

## UNESCO CHAIR/UNITWIN NETWORK PROGRESS REPORT FORM

<b>Title of the Chair/Network:</b>	UNESCO Chair in Urban Design and Conservation Studies
<b>Host Institution:</b>	Bezalel Academy of Arts and Design, Jerusalem
<b>Date of establishment of Chair/Network:</b> <i>(mm, yyyy)</i>	2004
<b>Period of activity under report:</b> <i>(mm, yyyy - mm, yyyy)</i>	Academic Year 10.2013 – 09.2014
<b>Report established by:</b> <i>(name, position)</i>	Professor Michael Turner UNESCO Chair in Urban Design and Conservation Studies

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### 1. Executive Summary:

*Major outcomes, results and impact of the Chair, including on national policies, in relation to its objectives as stated in Article 2 of the Chair Agreement (between the Institution and UNESCO)*  
(Not exceeding 300 words)

This academic year, the focus in Israel has been the formalising of the Research and Innovation Authority in the Academy and laying foundations for inter-disciplinary applied research. Two main EU programmes continue, DESURBS and COST while a new TEMPUS project supporting student empowerment has begun. The DESURBS has impacted the UNISDR encouraging the integration of culture in the resilient cities programme. At the national level, the COST action on Crime Prevention through Environmental Design has been adopted by the Ministry of Homeland Security and the Chair is currently preparing criteria for the Israel Lands Authority that highlights heritage values and will, hopefully be adopted in the coming year.

The UNESCO Chair continues with intensive international activities, as UNESCO Chargé de Mission and promoting the fields of research at international conferences and workshops. This has included advising on the Tentative Lists of Germany and Canada and preparations for the celebration of the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Nara Document.

As Chargé de Mission to the UNESCO ADG Culture and the Director of the World Heritage Centre, the Chair has represented UNESCO at various venues, participated in numerous activities, and prepared the evaluation of the WHITR-AP C2C in China. The Chair also accompanies the UNESCO Recommendation on Historic Urban Landscape, participating in the HUL +2 years' evaluation at UNESCO HQ and meetings on its application in Edirne, Zanzibar and Hong Kong. As an active member in ICOMOS, the Chair participated in meetings of the International Scientific Committees on Cultural Tourism and Legislation.

**2) Activities:**

*Overview of activities undertaken by the Chair during the reporting period*

**a) Education/Training/Research**

*(key education programmes and training delivered and research undertaken by the Chair during the reporting period, target group and geographical coverage)*

<b>i) Education (leading to certificate)</b>	<p>First semester course in urban conservation open to international exchange students within the framework of the Graduate Programme in Urban Design and the Department of Architecture, Bezalel Academy of Arts and Design. The theme chosen was the UNESCO Recommendation on Historic Urban Landscapes; Preparation for professionals seeking CPD recognition.</p>
<b>ii) Training (short term)</b>	<p>National workshop on conservation, Conservation practices for site managers and activists, coordinated by the Israel Antiquities Authority Acre, April 2014</p>
<b>iii) Research</b>	<p>In the framework of the EU continuing research the following activities have been undertaken:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. DESURBS 2011-2014 Designing Safer Urban Spaces –</li> <li>2. TEMPUS 2014 - 2016     ESPRIT project including 4 Israeli and 6 European Universities developing and evaluating student empowerment including programmes and activities</li> <li>3. COST – 2012 – 2016     Crime Prevention through Environmental Design</li> <li>4. In the framework of National and Local Research based on the UNESCO Memory of the World programme the continuing development of a National Archive for Arts, Architecture and Design in cooperation with the National Library</li> <li>4. Building criteria for conservation, Israel Lands Authority</li> </ol> <p>The following research proposals have been presented during the year:     Vernacular Architecture and the terraces</p>

## **b) Conferences/Meetings**

*(key conferences and meetings organized by the Chair or to which its Chairholder contributed)*

### **i) Key conferences and workshops organized by the Chair**

DESURBS/COST, 11-14 May      DESURBS Dissemination event, with the participation of ICOMOS and UNISDR Resilient Cities  
COST workshop preparation event

