, heritage practitioners could better respond to management and conservation of the sites.

¹ The World Heritage Institute of Training and Research for the Asia and the Pacific Region under the auspices of UNESCO (WHITRAP) is a UNESCO category 2 centre. Its mission is to strengthen the implementation of the World Heritage Convention in Asia and the Pacific region through training, research, dissemination information and network building. In order to enhance the role of networking, WHITRAP Shanghai establishes the Heritage Asia-Pacific (HeritAP), a network of heritage practitioners, which aims to promote the knowledge and experience sharing in the region. In addition to the annual meeting since 2018, WHITRAP Shanghai holds the online HeritAP Chat, with latest and most heated themes in each quarter.

Schedule

26th May (UTC+8)

Time	Theme	Speaker
Moderator: LI Hong , Programme Specialist, WHITRAP Shanghai		
20:00-20:10	Introduction to HeritAP Chat 3	LI Hong
20:10-20:25	Using Heritage Impact Assessment as a Pro-Active Instrument in Urban and Regional Planning	Michael KLOOS <i>Professor, RheinMain University, UNESCO Chair on Historic Urban Landscapes and Heritage Impact Assessments</i>
20:25-20:40	Applying HIAs in the Early Stage of Urban Regeneration in China	KOU Huaiyun <i>Associate Professor, College of Architecture and Urban Planning, Tongji University</i>
20:40-20:55	Heritage Impact Assessments in Canada: A Reflection	Marcus Réginald LETOURNEAU <i>Managing Principal, LHC Heritage Planning & Archaeology Inc.</i>
Moderator: Gamini WIJESURIYA , Special Advisor of WHITRAP Shanghai		
20:55-22:00	<p>CHAT</p> <p>JING Feng, Chief, Culture Unit, UNESCO Bangkok Office</p> <p>Gamini WIJESURIYA, Special Advisor, WHITRAP Shanghai</p> <p>Kazuhiko NISHI, Chief Senior Specialist for Cultural Properties, Office for International Cooperation on Cultural Heritages, Agency for Cultural Affairs of Japan</p> <p>Michael KLOOS Professor, RheinMain University, UNESCO Chair on Historic Urban Landscapes and Heritage Impact Assessments</p> <p>KOU Huaiyun Associate Professor, College of Architecture and Urban Planning, Tongji University</p> <p>Marcus Réginald LETOURNEAU Managing Principal, LHC Heritage Planning & Archaeology Inc.</p> <p>LI Hong Programme Specialist, WHITRAP Shanghai</p>	

Participants

JING Feng



Country: China

Organization: Culture Unit, UNESCO Bangkok Office

Title: Chief

Short Resume:

Dr. JING Feng was educated in English literature, international studies and the history of architecture in China, at Lanzhou University and Tsinghua University, from which he also holds a Doctorate degree in the history and theory of architecture.

For the past 30 years, his career has combined professional experience in heritage management and international cooperation for culture. Dr JING directed and managed the implementation of the World Heritage Convention and other major World Heritage conservation projects throughout the region of Asia and the Pacific, from the perspective of both the States Parties (as a member of the World Heritage Committee between 1992 and 1997) and the Secretariat (as a staff member at the World Heritage Centre between 1997 and 2022).

Dr JING is currently Chief of the Culture Unit of the UNESCO Bangkok Office. Prior to this function, he was Chief of the Asia and the Pacific Unit at the UNESCO World Heritage Centre (Paris), where he led and managed the overall implementation of the 1972 World Heritage Convention in over 47 Member States. He was a member of the senior management team of the UNESCO World Heritage Centre, managing a large, international professional team of staff members from different cultural backgrounds. In addition, Dr JING served as coordinator of the global Capacity-Building programme for the World Heritage Convention and ICCROM, coordinator of some large-scale Funds-in-Trust projects (Australia, Japan, the Netherlands, Republic of Korea) with a global and regional scope for the Asia-Pacific region. He was a member of the Governing Board of World Heritage Category 2 Centres under the auspices of UNESCO and the focal point for UNESCO Chairs in the Asia-Pacific region. He was also the coordinator of the Silk Roads World Heritage nomination project from 2003 to 2022.

Dr JING has published and co-authored some 30 publications and over 60 articles on World Heritage, intercultural dialogue, cultural diversity, sustainable development and international cooperation vi.

