

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 10.2015 – 09.2016
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)

The focus this academic year has been on the major international documents that have been approved including the 2030 UN Sustainable Development Goals and the preparations for the New Urban Agenda as part of UNHabitat III. The Chair was an integral part of the National Urban Agenda and Bezalel hosted the workshops in preparation of the final document: "Other Urbanisms: Civil Society as City Maker", published on ISSUU

https://issuu.com/israelurbanforum/docs/habitat_iii_quito_iuf_report_201608

Further outcomes focused on the role of the Chair in coordinating the Research and Innovation Authority in the Academy developing interdisciplinary research projects. This has resulted in the approval of major grants that will have a long-term effect in the Academy.

The Chair has coordinated the academic activities of LACDE for the Resilient City Programme in Israel.

Within the framework of UNESCO, in addition to representing the Division of Heritage in major meetings, there were two major outcomes – Report on Urban Heritage for the World Heritage Centre and the mainstreaming of the 2011 Recommendation on the Historic Urban Landscape.

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)	Second semester course in urban conservation in Jerusalem open to international exchange students within the framework of the Graduate Programme in Urban Design, Bezalel Academy of Arts and Design. The theme chosen was the understanding of 'heritage value' and the development of a Statement of OUV for Jerusalem.
ii) Training (short term)	As part of the activities of the Research & Innovation Authority a series of coaching events took place introducing younger faculty to design research and developing the interdisciplinary research groups. A day's workshop, 10 April 2016, by the Director of the University of Cambridge CRASH addressed these issues. The Chair also participated in the annual conservation training course coordinated by the Israel Antiquities Authority for conservators. This took place at the International Conservation Center – Città di Roma in Acre.
iii) Research	Urban Heritage – UNESCO World Heritage Centre, Sustainable, Resilient and Green Cities – UNESCO Culture Sector Support to: Terraces in Israel – Israel Nature and Parks Authority

b) Conferences/Meetings

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

i) Key conferences and workshops co-organized by the Chair

1. Anglo-Israel Colloquium, *Measuring the Value of the Arts* 29-31 October 2015
2. National Urban Forum – Resilient Cities with UNISDR-Europe, 17-19 November 2015
3. National Urban Forum - Urban Biospheres, 1-2 June 2016

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

1. *Impact of Social Changes in the Urban Landscape*, Prague, Architecture Week, 29 September – 1 October 2015, Prague
2. *The Language of World Heritage*; 13-15 October, 2015, Llieda
3. HIA, 23-25 October, Aachen
4. HIA, 20-21 November 2015, Vienna
5. *Culture as an enabler for Sustainable Development?* 22-24 November 2015, Padua
6. *Sustainable, Green and Resilient Cities: Integrating heritage and traditional knowledge into innovative and culture-based solutions to environmental concerns*, New Threats to Urban Heritage: Strengthening Resilience; International Conference on Culture for Sustainable Cities, 10-12 December 2015, Hangzhou, People's Republic of China
7. Meeting of C2C and UNESCO Chairs, UNESCO, Paris, 14 December 2015
8. Mutual Workshop of Thuringia and Rhineland-Palatinate on the Question of a serial World Heritage Nomination, *European Jewish Heritage*, 14-15 January 2016 Erfurt
9. John Harvard-Cambridge Colloquium, 3-5 February 2016, Kings College, Cambridge
10. Challenges in the governance, management and use of World Heritage properties of religious interest, UNESCO Paris, 15-18 February 2016, Paris
11. Round Table, From Conservation to Reconstruction: How World Heritage is Changing Theory and Practice, *Past and present: the dilemma of reconstructing historic places*, 8-11 March 2016, Montreal
12. Advanced Brainstorm Carrefour – The Science of the City – *City of Education*, 20-22 March 2016, Naples
13. Preparation for a new UNITWIN Mediterranean proposal in Urban Conservation – - Ferrara, 2-4 June 2016
14. 40th session of the World Heritage Committee, From Resilience of Cultural Heritage to Community Involvement, 10-20 July 2016, Istanbul, Turkey
15. Creative Asia Forum, The protection and development of historical heritage, 23 -28 August 2016, Gulangyu
16. Great Rivers Forum, Evolution and Sustainable Development of Great River Civilizations, UNESCO perspectives, Sep-16, Wuhan

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

1. Urban Environment and Sustainability – The Vineyard Cultural Landscape, June 2916, Tel Aviv, Israel

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:

Heritage Impact Assessment – Universities of Aachen, Eindhoven, Krems, IUAV and Bezalel
To analyse HIS case-studies in European regions and explore the long-term possibilities for a HIA platform. Three meetings in Aachen, Eindhoven and Krems.

