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Timetable

Day 1: Tuesday, 7 March 2023

9:00 – 9:30	Registration	
9:30 – 9:45	Welcome Notes	
	Amal Ghazal - Dean of the School of Social Sciences and Humanities, Doha Institute for Graduate Studies, Qatar	
	Ghassan ElKahlout - Director of the Centre for Conflict and Humanitarian Studies, Qatar	
	Opening Remarks	
	Abdelwahab El Affendi - President and Provost, Doha Institute for Graduate Studies, Qatar	
	Concept Note	
	Nour A. Munawar - Postdoctoral Research Fellow, Doha Institute for Graduate Studies, Qatar	
	Feature Presentation	
9:45 – 10:00	Fatema Hassan Al Sulaiti - Director of International Cooperation Department, CEO Office, Qatar Museums	
	Qatar Museums' Efforts on Post-conflict Reconstruction of Cultural Heritage in MENA	
	Session One: Cultural Heritage Aid, Qatar, and the World	
10:00-11:00	Moderator : Amal Ghazal - Doha Institute for Graduate Studies, Qatar	
	Stephane Ipert - Qatar National Library (QNL), Qatar: Qatar National Library's Efforts to Preserve Documentary Heritage in the Arab Region and the Middle East (IFLA PAC Regional Center - Himaya Project)	
	Joanne Dingwall McCafferty - University of Copenhagen ,Denmark: UNESCO's Reconstruction of Cultural Heritage Sites	
11:00 – 11:15	Coffee break	

11:15 — 12:45	Session Two: Emotions, Effect and Cathartic Practices in Post-Conflict Heritage		
	Moderator :Annette Loeseke - Sheffield University, UK		
	Sarina Wakefield - University of Leicester ,UK: Cathartic Heritage in Post-Conflict MENA		
	Paul Newson - American University of Beirut, Lebanon & Ruth Young - University of Leicester, UK: Issues and Challenges to Engaging Local Communities in Post-Conflict Archaeology and Archaeological Heritage		
	Ammar Azzouz - University of Oxford & University of Essex, UK: Reconstructing Syria in Exile		
12:45 – 13:45	Lunch		
13:45 — 15:15	Session Three: Competing Memory and Heritage Reconstruction Moderator: Farah Aridi - Doha Institute for Graduate Studies, Qatar		
	Craig Larkin and Inna Rudolf - King's College London ,UK: Memory ,Violence and Post-Conflict Reconstruction :Re-imagining Mosul		
	Gruia Bădescu - University of Konstanz ,Germany: Reshaping Space ,Reshaping Memory :International Actors and Post-War Reconstruction from Beirut to the Balkans		
	Gehan Selim - University of Leeds ,UK: Co-producing Memory: The Youth's Vision of Beirut's Contested Past		
	Mounir Sabeh Affaki - Czech Technical University in Prague ,Czechia: Memories, Collective yet Divided :The Potentials of Post-war Memorial Architecture in Aleppo		
15:15 – 15:30	Coffee Break		

	Session Four: Gender, Minorities and Heritage Reconstruction			
	Moderator :Ismail Nashef - Doha Institute for Graduate Studies, Qatar			
15:30 — 17:00	Yasmin Khodary - The British University in Cairo, Egypt: Middle Eastern Women's Agency in Preserving Intangible Cultural Heritage			
	Eleanor Childs - Deakin University ,Australia: The Intersection of Gender and the Intentional Destruction of Cultural Heritage			
	Domagoj Krpan - University of Rijeka, Croatia: Impact of Reconstruction on Yazidi Cultural Heritage and Refugees			
	Keynote Speech			
17:30 – 19:00	Moderator: Nour A. Munawar - Doha Institute for Graduate Studies, Qatar			
	Chiara de Cesari - Professor of Heritage Studies – University of Amsterdam (UvA), Netherlands			
	Heritage: Making and Unmaking (Post)Colonial State Power			

