



Call for Papers

International Conference of the Arab-German Young Academy of Sciences and Humanities (AGYA)

Tangible and Intangible Heritage: Between Architectural Aspects, Urban Specificities and Local Cultures Berlin, Germany, 18-19 October 2023, hybrid

Urban heritage serves as an endless source of insights into architectural creation. It embodies the relation between society, cultural identity, daily practices, lifestyle, and the physical environment. The conference's goal is to analyze local heritage strategies and align them with global sustainability visions. It aims to acknowledge diverse cultural influences while studying how historical, social, economic, and political factors impact architectural and urban living in selected cities across countries. To redefine heritage as a cross-disciplinary and intercultural notion, historians, sociologists, cultural theorists, architects, urban planners, and urban designers are invited to assess the past to inform the present and future. Recommendations for preserving old cities while safeguarding culture and community shall be developed in this interdisciplinary endeavour.

By exploring the past, present, and future of old cities, this conference aims to redefine heritage as an interdisciplinary and intercultural concept. It addresses the necessity of expressing sustainable heritage through tangible and intangible parameters and questions prevailing heritage paradigms. The forms of traditional buildings have been designed using available natural energy sources, e.g., for heating reduction and natural ventilation. Revisiting these traditional practices and techniques like climate-adapted building forms and social-oriented urban layouts are an essential part of the preservation of identity and cultural values. In the 21st century, urban life must consider sustainable development, meeting present needs without compromising the well-being of future generations.

Themes:

1. Architectural and urban heritage in old cities

- Traditional urban network and urban spaces specificities
- Traditional buildings and liveability
- Housing and architectural typology

2. Cultural heritage and local specificities

- Cultural identity, lifestyle and way of living the space
- Social life and values
- Local culture and its artistic representation

3. Local approaches to sustainable heritage

- Local experiences and local governance
- Processes of participation for the local population
- Local materials of construction and natural methods of heat dissipation

4. Protection and management requirements

- Safeguard of the built environment
- Preventive conservation and maintenance of tangible and intangible heritage
- Processes of preservation and development for future generations

Important Dates

17 September 2023: Submission deadline for an abstract of max. 250 words with a short biography of max. 100 words

22 September 2023: Notification of acceptance

10 October 2023: The deadline to submit the article of max. 6.000 words

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The academy supports the innovative projects of its members in various fields of research, science policy, and education. More than 60 members – in equal number Arab and German scholars – realize joint research projects and initiatives on topics such as Arab and German Education; Common Heritage and Common Challenges; Energy, Water and Environment; Health and Society; Transformation; and Innovation. With members and alumni in 18 Arab countries and Germany, AGYA successfully promotes resilient North-South-South cooperation, higher education, research and innovation.