Gamini WIJESURIYA



Country: Sri Lanka

Organization: WHITRAP Shanghai

Title: Special Advisor

Short Resume:

Born in Sri Lanka, Dr. Gamini Wijesuriya has gained recognition as a leading international specialist in World Heritage with over 40 years of experience. He initiated the ICCROM programme on people-centred approach to conservation and management of heritage which was an extension of his pioneering work on living heritage. This approach aims to place the people at the heart of the heritage discourse which has gained a standing worldwide. Currently, he is a special Advisor to the Director-General of ICCROM, to the Director of WHITRAP Shanghai and is a UNESCO facilitator for the Intangible Heritage capacity building programme. He has published extensively.

Kazuhiko NISHI



Country: Japan

Organization: Cultural Properties, Office for International Cooperation on Cultural Heritages, Agency for Cultural Affairs of Japan

Title: Chief Senior Specialist

Short Resume:

Nishi Kazuhiko is a chief senior specialist for cultural properties at the Agency for Cultural Properties, government of Japan. He holds a master of engineering degree in history of architecture from the University of Tokyo.¹¹ He has more than 25 years experiences in architectural conservation, disaster preparedness as well as international cooperation in conservation in the Agency and Tokyo National Research Institute for Cultural Properties. As for HIA, he is the main editor and author of “Research on Heritage Impact Assessment for World Cultural Heritage Properties in Japan,” which leads to the reference guidance on the HIA by the Japanese government. He worked for ICCROM as a staff member from 2004 to 2006 and currently serves as a council member.

Michael KLOOS



Country: Germany

Organization: RheinMain University of Applied Sciences;

Title: Professor

Short Resume:

Michael Kloos (1966) studied architecture and urban planning at Karlsruhe University, Germany. He focuses his work on the interface between preservation and sustainable development of UNESCO World Heritage properties, mostly in an urban context.

Since 2003 Michael was scientific assistant at RWTH Aachen University, Germany, where he co-established the UNESCO Chair in World Cultural and Urban Landscapes in 2012 and obtained his doctors degree in engineering sciences with distinction in 2014.

Since 2016, Michael runs his office Michael Kloos planning and heritage consultancy in Aachen, Germany, and he holds the professorship for Preservation and Sustainable Development of Cultural and Historic Urban Landscapes at RheinMain University of Applied Sciences, Wiesbaden, Germany. Since 2022 he is Chairholder of the UNESCO Chair on Historic Urban Landscapes and Heritage Impact Assessments at RheinMain University.

Title:

Using Heritage Impact Assessment as a Pro-Active Instrument in Urban and Regional Planning

Abstract:

Heritage Impact Assessments often come in too late in planning processes, a fact which often causes serious constraints concerning their effectiveness. Drawing on various case studies, this contribution sheds light on the reasons why Heritage Impact Assessments frequently come in too late, as well as on necessary steps to be taken to use HIAs as a pro-active instrument delivering helpful results which can be fed back into planning processes, with the goal to sustain the OUV of World Heritage properties.

KOU Huaiyun



Country: China

Organization: College of Architecture and Urban Planning, Tongji University

Title: Associate professor

Short Resume:

Huaiyun Kou is an Associate Professor at Tongji University and a National Registered Urban Planner of China. She has a Master's and a Bachelor's degree in Landscape Architecture from Tongji University and a PhD in Cultural Heritage from Fudan University. She completed her postdoctoral research at Tongji University and also spent two years as a visiting scholar at the University of Washington in the USA.

Dr. Kou's research interests include urban and rural heritage conservation, especially the community's role in historic preservation. She was involved in the World Bank-loan project for cultural and natural heritage protection in Guizhou Province, and the post-earthquake reconstruction of Dujiangyan ancient town. Both projects adopted a community-based approach. Her relevant research has won the National Natural Science Foundation of China, the National Award for Outstanding Urban-Rural Planning & Design, and the UNESCO Asia-Pacific Award for Cultural Heritage Conservation Program, among others.

Title:

Applying HIAs in the Early Stage of Urban Regeneration in China

Abstract:

To preserve the historic landscapes from urban regeneration, we need to assess the proposals and avoid irreversible negative impacts. HIAs can help to lower costs if applied early in the initial stage. A case of an early application of HIAs is the hospital expansion plan in Wuxi City. The plan intends to enlarge Xibei hospital in the Dongjie historic district, which is undergoing urban regeneration. HIAs are conducted at the site selection stage to assess how the expansion would affect the historical and cultural environment. The assessment considers four dimensions: visual landscape, traffic, historical pattern and social value. The findings suggest that the expansion would harm the functional orientation and historic cultural environment of the district. However, the effectiveness of this intervention depends on how much the decision-makers are influenced by the demonstration stage.

Marcus Réginald



Country: Canada

Organization: LHC Heritage Planning & Archaeology Inc.

