MASTERCLASS

Living Religious Heritage through a Narrative Approach:
from Preservation to the Continuity of Creation

28 April 2022
17:00 - 19:00 CET

REGISTRATIONS

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Why this masterclass?

Religious heritage places rarely remain static, but adapt and evolve, whether through the development of original needs or through adaptive reuse. A conservation understanding that prioritises the aesthetic and the historical at the expense of the social and communal treats change to historic structures as something to be avoided or minimised. This weakens the link between local communities and the heritage buildings they animate, and effectively excludes those communities from the decision-making process.

This masterclass will provide an overview of how existing conservation theories deal with continuity and change in historic religious sites and buildings, and then dive into the concept of living heritage. We will then discuss the narrative approach to conservation which, alongside profound respect for the past, allows for the creativity of the local community in the present, and anticipates further change in the future. At the end, some brief reflections on the relation between religious heritage and sustainability, both social and environmental, will be raised.

Exclusive for FRH Members

This free masterclass will introduce conservators and other professionals involved in the management of heritage sites to an innovative approach that addresses living heritage, providing fresh resources for meeting current as well as future challenges.

Participants will engage with theoretical approaches to living religious heritage and sustainability illustrated by case study material. There will then be the opportunity for participants to respond.

All interested FRH members are welcome to participate, regardless of their professional or academic background in the field of heritage.
Programme

17:00 Introduction by FRH Executive Officer, Jordi Mallarach.
17:05 1st session
17:40 Q&A with participants
17:55 2nd session
18:30 Q&A with participants
19:00 Closing of the masterclass.

References

