



ICOMOS TheoPhilos ISC Conference

**“Public Spaces in Historic Cities –  
Conservation Principles and Good  
Practices”**

14<sup>th</sup> edition in Florence, Italy

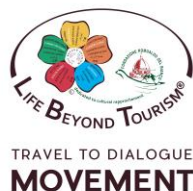
**Florence (Italy), March 9-10 2023**

Palazzo Coppini (Via del Giglio 10)  
*Sala Domes in the World Room*

**The Conference promoters:**



**In collaboration with:**



**Thursday, 9 March 2023. Day 1**  
**Palazzo Coppini, Sala Domes in the World Room**

**h. 9.30-10.00: Registration**

**h. 10.00-10.30: Opening & Introduction**

**Carlotta Del Bianco / Italy**

*Welcome greetings*

*Recent achievements of the Romualdo Del Bianco Foundation's practices for Florence heritage: "Talking Places" program*

**Bogusław Szmygin / Poland**

*Welcome introduction*

*Public spaces in historic cities - conservation principles and good practices*

**h. 10.30-11.30: Session I**

**Karl Kupka / The Netherlands**

*Practices of Conservation in Historic Cities: Redeveloping and Innovating Public Spaces*

**Calogero Bellanca / Italy**

**Susana Mora / Spain**

*Some Reflections across Historic Urban Context*

**Uģis Bratuškins & Sandra Treija / Latvia**

*Urban Experiments To Maintain Liveability In Historic City Centres: Diversity And Inclusivity For Public Open Spaces*

**Q & A**

**h. 11.30-12.00: Coffee break**

**h. 12.30-14.00: Session II**

**Elif Sarihan / Hungary (on-line)**

*Typo-morphology and Visual Perception: Exploring Concept of Depth for the Conservation of the Public Spaces in Historic Cities*

**Michal Firestone / Israel**

*Beware of Intervening in the Urban Public Realm*

**Vadym Abyzov / Ukraine** (on-line)

*Methodological Aspects of the Development and Regeneration of Public Spaces in Historical Cities*

**Nóra Géczy & Daniel Osorio Arboleda / Hungary** (on-line)

*The Value of Nostalgia for Historical Sites*

**Q & A**

**h. 14.00-15.00: Lunch break**

**h. 15.00-16.00: Session III**

**Nigel Walter / UK**

*Figure and Ground – an English view of the Conservation of Historic Public Spaces*

**Paola Martire / Italy**

*Public spaces in the city of London: the garden of St Dunstan in the East and St Alphage*

**Łukasz Sadowski & Aleksandra Sumorok / Poland**

*Contemporary revitalization of public spaces in Lodz: The role of squares, streets and courtyards in creating the genius loci based on the historical heritage*

**Q & A**

**h. 16.00-16.30: Coffee break**

**h. 16.30-17.30: Session IV**

**Shirley Cefai / Malta**

*Valletta: Gardens, Squares, and Roofscapes*

**Gaia Redaelli / Spain/Italy** (on-line)

*The Patiocity: Courtyards as an Ecosocial Network of the Mediterranean Urban Heritage*

**Dimitrios Zygomalas / Greece**

*A code of action for the responsible conservation of squares in historic cities through the experience of northern Greece*

**Q & A**

**h. 17.30–18.30: Annual meeting of the ICOMOS ISC TheoPhilos**

**Friday, 10 March 2023. Day 2**  
**Palazzo Coppini, Sala Domes in the World Room**

**h. 10.00-11.00: Session V**

**Diane Archibald / Canada** (on-line)

*The Historic City of Florence and its Public Spaces*

**Rosa Anna Genovese / Italy**

*Principles of Conservation of Public Spaces in the Historic Centres of Naples and Rome*

**Rita Gagliardi / Italy**

*Role changes of public spaces in the ancient centre of Naples and the case study of the churchyard of Santa Chiara*

