

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 10.2017 – 09.2018
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 is the sixth full year as UNESCO chargé de mission. The original contract as chargé de mission to the ADG Culture was signed in August 2011, renewed in January 2012 and January 2013, and subsequently renewed as chargé de mission to the Director of the World Heritage Centre in January 2014, January 2015 and further renewed in January 2016 and January 2017 as chargé de mission to the Director for Heritage, Dr Mechtild Rossler.

In accordance with the contract, the activities undertaken during the year 2017 continue to be in three main fields – World Heritage, the Recommendation on Historic Urban Landscape and other academic cooperation through the UNESCO Chairs. Many of the activities are intertwined, and coordination has been with the Director and staff of the World Heritage Centre through skype and information meetings.

The activities of the chargé de mission have been supported by the UNESCO Chair at the Bezalel Academy and below are those activities attributed to the contract and that were performed during the year. Dr Els Verbakel who heads the Urban Design Graduate Program at Bezalel has joined the UNESCO Chair this year and is supporting the UNESCO activities in all its fields.

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)	<p><u>2017-</u></p> <p>The Graduate Program in Urban Design at the Bezalel Academy was recognised as a UNHabitat University in September 2017. This will strengthen the activities in urban design and conservation as a cross-cutting subject and the harmonisation of the HUL Recommendation and the Action Framework for the Implementation of the New Urban Agenda – AFI-NUA.</p>
ii) Training (short term)	<p>The UNESCO Chair coordinated the Research and Innovation programme at the Bezalel Academy of Arts and Design till the end of the academic year, in September, participates in EU research projects and supports national programmes for conservation including the Historic Urban Landscape Recommendation and the UNISDR Resilient Cities programme.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The translation of the UNESCO Recommendation on the Historic Urban Landscape into Hebrew has been completed and disseminated; ▪ Lectures and seminars for conservation training and capacity building
iii) Research	<p>Continuing the initiative of the <i>UNESCO/World Heritage Priority Topics and Research Questions to be investigated by Universities</i> by Shaping the Research Agenda;</p>

b) Conferences/Meetings

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

Key conferences and workshops co-organized by the Chair

World Heritage

7. 2nd meeting of the Regional Network on the Management of Historic Walls and Fortifications in Urban World Heritage Properties in Europe - Sibenik, Croatia, 5-6 March 2018, coordinated by the UNESCO Venice office;
8. The Role of Cultural Heritage for Sustainable Local Development
9. OWHC – preparation for the XIV General Conference, Gyeongju
10. Civil Society

Historic Urban Landscape Recommendation - Urban Heritage

During the year efforts were made assisting in the preparation of the Reporting Exercise for the General Conference 2019 and developing the HUL programme and future actions in coordination with the UNHabitat New Urban Agenda.

Specific activities include academic lectures given by the UNESCOChair:

11. *Implementation of the Historic Urban Landscape Recommendation*, WHITR-AP, Tongji University, Shanghai, 21 March 2018

UNESCO Chairs and Category 2 Centres

Developing the initiative of the *UNESCO/World Heritage Priority Topics and Research Questions to be investigated by Universities* by Shaping the Research Agenda including meetings with the chair of the UK Arts and Humanities Research Council, Nigel Thompson;

12. Preparation of the Second Meeting of UNESCO Chairs and Category 2 Centres of the Culture Sector, 23-24 November 2017 ; presentation – *Role of the centres and universities : shaping the research agenda*
13. Activities of *MUNCH - Mediterranean UNESCOChairs*, Bezalel Academy, 5 June 2018
A meeting took place at the Bezalel Academy to review the possible future activities of the
14. UNITWIN of the Mediterranean Chairs

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

8. Liverpool Three Seminar Series 2017 Isabelle Anatole-Gabriel, Mike Turner, Minja Yang–
World Heritage- a status worth fighting for? Why the Conflict? 18 October 2017
15. Review of the report on *Criterion (vi)*, November 2017 – Christina Cameron
16. Review of the joint World Bank and UNESCO White Paper - *Integrating Culture, Recovery and Reconstruction for Sustainable Urban Development* – Lazare Eloundou-Assomo
17. Korea-Organization of world heritage cities 1 November 2017
18. Paris UNESCO Chairs 22 November 2017
19. 25 years for Prague as world heritage- New trends for sustainable development. 5 December 2017
20. ICOMOS Expert meeting in Paris 21 January 2018 with Lazare Eloundou-Assomo
21. UNESCO- historic urban landscape walled cities 4 March 2018.
22. Lecture in Hong Kong University, 21 March 2018 - *Public Participation and Public Engagement in Conservation*
23. 2018 באפריל 4. גרמניה השתתפות בדיוני ערים שו"ם, גרמניה.
24. UNESCO intangible heritage- astronomy. 22 May 2018
25. *The White City of Tel Aviv* –Architects Association of Cyprus, Nicosia, Cyprus, 30 May 2018
26. UNESCO- meeting with CEO 11 June 2018
27. UNESCO- World heritage committee 24 June 2018
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29. *Being Urban*, John Harvard-Cambridge Colloquium, Kings College University of Cambridge, England, 1-2 February 2018 and 18-19 July 2018
30. Linking Culture and Nature- the city of springs, Jinan, China, 3-6 September 2018
31. *Redefining the urban heritage – the modern movement*, Kaunas, Lithuania 12-13 September 2018
32. On the background of the Restoration of the Aedicule in the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, Jerusalem – the 1st International Conference on "Trans-disciplinary Multispectral Modelling and Cooperation for the Preservation of Cultural Heritage (TMM_CH)" - the panel "*Historic Cities: Sustainable preservation and reuse, within the context of circular economy and social participation*", Athens, 12-13 October 2018
33. Round Table, University of Montreal, *Revisiting the Vienna Memorandum in the light of*
34. **iii) Local conferences/organizational activities to which the Chairholder contributed:**
 - i. Continuing dissemination of the UNESCO Recommendation on the Historic Urban Landscape in academic and professional fora;
 - ii. Lectures and seminars for conservation training and capacity building
 - iii. Scientific Committee for the safeguarding of the Tomb of the Kings, Jerusalem coordinated by the French Consulate,

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:

¹ COST	<i>Crime Prevention through Environmental Design – CPTED</i>
ERASMUS	Two programmes on capacity building and exchange activities

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 2018 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.

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- The SchUM cities, expert meeting in Mainz, 16-18 April 2018
- Linking Culture and Nature- the city of springs, Jinan, China, 3-6 September 2018
- The Central Axis of Beijing, 8-11 October 2018
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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.