



ICOMOS at 60
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ICOMOS THEOPHILOS ISC CONFERENCE
THE ROLE OF ICOMOS IN THE EVOLUTION OF
HERITAGE THEORY AND PHILOSOPHY:
ACHIEVEMENTS, PROBLEMS, CHALLENGES
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ICOMOS Wallonie-Bruxelles



PROGRAMME

Wednesday, 19 November 2025. Day 0

Leuven

10:00-12:30_VISIT TO THE RAYMOND LEMAIRE ARCHIVE

This archive, held by KU Leuven, contains ICOMOS records from 1965 to 1981, including the documentation of drafting process of several doctrinal documents.

Meeting point: *Monseigneur Ladeuzeplein*, 3000 Leuven, in front of the central library.

14:00-17:30_GUIDED WALKING TOUR

Guided walking tour of the Great Beguinage in Leuven, plus a visit to the nearby St. Lambert Chapel in Heverlee - both were important projects by Raymond Lemaire, contemporary with the creation of ICOMOS.

After the visit, reception at the Raymond Lemaire international Centre for Conservation (Arenberg Castle)

Meeting point: Entrance of the Great Beguinage on *Schapenstraat*

17:00_ RECEPTION AT THE ARENBERG CASTLE

Offered by the Raymond Lemaire International Centre for Conservation (KU Leuven)

Thursday, 20 November 2025. Day 1

Faculty of Architecture (Fonck barracks), Chapter Hall

8:45-9:15_REGISTRATION & COFFEE

9:15-10:00_OPENING & INTRODUCTION

Pierre Hallot — Dean of the Faculty of Architecture (ULiège)

Philippe Sosnowska — Director of the Art, Archaeology and Heritage Research Unit (ULiège)

Jean-Sébastien Misson — President of ICOMOS Wallonie-Bruxelles, ICOMOS Belgium Vice-President

Welcome greetings

Bogusław Szmygin - Poland, President ISC Theophilos

The Evolution of Heritage Theory and Philosophy - Paradigm Shift until Turning Point

10:00-11:30_SESSION 1

Chair: Bogusław Szmygin

Claudine Houbart - Belgium

The Development of an International Doctrine: The First Thirty Years of ICOMOS

Nigel Walter - UK

ICOMOS at 60: Surveying our Philosophical Foundations, and How We Might Fix Them

Jelka Pirkovič - Slovenia

Ethical Foundation of Heritage Protection

Calogero Bellanca, Susana Mora Alonso Munoyerro, Cecilia Antonini Lanari, Tommaso Ciciarello – Austria/Spain/Italy

The Mission of ICOMOS

Discussion

11:30-12:00_COFFEE BREAK

12:00-13:30_SESSION 2

Chair: Nigel Walter

Théodore Guuinic – France

Towards an Ethics of Vulnerability: Rethinking Heritage Conservation Theory in the Context of Climate Change

Kameli Zephaniia Bwambale – Uganda (virtual)

Decolonizing Heritage Stewardship in the Face of Climate Crisis: Reflections from the Rwenzori Mountains National Park-World Heritage Site

Bianca Gioia Marino – Italy

The Historical Centre of Naples: Enhancement, Tourism and Authenticity

Yasemin Sarikaya Levent – Türkiye

Bridging the Financial Gap in Heritage Conservation: Theoretical Challenges and the Potential of Public-Private Partnerships

Discussion

13:30-15:00_LUNCH BREAK

15:00-16:30_SESSION 3

Chair: Claudine Houbart

Franca Malservisi – France

Twelve Years Later: a key ICOMOS France Event for Dissemination of Venice Charter Principles

Stefano Gizzi – Italy (virtual)

The Revision of Restoration Theory: The Role of the Italian ICOMOS Committee Name

Dimitrios Zygomalas – Greece

A Tough Interrelation: Architectural Conservation Theory and Mechanical Installations Arrangement in late 19th and Early 20th-Century Monuments

Lukasz Mikolaj Sadowski, Aleksandra Sumorok – Poland

Socialist Realist Heritage in Poland – Successes in Protection and Challenges for the Future Discussion

16:30-17:00_COFFEE BREAK

17:00-18.30_ROUNDTABLE

Moderator: Giora Solar

Hybrid presentation and discussions on the contemporary heritage landscape and the place of ICOMOS within it, with representatives of other heritage bodies.

Julie Deschepper — ACHS

Susan Macdonald — Getty Conservation Institute

Valérie Magar — ICCROM

Alexandra Warr — Historic England

18:30-19:30_THEOPHILOS BOARD MEETING

Containers Meeting room

19:30_CONFERENCE DINNER

Venue: La Mairie, rue des Ecoliers, 16, 4020 Liège



Friday, 21 November 2025. Day 2

Faculty of Architecture (Fonck barracks), Chapter Hall

9:00 -10:30_ SESSION 4

Chair: Dimitrios Zygomas

Tamás Fejérdy - Hungary (VIRTUAL)

Monuments & Sites vs Cultural Heritage

Jinze Cui - China / Belgium

Incompatible Modernities: Dilemma in the Conservation and Display of Earthen Historic Sites in China