**Q & A**

**h. 11.00-11.30: Coffee break**

**h. 11.30- 12.30: Session VI**

**Ruth Liberty-Shalev / Israel**

*Green Blocks in the White City: Rediscovering the Block Gardens of Patrick Geddes's plan for Tel-Aviv*

**Hossam Mahdy / UK** (on-line)

*The Heritage of Shade and Light in Cairo: The missing principle for conservation in Islamic historic cities*

**Samir Abdulac / France**

*Restoring Souks in the Ancient City of Aleppo*

**Q & A**

**h. 12.30-14.00: Lunch break**

**h. 14.00–15.30: Session VII**

**Louise Noelle Gras / Mexico**

*The conservation of the main public spaces of the World Heritage Mexican Cities*

**Poupak Pourbahador & Azadeh Arjomand Kermani / The Netherlands** (on-line)

*Learning from Conservation-led regeneration experiences in Iranian historic cities: Case study of Shiraz and Isfahan*

**Elizabeth Howard Moore / UK** (on-line)

**Moesat Wathan / Myanmar** (on-line)

*Challenges of Public Spaces in Amarapura, 18th century capital of Myanmar*

**Swapna Kothari & Shivangi Thakur / India** (on-line)

*The 'heart' of public interventions in historic cities- reflections on the HRIDAY scheme*

**Q & A**

**h. 15.30-16.00: Coffee break**

**h. 16.00-17.30: Final Discussion and closing**

**h. 19.00: Farewell dinner (optional)**

[Alla Torre De' Rossi Restaurant](#)

Borgo San Jacopo, 3 - Florence

### **Saturday, 11 March 2023. Day 3**

**h. 10.00: Meeting point at Via Cavour n. 1**

Visit to the new archaeological itinerary of **Palazzo Medici Riccardi** (by Prof. Arch. David Palterer and Arch. Norberto Medardi)

**h. 11.00** Visit to the "Dio fluviale of Michelangelo Buonarroti at the **Accademia delle Arti del Disegno** (by Prof. Giorgio Bonsanti)

**h. 11.30** Visit to some recent rehabilitation works in the **Oltrarno area** (by Alessia Montacchini)

## Some Practical Details

### 1. Conference fees

Those who are interested in attending the conference in presence in Florence have to write to write to [icomos.theory@fondazione-delbianco.org](mailto:icomos.theory@fondazione-delbianco.org) and confirm the payment of the conference fee below by **6 March 2023**.

- registration fee for ICOMOS Members, Romualdo Del Bianco Foundation Experts or staff of the Institutional Members of the Foundation's Life Beyond Tourism Movement (including 2 days attendance 9-10 March 2023; farewell dinner excluded, to be booked and paid separately) **€ 70**
- Registration fee for Non ICOMOS or Non Romualdo Del Bianco Foundation/Life Beyond Tourism Movement Affiliated Members (including 2 days attendance 9-10 March 2023); farewell dinner excluded, to be booked and paid separately) **€ 130**
- Students Auditor Daily Fee (farewell dinner excluded, to be booked and paid separately) **€ 30**
- Standard Auditor Daily Fee (farewell dinner excluded, to be booked and paid separately) **€ 70**

[Click here](#) to proceed to the payment of the conference fees.

### 2. Farewell Dinner (optional)

As usual there is the possibility for participants to enjoy the farewell dinner (a typical Tuscan menu: starters, main course and side dishes, dessert, wine) at the breathtaking roof terrace of the [Alla Torre De' Rossi Restaurant](#).

Price is **40 euro** and the payment can be done at the conclusion of the dinner directly to the restaurant.

For reservations, write to [icomos.theory@fondazione-delbianco.org](mailto:icomos.theory@fondazione-delbianco.org) by **6 March 2023**, specifying any specific diets or intolerances.

### 3. On-line attendance

It is free for ICOMOS and Foundation's Members. In order to assist the conference on-line, paste <https://forms.gle/9HwN9TagLuevej597> on your url bar and fill the form up **within 6<sup>th</sup> March 2023**; you will receive a Zoom Platform link before the conference starts.

