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‘No Past, No Future?’: An ICOMOS Perspective on Cultural Heritage and the Sustainability Agenda

**‘The World Heritage Sustainable Development policy
and what it means for States Parties’**

Panel and Book Launch

42nd session of the World Heritage Committee,
Manama, Bahrain, 24 June – 4 July 2018

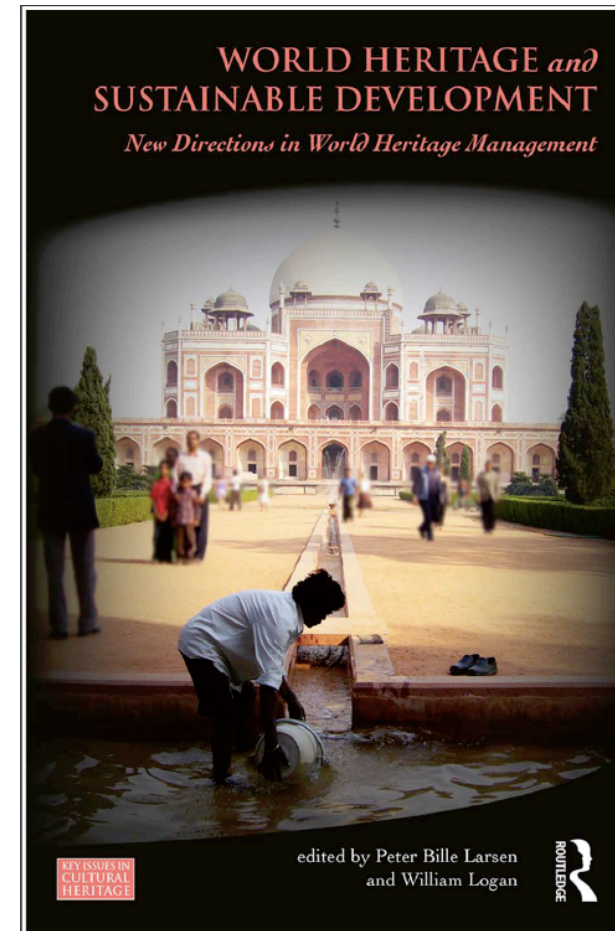
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Why this book is important

- Timely, focused debate, diverse voices
- **An opportunity for ICOMOS:**
 - Long history of thought and debate on links of heritage with society/ sustainability
 - Culmination in 2015 milestone
 - Opportunity to present a coherent perspective on current state of affairs

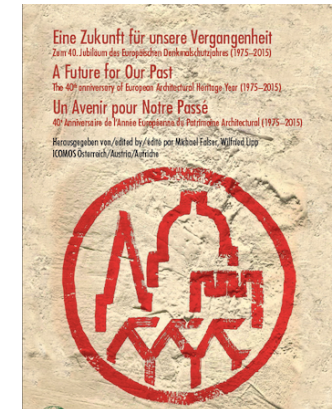




'Before sustainability': ICOMOS engagement: relevant debates

- **Minimum intervention, maintenance**
- **Local resources**
- **Socio-economic viability, needs, measuring benefits, inter-sectoral coordination**
- **Threats from tourism**
- **Informing legislation and planning tools**
- **Stimulating new research agenda**
- **International Scientific Committees (ISCs)**

- **Caceres 1967, Leningrad 1969, Moscow-Suzdal 1978**
- **European Year of Architectural Heritage 1975**
- **"No Past, No Future"- Naples 1981**





Recent ICOMOS steps in operationalizing sustainability

- **2011 Paris: Heritage as a Driver of Development**
- 2016: Concept Note: C.Heritage, SDGs and NUA
- 2017: Action Plan: CH and Localizing the SDGs: **Mainstreaming Heritage**, Advocacy, Means of Implementation, Monitoring
- **Increased Synergies/ Communication:**
- SDG Task Force & Focal Point, WGs Climate, Emerging Professionals, Rights-Based Approaches
- UNESCO & ABs (IUCN, ICCROM), UCLG, UN-Habitat (Our Common Dignity, Connecting Practice, Culture2015 Goal, Culture-Nature Journey)
- **World Heritage Upstream Work**



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ICOMOS and the **World Heritage and Sustainable Development Policy**

- **Challenges and renewal** of intellectual framework
- UNESCO WH-SD Policy: principles/mechanisms to **address deficits**
- Steps to **operationalize** the policy: Workshops (Vilm 2016, Brussels 2018..)
- **Needed:** More research, mechanisms, actions, indicators
- **Parallels** between complexity of social and natural ecosystems
- Study and strengthen **resilience**, adaptation mechanisms
- More **dynamic** and precise management systems



Prospects for the Future...

- **Upstream process as promising, innovative platform:** Starting from Tentative Lists, reflect on governance and management, links to SDGs, mutual benefits across wider social, geographical contexts
- **Ambition of World Heritage:** nodes of excellence for heritage in general



Thank You!
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