### **ii) Other conferences/organizational activities to which the Chairholder contributed:**

1. International Experts meeting Auschwitz-Birkenau, 20-22 October
2. The Heritage of Lodz, 23 October
3. Anglo-Israel Colloquium - Ethics and Responsibility in an Interconnected World, 15-16 November
4. International Conference on Heritage Conservation - Latest Movements in Heritage Conservation: Global Vision and Local Outlook, *Social Perspectives of HUL*, Hong Kong 27-30 November
5. Reflection on the HUL+2years, Paris, UNESCO, 12-14 December
6. ICOMOS Scientific Committee on Legislation, Tiberius, 13 January
7. International Expert Workshop & Stakeholder Conference, Ng'ambo, a town ready for a future anchored in its values, Zanzibar 9-13 February
8. Nara + 20 workshop preparation, Fukuoka, 20-24 February
9. ICOMOS Scientific Committee on Cultural Tourism, Florence, 9-13 March
10. Advisory Board of the German Tentative List – till April
11. HUL Workshop for Edirne, 20-22 May
12. World Heritage Committee, Doha, 15-22 June
13. Symposium of Cultural Heritage Management in Higher Education: Teaching and Learning, Madrid, (planned), 17-21 September

## **c) Interuniversity Exchanges/Partnerships**

*(principal exchanges/partnerships between the Chair and other institutions including UNESCO Chairs/UNITWIN Networks)*

Partnerships and exchanges have taken place with the following UNESCO Chairs and related programmes:

UNESCO centre for Traditional Knowledge. The International Protection of Landscapes, The rock cut cities traditional knowledge for the proper management of ecosystems, Matera 21-24 November

UNESCO Chair for Sustainable Development - Bangalore

UNESCO Chair at the Institute of Disaster Mitigation for Urban Cultural Heritage, Ritsumeikan University, within the framework of DESURBS and the UNISDR Resilient Cities programme

UNESCO Chair Technical University, Brandenburg, Cottbus

University of Ferrara  
Preparation for a new UNESCO/World Heritage Centre/ICCROM UNITWIN proposal in Urban Conservation

ERASMUS MUNDUS programme, EMAIL III for years 2013-2017 including institutions with programmes in urban design and conservation - the Raymond Lemaire Centre at Leuven, Estonia Academy of Arts, University College, Dublin and Turin Polytechnic

University of Tsukuba, World Heritage Studies:  
Workshop and Seminar on Heritage Negotiation (planned), 3-10 September

#### d) Publications/Multimedia Materials

*(major publications and teaching/learning materials)*

<i>Please tick relevant fields of output and indicate volume of output:</i>	[tick]	[no.]
<b>Books</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<b>Books (edited)</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<b>Books (chapters)</b>	x	3 in press
<b>Monographs</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<b>Research Reports</b>	x	for DESURBS programme
<b>Journal Articles (refereed)</b>	x	1 article & journal peer review
<b>Conference Proceedings</b>	x	peer review for ICOMOS GA
<b>Occasional Papers</b>	x	3 occasional papers
<b>Teaching/Learning Materials</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<b>Multimedia Materials (CD-Rom)</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<b>Multimedia Materials (Video)</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<b>Multimedia Materials (Other)</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

*Give details of major publications and materials including full citations.*

##### i) Theses

None

##### ii) Publications - Journal

Michael Turner and Tal Tomer, Community Participation and the Tangible and Intangible Values of Urban heritage; Heritage and Society, November 2013

##### iii) Publications (in press) - Chapters

Michael Turner & Rachel Singer, Urban Resilience in Climate Change, TU Dresden

Michael Turner, Vernacular Architecture – Israel and the Levant; Encyclopedia of Vernacular Architecture, Thames and Hudson

Michael Turner & Rachel Singer, From theory to practice – layering urban values; The Historic Urban Landscape, Wiley

### e) Cooperation with UNESCO Headquarters, Field Offices

The UNESCO Chair had a dollar-a-year contract till December 2013 as Chargé de Mission to the UNESCO ADG Culture and in this role participated in many activities in the field of Historic Urban Landscapes and UNESCO Chairs. This was extended for 2014 as Chargé de Mission to the Director of the World Heritage Centre, with further emphasis on the management of World Heritage.