## 4. Notes

Thanks to a Memorandum of Understanding signed originally in 2013 and renewed in 2019 all the ICOMOS ISCs have the possibility to hold their annual meetings in Florence, in collaboration with the Fondazione Romualdo Del Bianco and its "Life Beyond Tourism" Movement, that prompt local communities in WHS to protect and enhance heritage for travelers inclusiveness and intercultural dialogue.

In 2014 Life Beyond Tourism has been endorsed by the ICOMOS GA Resolutions n. 1 and n. 42

*The Final Resolution of the 18th General Assembly in ICOMOS recognizes the operating of the Foundation's Life Beyond Tourism Model and considers the Foundation as a partner for promoting conferences and meetings with Foundation's university network and ICOMOS*

**ICOMOS**  
international council on monuments and sites

ICOMOS 18<sup>th</sup> General Assembly  
Heritage and Landscape as  
Human Values  
Italy Florence 2014

18th General Assembly of ICOMOS  
Florence, Italy  
9 to 14 November 2014

### Resolutions of the General Assembly

#### 18GA Agenda item 2 Opening of the General Assembly

##### Vote of thanks

##### Resolution 18GA 2014/01

The 18<sup>th</sup> General Assembly of ICOMOS,

**Congratulates** with gratitude ICOMOS Italy for the successful hosting of the 18<sup>th</sup> General Assembly;

**Thanks** The President of the Italian Republic, the President of the Council of the Italian Republic, the Italian Ministry of Cultural Heritage and Activities and Tourism, the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, and UNESCO; as well as the Region of Tuscany, the Province of Florence, the Municipality of Florence, the ITA Italian Trade Agency, the Italian National Commission UNESCO, for their support;

**Acknowledges** with gratitude the support of partners and sponsors, in particular: Life Beyond Tourism – Fondazione Romualdo Del Bianco, The Getty Foundation, P.T.I. Progetti Territoriali Integrati S.p.A., UniCredit, Carso Technologies, Fibre NET, De Feo Restauri, Officina Farmaceutica Santa Maria Novella, Acqua Fonte dei Medici, Consorzio Gragnano Città della Pasta, Fattoria Casa Sola, Consorzio Terra e Orti; and of the Scientific Partners: Università degli Studi di Firenze, CNR Consiglio Nazionale delle Ricerche, PAU –Università Mediterranea di Reggio Calabria, IULM Libera Università di Lingue e Comunicazione, Istituto universitario di Architettura di Venezia, Giambos Association Florence, Fondazione Spadolini Nuova Antologia, ITKI International Traditional Knowledge Institute, FICLU Federazione Italiana Club e Centri UNESCO

#### Resolution 18GA 2014/42 – Travel beyond sustainable tourism: Life Beyond Tourism, Travel for Dialogue

The 18<sup>th</sup> General Assembly of ICOMOS,

**Recalling** that the Fondazione Romualdo Del Bianco signed on 4 March 2013 a Memorandum of Understanding with ICOMOS regarding collaboration on scientific activity related to heritage conservation for intercultural dialogue;

**Noting** that the Fondazione has implemented the "Life Beyond Tourism" philosophy and model for promoting the presentation, interpretation and enjoyment of local cultural identities in order to promote sustainable development;

**Noting** that the Fondazione established the International Life Beyond Tourism Institute in October 2013 for the implementation of its philosophy and model;

**Noting** that the Fondazione develops initiatives for intercultural dialogue including "Life Beyond Tourism: Travel for Dialogue"; which advocates travel as personal outreach, and travel as a gift to share with others, to know and to be known, to be open to dialogue, to appreciate and to respect diversity;

**Recognising** with gratitude that the implementation in Florence of the Life Beyond Tourism Model has allowed a financial support to the Italian National Committee of ICOMOS for organising the 18<sup>th</sup> ICOMOS General Assembly and Scientific Symposium in Florence;