Xi Chen, Qinyi Shi - China

Reflections on the Reconstruction of Architectural Heritage in China

Timothy Augustus Y. Ong, Drew Ashley Paige L. Rabadon - Philippines (virtual)

Ship(s) of Theseus: Authenticiti(es) and Identiti(es) of Biñan's Alberto House(s)

Discussion

10:30-11:00_ COFFEE BREAK

11:00-12:30_ SESSION 5

Chair: TBD

Marc Laenen - Belgium

Cultural Heritage from an Argument of Conflicts between Cultures to an Educational Tool for Inclusive Policy and Planning

Paolo Del Bianco - Italy/Hungary (Virtual)

A Third Point of View

Ayesha Agha Shah – Pakistan/Bahrain

Expertise Under Question: The Shifting Authority of Heritage Professionals in the Context of Heritage Developments in Pakistan

Discussion

12:30-13:00_CONCLUDING REMARKS

13:00-14:30_LUNCH BREAK

14:30-17:00_WORKSHOP

Members of TheoPhilos are strongly encouraged to participate in this workshop to develop a TheoPhilos statement in response to the ADCOM review of the process for the adoption of Doctrinal Texts (Articles 8-11 of Rules of Procedure). The aim of this review is to ensure that future adopted texts are of high quality, effective and of enduring relevance.

17:30_RECEPTION

Offered by ICOMOS Wallonie-Bruxelles

Saturday, 22 November 2025. Day 3

10.00 - 12.30_GUIDED WALKING TOUR

Guided walking tour along selected routes in the historic centre of Liège, with stops at major monuments of the city, including the Princebishop's Palace, the slopes of the citadel, the "Cour Saint-Antoine" ensemble, the Collegiate Church of Saint Bartholomew and the Grand Curtius Museum.

Meeting point: Place du Marché, in front of the Town Hall

Participants per country

(v= virtual attendance)

Algeria

Ouahiba Belouchrani

Hassina Sidi Mammar (v)

Australia

Kerime Danis (v)

Nicholas Roberts (v)

Belgium

Sophie Denoel

Aurait Joachim

Stéphanie Wey

Mona Barakat

Maxime Coq

Thérèse Cortembos

Pierre Hallot

Claudine Houbart

Marc Laenen

Jean-Louis Luxen

Jean-Sébastien Misson

Philippe Sosnowska

Luc Verpoest

Alexis Versele

Mari Shammass

Bosnia and Herzegovina

Aida Murtić (v)

Canada

Diane Archibald (v)

Daniel Michelin (v)

China

Chihhyuan Chang (v)

Xi Chen

Jinze Cui

Qianxi Liu (v)

Jingmian Yu (v)

Croatia

Sunara Sagita Mirjam (v)

Czech Republic

Vit Jesensky (v)

France

Théodore Guunic

Yannick Le Gal (v)

Sixtine Lefranc (v)

Franca Malservisi

Linda Scheirton

Jos Welie

Tristan Melie

Greece

Georgios Tropios

Dimitrios Zygomalas

Hungary

Ádám Arnoth

Tamás Fejérdy (v)

Gergely Domonkos Nagy

Helka Dzsacsovszki

India

Prafulla Tarachand Janbade

Israël

Yael Alef (v)

Dror Solar

Giora Solar

Italy

Dimitra Babalis (v)

Francesca Brancaccio (v)

Paolo Del Bianco (v)

Rosa Anna Genovese (v)

Stefano Glzzi (v)

Valérie Magar (v)

Bianca Gioia Marino

Paola Geovanna Maschio (v)

Laura Nicolini (v)

Giorgia Ranieri (v)

Caterina Ruscio (v)

Gunce Uzgoren (v)

Lebanon

Manal Ginzarly

Yasmine Makaroun (v)

Lithuania

Jūratė Markevičienė (v)

Malaysia

Azwin Aksan (v)

Elena Gregoria Chai (v)

Rohayah Che Amat (v)

Chenrezig Lobsang (v)

Falzah Mohd Isa (v)

See Huat Wong (v)

Mexico

Louise-Noelle Gras (v)

The Netherlands

Julie Deschepper

Ta Faf (v)

Nigeria

John Gbadejo Adeniran

Livingston Daniel Okpakhalu (v)

Pakistan/Bahrein

Ayesha Agha Shah

The Philippines

Drew Ashley Paige Rabadon (v)

Timothy Augustus Ong (v)

Poland

Łukasz Mikolaj Sadowski

Bogusław Szmygin

DRC

Dieudonné Bankunyi Mpanda

Dechaux Ngandu Kabuyi

Romania

Ruxandra Lulia Stoica (v)

Serbia

Dubravka Dukanović (v)

Singapore

Braema Mathiapparanam (v)

Slovenia

Jelka Pirkovič

Spain

Susana Mora Alonso

Munoyerro

Sweden

Haral Keijer

Turkey

Cansu Ekici (v)

Senem Işık (v)

Yasemin Sirakaya Levant

Uganda

Kameli Zephania Bwanbale (v)

UK

Caroline Sandes (v)

John Wakefield

Nigel Walter

Alexandra Warr (v)

USA

Susan Macdonald (v)