

Short course title: Introduction to Management and Conservation of Cultural Heritage Sites

Dates: 5-8 November 2018

Duration: 4 days

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○ Course Schedule

Day 1:

Morning session:

- Course introduction and getting to know each other
- What is heritage? What is cultural heritage? Definitions and classification
- The values of heritage (and exercise relevant to this topic)
- Introduction to: Why and how we conserve and manage?

Afternoon session:

- The Venice Charter and its context
- Brief introduction to other available charters, conventions and recommendations, including the World Heritage Convention.

Day 2:

Visit to Battir and meeting with interest groups and stakeholders.

Day 3:

Morning session:

- Discussion of the visit and the impressions of the participants
- Identification of interest groups and stakeholders; collaborative approach to conservation, maintenance and management (and exercise relevant to this topic)

Afternoon session:

- The factors affecting heritage (and exercise relevant to this topic)
- Participants' presentations

Day 4:

Morning session:

- Data collection, inventories and documentation (through case studies)

Afternoon sessions

- Management and conservation of cultural heritage (through case studies)
- Review of the course and questions and answers



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- **Objectives/ results**

The aim of the course is to provide the participants (group of young architects and engineers) with background information on the values of cultural heritage, the factors affecting it and how conservation and management of these sites contributes to their overall protection and preservation. Through the discussions of various conservation charters, conventions and recommendations, the participants will be introduced to the basic principles of conservation of cultural heritage and the roles that could be played by the different interest groups and stakeholders.

At the end of the course the participants will have a deeper understanding of the significance of cultural heritage and the importance of safeguarding it for future generations.

- **Summary Description of Course Contents**

The course starts with a discussion on what is heritage, its definition and classification, raising also the question of why and how we conserve it. This is followed by a presentation on the Venice Charter and its context as well as other recommendations and conventions, specifically the World Heritage Convention (1972). The course then focuses on the conservation and management, discussing the factors affecting heritage, the importance of documentation, research and inventorying heritage. Approaches to management and maintenance of heritage sites through a collaborative approach will be discussed, followed by a number of specific case studies of managing cultural heritage sites.