1. Representing ADG-Culture/Director WHCentre

Architecture Week in Prague, seminar and opening of the Preservation of Cultural Heritage in EU, 2-3 October

Nara +20 discussions, Fukuoka, 20-24 February

2. International Expert Workshop & Stakeholder Conference, Ng'ambo, a town ready for a future anchored in its values, Zanzibar 9-13 February, coordinated by the Dar-es-Salam Field Office

3. UNESCO C2C evaluation of the World Heritage Institute for Training and Research-Asia & Pacific, Shanghai, Suzhou, Beijing, 23-28 May

4. World Heritage Committee 15-22 June, Doha

Continuing the preparation and analysis of the World Heritage Fund and possible alternatives for State Party voluntary contributions

5. Preparation of UNESCO/World Heritage Priority Topics and Research Questions for Universities

6. Towards the UNESCO contribution for UNHabitat 2016, Paris, (planned), 14-16 September

### f) Other

*(any other activities to report)*

The Chair has been appointed as Israel President of the Anglo-Israel Colloquium. The Anglo-Israel Association mounts a Colloquium every other year bringing together a select number of people from the UK and Israel to discuss topics of mutual interest. These gatherings have played an important role in bringing together prominent British and Israeli academics and leaders in industry, science and the media.

Further to the EU research project DESURBS, the Chair was also appointed Advocate of the Resilient Cities Campaign of the UNISDR.

The Chair is preparing criteria for the Israel Lands Authority that highlights heritage values to be applied to all properties of the Authority.

### 3. Future Plans and Development Prospects:

*Outline of action plan for the next biennium and short/medium and long-term development prospects. Please do not hesitate to refer to difficulties that the Chair has experienced (Not exceeding 300 words)*

Future plans include:

- 1 The role of the post-professional Masters degree and specializations is now being questioned and a further research is proposed for the next ERASMUS + /TEMPUS call
- 2 UNITWIN network for integrating cultural criteria in the UNISDR Resilient Cities programme
- 3 Continuing series of seminars and workshops concerned with the urban design and conservation.
- 4 Further proposals within the EU framework including ENPI and Partnership for Peace.

One of the critical problems remains that of finance, as currently all activities need to be funded outside the regular budget of the Bezalel Academy.

### Appendix:

#### 1) Human Resources

The UNESCO Chairholder, Professor Michael Turner together with research assistants are active in maintaining the activities of the Chair. Extra human resources are allocated on a project by project basis wherever necessary.

#### 2) Financial Resources

<i>Please tick sources of financial contribution and specify the amount in U.S. dollars</i>	[tick]	Amount (\$)
<b>Host Institution</b>	x	<b>\$30,000 – salaries, activities and student support</b>
<b>Partner Institution</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
<b>Government Body</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
<b>Other Public Institution/Body (incl. Research Councils)</b>	x	<b>\$20,000 in grant projects</b>
<b>UNESCO</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
<b>Other UN Agency</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
<b>IGO</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
<b>NGO</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
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<b>Other Private</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____

*Give details of financial contributions, material resources and space.*

The situation is similar to previous reporting years.

The financial contribution to the UNESCO Chair from the Bezalel Academy includes a component part of the salary of the UNESCO Chairholder and support for research assistants on a project-by-project basis. With the establishment of the new Research & Innovation Authority in the Academy further resources have been made available during the academic year. Specific activities are supported in kind and with funds for expenses.

All office administration and space is allocated within the budget of the Research & Innovation Authority and the Graduate Programme for Urban Design.

The EU funded projects, and which the Chair is associated, are integrated within the Department Research grants; as were the support given by other agencies. While it is difficult to calculate the exact amounts within the UNESCO Chair activities the rounded amounts are indicated under *Other Public Institution/Body (incl. Research Councils)* and represent the value of the input of the UNESCO chair within these activities.

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