

UNESCO CHAIR/UNITWIN NETWORK PROGRESS REPORT FORM

Title of the Chair/Network:	UNESCO Chair in Urban Design and Conservation Studies
Host Institution:	Bezalel Academy of Arts and Design, Jerusalem
Date of establishment of Chair/Network: <i>(mm, yyyy)</i>	2004
Period of activity under report: <i>(mm, yyyy - mm, yyyy)</i>	Academic Year 10.2014 – 09.2015
Report established by: <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 was the first operative year of the Research and Innovation Authority in the Academy jump-started by the UNESCO Chair 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, together with participation in the UNISDR Sendai World Conference.

The UNESCO Chair continues with intensive international activities, promoting the fields of research at international conferences and workshops. This has included the preparations for the celebration of the 20th anniversary of the Nara Document and the UNISDR Sendai meetings.

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. The Chair also accompanies the UNESCO Recommendation on Historic Urban Landscape and other UNESCO activities in the Cities Programme. As an active member in ICOMOS, the Chair participated in the General Assembly in Florence and participated in the Youth Forum Workshop.

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 preparing criteria for the Israel Lands Authority that highlights heritage values. During the year many training sessions were undertaken in the fields of urban conservation for professionals and academics with the participation of the Chair.

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)

i) Education (leading to certificate)	An intensive summer course 2-13 August, 2015, in urban design was given to non-architectural students entering the urban design within the framework of the Graduate Program in Urban Design, Bezalel Academy of Arts and Design. Preparation for professionals seeking CPD recognition.
ii) Training (short term)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. UNISDR capacity building, 3-7 December, 2014, Tbilisi, Georgia 2. One-day course for archaeologists and architects, coordinated by the Israel Antiquities Authority, Jerusalem, 5 November 2015 3. Participation in the Technion graduate MSc programme in Conservation, 8 January 2015 4. Week activity on the Historic Urban Landscape Recommendation with the participation of Prof Francesco Bandarin, IUAV, 18-23 January 2015 at the Graduate Program in Urban Design, Bezalel Academy of Arts and Design 5. National workshop on conservation, Conservation practices for site managers and activists, coordinated by the Israel Antiquities Authority Acre, 29 January 2015
iii) Research	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Final DESURBS meeting, 25-26 February 2015, Brussels 2. COST – 2012 – 2016 Crime Prevention through Environmental Design Jerusalem case-study workshop 20-21 May 2015 3. Building criteria for conservation, Israel Lands Authority 4. EU Horizon 2020 – CHAMP <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. BTU-Cottbus preparation meeting 1, 28-29 April 2. BTU-Cottbus preparation meeting 2, 21-22 June

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

Week activity on the Historic Urban Landscape Recommendation with the participation of Prof Francesco Bandarin, IUAV, 18-23 January 2015 at the Graduate Program in Urban Design, Bezalel Academy of Arts and Design

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

1. Architecture Week in Prague 1-2 October, 2014
2. Nara +20 presentation of final document, *Multiple Stakeholders*, 21-26 October, 2014, Nara, Japan
3. ICOMOS General Assembly, 9-14 November, 2014, Florence
4. Youth Festival, Life beyond Tourism, student workshop , 11-12 November, 2014, Florence
5. Public Lecture on the Modern Movement , 19-20 November 2014, Nicosia, Cyprus
6. John Harvard-Cambridge Colloquium, 11-13 February 2015, Kings College Cambridge
7. International Expert Meeting on Cultural Heritage Disaster Risk Management, *Disaster Resilient World Heritage Cities*, 11-15 March 2015, Tokyo and Sendai, Japan
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8. Toward Understanding the Outstanding Universal Value of Religious Heritage; *Jewish Concepts in Heritage Conservation* 22-25 April 2015, Korea
9. 39th session of the World Heritage Committee - Symposium on the Pillars of Sustainability of the UNESCO Conventions and Programmes; *Social Sustainability of the Historic Urban Landscape*, 25 June – 6 July 2015, Bonn
10. *New Approaches to Urbanism*, Heritage Studies Centre, Institute for Tourism Studies, Macao, 8- 15 July, 2015
11. 10th Anniversary of the Historic Centre of Macao as World Heritage, International Seminar on the Conservation of the Cultural Heritage; *The City of the Future or the Future of the City*, 9-13 July 2015, Macao
12. Seminar Rethinking the future of the “Addizione di Niccolo” , 6-8 September 2015, Ferrara

iii) Local conferences/organizational activities to which the Chairholder contributed:

1. Second National Conference on Conservation; *Authenticity and Integrity – Nara and Beyond*, 30 October 2014, Bar Ilan University
2. 30 years anniversary of the Council for the Preservation of Sites, Van Leer Institute, Jerusalem, 17 December 2014
3. *Authenticity in the City*, Bezalel Academy, 21 December 2014, Bezalel Academy
4. *The Synagogue* 5 February 2015
5. Schatz House- Different Jerusalem, *Geddes and Schatz - the Arts and Crafts Movement in Jerusalem*, April 2015, Jerusalem
6. The City after Dark - *Light in Jerusalem and social change* , 10-11 June 2015
7. Workshop on conservation policy for the Israel Lands Authority , 18 June 2015

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 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

University of Tsukuba, World Heritage Studies:

Workshop and Seminar on Heritage Negotiation 3-10 September, 2014

d) Publications/Multimedia Materials

(major publications and teaching/learning materials)

Please tick relevant fields of output and indicate volume of output:

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Books	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Books (edited)	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Books (chapters)	x	3
Monographs	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Research Reports	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Journal Articles (refereed)	x	
Conference Proceedings		
Occasional Papers	x	
Teaching/Learning Materials	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Multimedia Materials (CD-Rom)	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Multimedia Materials (Video)	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Multimedia Materials (Other)	<input type="checkbox"/>	

Give details of major publications and materials including full citations.

i) Theses

None

ii) Publications - Journal

Michael Turner and Yael Cohen, "אֹתֶנְטִיּוֹת וְשִׁלְמוֹת: מִסְמָךְ נֶאֱרָה לְאוֹר הַשִּׁינְיִים שֶׁחָלוּ בְהַעֲרַכַת הַמּוֹרֶשֶׁת", "אותנטיות ושלמות: מסמך נארה לאור השינויים שחלו בהערכת המורשת", "אותנטיות ושלמות: מסמך נארה לאור השינויים שחלו בהערכת המורשת", Volume 4, August 2015

iii) Publications - Chapters

Michael Turner, Jewish Concepts in Heritage Conservation, Book section "Toward Understanding the Outstanding Universal Value of Religious Heritage"

Michael Turner, Book section "Perception Of Sustainability In Heritage Studies", World Heritage Committee

Michael Turner and Rachel Singer, European Architectural Heritage and Conservation in the Levant – parallels and influences, Book section A Future for Our Past. The 40th anniversary of European Architectural Heritage Year (1975–2015), ICOMOS

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, 1-2 October, 2014

Nara +20 celebration event , 21-26 October, 2014

Tenth Anniversary of the World Heritage Listing, Macau, 9-13 July 2015

3. World Heritage Committee - June 2015, Bonn

Integration of the Recommendation on the HUL in the Operational Guidelines and a tribute to Dr Ron van Oers;

Lunch-time event of OWHC for the Resilient Cities General Conference 2015 Arequipa;

Symposium by BTU-Cottbus on Sustainability and the World Heritage Convention

ICOMOS Lunch-time event on Heritage Impact Assessments

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

5. Towards the UNESCO contribution for the Global Report to UNHabitat III, 2016,

f) Other*(any other activities to report)*

The Chair has been appointed to the local Scientific Advisory Committee of the French Government regarding the preservation of their properties in Jerusalem – the Tomb of the Kings and the Saint Anne Compound. He continues as Israel President of the Anglo-Israel Colloquium with the preparation for the next Colloquium in 2015 bringing together a select number of people from the UK and Israel to discuss the topic *Measuring the Value of the Arts*.

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

The second meeting of the World Heritage Watch took place prior to the World Heritage Committee session in Bonn. The Chair is active in supporting civil society in the processes of conservation in general and the World Heritage framework in particular.

At the national level, the Chair

- coordinated a workshop for the Israel Lands Authority that highlights heritage values to be applied to all properties of the Authority, 18 June 2015;
- was appointed one of the judges for the architectural competition for the new Safed College integrating existing historic buildings;
- participated in the preparation of the Israel National Forum within the framework of UNHabitat III;

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

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Future plans include:

- 1 Focusing on the upcoming debates on the UN Sustainable Development Goals and the New Urban Agenda of UNHabitat III;
- 2 UNITWIN network for integrating cultural criteria in the UNISDR Resilient Cities programme and developing a Mediterranean network;
- 3 Continuing series of seminars and dissemination workshops concerned with the urban design and conservation and specifically the 2011 Recommendation on the Historic Urban Landscape.

One of the critical problems continues to be 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 (\$)
Host Institution	x	\$30,000 – salaries, activities and student support
Partner Institution	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Government Body	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Other Public Institution/Body (incl. Research Councils)	x	_____
UNESCO	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$20,000 in grant projects
Other UN Agency	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
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NGO	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Industry	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Other Private	<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 and other projects, and which the Chair is associated, are integrated within the Department Research grants. 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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