UNESCO Chair at the Institute of Disaster Mitigation for Urban Cultural Heritage, Ritsumeikan University, within the framework the UNISDR Resilient Cities programme and a proposal for a bi-lateral research funded by the Israel and Japan Ministries of Science.

UNESCO Chair Technical University, Brandenburg, Cottbus

University of Ferrara – UNESCO Chairs of the Mediterranean
Preparation for a new UNESCO/World Heritage Centre/ICCROM UNITWIN proposal in Urban Conservation – follow-up meeting – Ferrara, 2-4 June 2016

ERASMUS MUNDUS programme, including institutions with programmes in urban design and conservation – University of the Arts, University College London, Padua University, IUAV.

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	
Monographs	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Research Reports	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Journal Articles (refereed)	x	
Conference Proceedings	x	
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

iii) Publications (in press) – Chapters

Michael Turner, Culture as an Enabler for Sustainable development; " Heritage Series" , 2016

e) Cooperation with UNESCO Headquarters, Field Offices

The UNESCO Chair had a dollar-a-year contract till December 2015 as Chargé de Mission to the UNESCO Director for Heritage and the World Heritage Centre and in this role participated in many activities in the field of Historic Urban Landscapes and UNESCO Chairs. This was extended for the year 2016 with further emphasis on the management of World Heritage.

1. Representing ADG-Culture/Director WHCentre
 - Architecture Week in Prague, 1 October
 - Advanced Brainstorm Carrefour – The Science of the City – City of Education, March 2016
 - Great Rivers Forum, Evolution and Sustainable Development of Great River Civilizations, UNESCO perspectives, Sep-16, Wuhan
2. Preparation of Urban Heritage Document based on the decision of the World Heritage Committee on the Historic Urban Landscape.
3. Towards the UNESCO contribution for UNHabitat III, Hangzhou, December 2015 and the preparation of background documents.
4. Preparation of UNESCO/World Heritage Priority Topics and Research Questions for Universities and meeting of UNESCO C2Cs and Chairs, December 2015.
5. Preparation and participation in the meeting of the South-East European region on challenges in the governance, management and use of World Heritage properties of religious interest.
6. Participation in the 40th session of the World Heritage Committee – presentations:
 - Urban Heritage
 - Resilient and sustainable cities – OWHC
 - UNESCO Chairs and input for Sustainable World Heritage

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. This year the subject was “Measuring the Value of the Arts” with participants from the academia and professions.

Further to the EU research project DESURBS, the Chair was also appointed Advocate of the Resilient Cities Campaign of the UNISDR. The Chair has been active in LACDE – Local Authorities Confronting Disasters and Emergencies and furthering the Resilient Cities Campaign in Israel. Further research proposals have been developed especially related to earthquakes and climate change.

The Chair is preparing criteria for the Israel Lands Authority that highlights heritage values to be applied in the development briefs of all properties of the Authority and a national policy for conservation as coordinated by the Prime Minister's Office.

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)

The term for the UNESCO memorandum will terminate in March 2017 and a renewal programme is being prepared for a further four-year term of office. The focus will be on the major global documents of the past two years and their integration into National policies. This will include local applied research and dissemination. These documents include the SDG, New Urban Agenda, Sendai Framework and COP21, while the emphasis will be given towards the issues of urban design and conservation.

Further attention will be given to the UNESCO priorities based on discussions with the AD-G Culture and the Director for Heritage and the World Heritage Centre. The continuing monitoring of the 2011 Recommendation on the Historic Urban Landscape will be a central theme.

With the appointment of Dr Els Verbakel as the new head of the Urban Design Graduate Programme it is also proposed to include her participation in the Chair activities, and register the programme in the UNHabitat network.

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	\$20,000 in grant projects
UNESCO	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Other UN Agency	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
IGO	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
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 projects, specific research grants and contracts and for which the Chair is associated, are integrated within the Department; 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.