Day 2: Wednesday, 8 March 2023

9:00 – 10:30	Session Five :Palestine's Cultural Heritage and Colonial State Politics Moderator :Issam Nassar - Doha Institute for Graduate Studies, Qatar Ghattas J .Sayej - Agder County Council ,Norway: Cultural Heritage in Palestine between Political Chaos and Systematic Falsification of Evidence Mekarem Eljamal - Columbia University ,USA: Malleable Memories in Crafting "Mixity:"The Place of Cultural Heritage Sites in Conceptualizing the" Mixed "City Hamed Salem - Birzeit University ,Palestine: Safeguarding the Palestinian Archaeological Heritage in a Pro-Colonial Stage	
10:30 – 10:45	Coffee Break	
10:45 – 12:30	Session Six: Post-Conflict Heritage Reconstruction in Iraq Moderator :Haider Saeed - Arab Center for Research and Policy Studies (ACRPS), Qatar Omar Jassam - Mosul University ,Iraq: Cultural Heritage Management in Conflict Areas :Mosul as a Case Study Andrew Petersen - University of Wales Trinity Saint David (UWTSD), UK: The Rehabilitation of Heet Citadel :The Role of Cultural Heritage Bijan Rouhani - University of Oxford ,UK: Forgotten Cultural Heritage in Protracted Wars :A Case Study of the Iran-Iraq War(I9ΛΛ-I9Λ·) Mohammad Hassan Khani - Imam Sadiq University ,Iran: Post-war Reconstruction as a Means of Cultural Diplomacy :Iranian Initiative in Reconstruction of Holy Shrines in Iraq	
12:30 - 13:30	Lunch	

13:30 – 15:00	Session Seven: Post-Conflict Heritage Reconstruction in Libya		
	Moderator: Sansom Milton - Center for Conflict and Humanitarian Studies, Qatar		
	Nur Alah Abdelzayed Valdeolmillos and Djamel Boussaa - Qatar University: Reflections on Continuity and Change for the Post-Conflict Recovery of the Historic City Centre of Benghazi-Libya		
	Mahmoud Hadia and Ahmed Masoud - Department of Antiquities of Libya: The Sabratha Heritage Protection Project :Developing a New Methodology to Assess the Impact of the Crossfire on the Roman Theatre		
	Aurora Hamm - University of Amsterdam ,Netherlands: Whose Common Values and Culture ?Examining the EU Policy on Reconstruction		
15:00 – 15:15	Coffee Break		
	Session Eight: Post-Conflict Heritage Reconstruction in Syria		
	Moderator: Marwan Kabalan - Arab Centre for Research and Policy Studies (ACRPS), Qatar		
	Christine Kousa - Delft University of Technology, Netherlands: Approaches Development for Reconstruction of Historical Buildings in the Old Aleppo City		
15:15 – 17:00	Diana Salahieh - Czech Technical University in Prague, Czechia ;Saeed Asaeed - Brandenburg University of Technology in Cottbus, Germany ;Layla Zibar - KU Leuven ,Belgium and Brandenburg University of Technology in Cottbus, Germany: (Re)Calibrating Heritage: Reading Al-Jdeideh Post-Conflict Transformations in Aleppo, Syria		
	Thomas Richard - Université Clermont-Auvergne, France: Heritage Preservation as a Legitimising Tool through the Russian Media		
	Patrick M. Michel - Université de Lausanne, Switzerland: Post-conflict Virtual Reconstruction in Palmyra: The Ethics of Dealing with Archives		
17:00 – 17:15	Coffee Break		
17:15 — 17:45	Concluding Remarks		
19:00 – 21:30	Farewell Dinner		

"Between Aleppo and Mosul"

An Exhibition on Heritage Destruction in Syria and Iraq

Wars, armed conflicts, and genocides often lead to immense damage and destruction of the material culture of a people, a nation, or a country, and in a broader sense world heritage. These include cultural symbols including houses of worship and libraries, but also archaeological sites and monumental heritage. The assault on material culture can be intentional and aimed to erase the memory of the target group, which is often interpreted as cultural genocide, but it can also be unintentional if foreseeable byproduct of heavy fighting in or near cultural heritage sites.

Iraq and Syria are two closely related societies that have been sunk since 2003 and 2011 in highly destructive conflicts. In Syria, a decade of conflict has killed hundreds of thousands and uprooted and displaced millions at home and in exile. In Iraq, there has been growing chaos, authoritarianism, and sectarianism since 2003. From 2014 on, the self-proclaimed Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIS/ISIL/Daesh) brought death and destruction to both societies. Although the human toll has rightly received a lot of media and academic attention, both conflicts have also caused enormous damage to the invaluable heritage of both societies, from the ancient periods and up to Christian and Islamic eras.

Aleppo and Mosul are two examples of the cultural destruction in Syria and Iraq. All that remains of the World Heritage Site of the Ancient City of Aleppo are piles of rubble, a shadow of the rich heritage the cosmopolitan city used to offer, and a similar picture can be painted for Mosul. Prior to the warfare in Syria and Iraq, in times of thriving and prosperity, both cities were connected historically, geographically, and architecturally. Today, both cities still follow paths of resemblance, but this time in their mutual destruction and cultural cleansing, and both Syria and Iraq have many other sites that were damaged or destroyed in the past years.

In March 2023, the exhibition "Between Aleppo and Mosul" will highlight the cultural heritage destruction in Syria and Iraq and present this destruction with photo material from both countries.

Opening

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Location

Doha Institute for Graduate Studies, Cultural Building

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