**Considers** the Fondazione Romualdo Del Bianco - with its International Life Beyond Tourism Institute - as a partner for familiarising young people in the Fondazione's network with ICOMOS;

**Supports** the notion and activity of travel to promote dialogue among international youth.

The Fondazione Romualdo Del Bianco and the Life Beyond Tourism Travel to Dialogue Movement are glad to invite universities and heritage organizations represented by the Members of the ICOMOS ISC TheoPhilos to take part to:

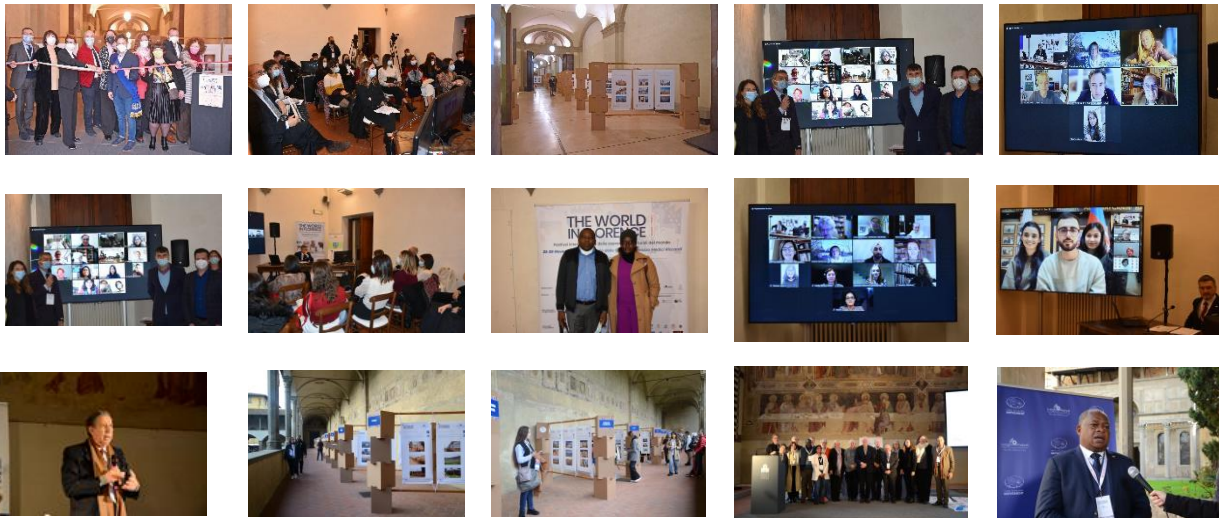
# The World in Florence

3rd Edition

International Festival of the Diversity of the „Talking Places“

[www.theworldinflorence.com](http://www.theworldinflorence.com)

Florence (Italy), November 20-22, 2023  
("Hybrid" format: on-line or in presence)



The Festival is a 5 years-long project (2021-2025) that aims to enlarge worldwide the turnout of higher educational institutes and public administrations engaged in contributing to raise awareness, interpret and communicate the local cultural expressions of their sites for a not only sustainable, but also an inclusive, supportive and ethical progress of the communities they are part of.

Each site presented, thanks to the commitment of the local stakeholders and the use of special NFC/QR technologies, speaks about its identity and spirit in an authentic and intimate way, becomes thus [“Talking Places”](#).

A report of the previous two editions (2021 and 2022) is available on [www.theworldinflorence.com](http://www.theworldinflorence.com).

Participants are invited to produce:

- a **“cultural storytelling”** of a heritage site
- 3 posters summarizing the main cultural features of the cultural storytelling
- a .ppt/.pdf presentation for the Festival (delivered on-line or in presence)

Publication of an ISBN indexed digital catalogue by the “Life Beyond Tourism Editions” is included. For info, write to [secretarygeneral@fondazione-delbianco.org](mailto:secretarygeneral@fondazione-delbianco.org) or [info@lifebeyondtourism.org](mailto:info@lifebeyondtourism.org)





## **5. Scientific Committee**

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