Title: Managing Principal

Short Resume:

Marcus R. Létourneau is the Managing Principal for LHC Heritage Planning & Archaeology Inc., an Ontario-based heritage consultancy with offices in Kingston, Toronto, Ottawa, and Huntsville. He is also an Adjunct Assistant Professor in the School of Planning and Contributing Associate for the Heritage Resources Centre at the University of Waterloo and an Instructor for the Cultural Resource Management program at the University of Victoria. He co-teaches the facilities management course for the Ontario Museum Association, and teaches a course called “Heritage Planning for Practitioners” at Algonquin College.

Marcus currently serves on the Board of Directors for ICOMOS Canada and the Heritage Resources Centre at the University of Waterloo. He is an appointed member of the Board of Directors for the Friends of Springfield House Complex and is part of the program development team for a new Bachelor of Applied Science program in Building Conservation at Algonquin College. He is a professional member of the Canadian Institute of Planners (MCIP), a Registered Professional Planner with OPPI (RPP) and a professional member of the Canadian Association of Heritage Professionals (CAHP). He served as the Vice-Chair for the Township of Leeds and the Thousand Islands Municipal Heritage Committee from 2019-2022; he was reappointed in 2022 for another four-year term and was elected Chair from 2023-2026.

Marcus was previously an Adjunct Assistant Professor in the Department of Geography and Planning at Queen’s University (2013-2023) and the Manager for the Sustainability and Heritage Management Discipline Team (Ottawa/Kingston) and a Senior Cultural Heritage Specialist for Golder Associates Limited (2011-2015). His other positions included: co-teaching heritage planning at the Willowbank School of Restoration Arts; serving as a contract professor at Carleton University in both the Department of Geography and Environmental Studies and School of Canadian Studies (Heritage Conservation); as the senior heritage planner for the City of Kingston (2004-2011) where he worked in both the Planning & Development and Cultural Services Departments; and, in various capacities at Queen’s University at Kingston (2001-2007). He previously served on the Executive and Board of Directors for the Ontario Association

of Heritage Professionals; on the Board of Directors for Community Heritage Ontario; on the Board of Directors of the Friends of the Rideau, and, on the Executive and Board of Directors for the Kingston Historical Society.

Marcus has a PhD in Cultural/Historical Geography (Queen's University); a MA in Cultural Geopolitics (University of Western Ontario); BA (Hons) in Geography with a History Minor (Queen's University); a Diploma in Peace and Conflict Studies (University of Waterloo); a Professional Certificate in Heritage Conservation Planning (University of Victoria); a Certificate in Museum Studies (Ontario Museum Association); and training in Marine/Foreshore Archaeology. He also completed ICCROM/WHITRAP training in China on impact assessments for heritage. In 2022, he completed ICCROM/Athabasca University training on communication and teaching skills for conservation. He is currently completing a Master of Planning degree from the University of Guelph where his research is focusing on Canada's Commission of Conservation (1909-1921).

Title:

Heritage Impact Assessments in Canada: A Reflection

LI Hong



Country: China

Organization: WHITRAP Shanghai

Title: Programme Specialist

Short Resume:

Li Hong got her Master of Tourism Management at Fudan University. She is programme specialist at WHITRAP Shanghai and project manager in the World Heritage and Sustainable Tourism Programme – Chinese Pilot Studies (2015-2020; 2020-2025), cooperated with WHC. She was the consult for Guizhou Cultural and Natural Heritage Protection Project, supported by the World Bank, advising how to preserve the traditional buildings, improve community involvement and tourism development. Li Hong has been and now is in charge of international capacity building activities in World Heritage since 2008. In addition, she also assists in the activities at the Regional Knowledge Hub for Sustainable Urban Development between College of Architecture and Urban Planning of Tongji University (CAUP) and Asian Development Bank (ADB).

Logistics

Chat Time Zones

HeritAP Chat will take place **ONLINE** from 20:00-22:00 on 26th May (UTC+8). To facilitate your timetable, please refer to the following time zone.

City and Country	Chat Time
Beijing, China (UTC+8)	20:00-22:00
Bangkok, Thailand (UTC+7)	19:00-21:00
Colombo, Sri Lanka (UTC+5:30)	17:30-19:30
Tokyo, Japan (UTC+9)	21:00-23:00
Berlin, Germany (UTC+2)	14:00-16:00
Toronto, Canada (UTC-4)	8:00-10:00

ZOOM Meeting

HeritAP Chat: Early Intervention of Impact Assessment

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82878965571>

Meeting ID: 82878965571

Passcode: 123456

Waiting Room

Participants of the HeritAP Chat will login in the Zoom Meeting 30mins in advance. Audience will join the zoom on time.

Please **update your name tag** by Name and Surname to allow organizers to recognize you in the waiting room.