



MetroHUB



Heritopolis - a global consortium on metropolitan heritage

Newsletter #2 – December 2023 wrap-up

We opened the year with the establishment of the *Heritopolis Society* by Jay as a formal Society based in Seoul at the Konkuk University. The Statutes were approved together with a background Paper on Metropolitan Heritage – *Heritopolis* outlining ***the metropolis as a heritage – the heritage that shapes the metropolis.***

The events

In April: A proactive conversation and to introduce the *Heritopolis Society* at the School of Architecture and Design at New York Tech and supported by Antonella from the Politecnico di Milano. This was followed by a hybrid colloquium at the University of Guadalajara and supported by Antonella from Politecnico di Milano, Université de Montréal, and Lucia from the UNESCO-Unitwin Network Chair for Sustainable Development, **The metropolis as a cultural heritage and the integration of green and blue infrastructures in metropolization processes.**

In May the AMB team prepared the Barcelona Statement on the Metropolitan Agenda towards the UN-Habitat Assembly adopted:

- vii. Encourage global, national and local leaders to support cultural and natural heritage-related initiatives and acknowledge their significance for understanding metropolises as a legacy towards sustainable development. This includes welcoming the recently established *Metropolitan Heritage International Society based in Seoul*, with a view to safeguarding metropolitan heritage, promoting creativity and fostering diverse forms of cultural expression as essential assets for the development of inclusive, cohesive, prosperous and environmentally sustainable metropolitan areas.

Two webinars took place in April and May each moderated by a Research Forum member - The metropolis as a heritage moderated by Daniel Athias De Almeida; Mapping heritage of the metropolis – this discussion took place in the wake of the devastating earthquake in southern Turkey and the implications for Istanbul and the presentation of the Results and systematisation methodology of the Global Survey, moderated by Can Memis.

In June, Eric, Antonella, Claus-Peter and Mike participated in the UN-Habitat Assembly.



Heritopolis meeting UNHabitat Assembly, Nairobi, 5 June 2023

Jackson Kago (Kenyatta University), Antonella Contin (Politecnico di Milano), Claus-Peter Echter (ICOMOS), Remy Sietchiping (UN-Habitat), Oriol Garcia (AMB), Yoel Siegal (Bezalel Academy) Eric Huybrechts (Institut Region Paris), Wendy Oketch (UN-Habitat) Mike Turner (Heritopolis Society-Bezalel Academy) Rafael Forero (UN-Habitat), Maria Tellez Soler (UN-Habitat),

During the Assembly, the *Heritopolis* partners also participated in a multilateral meeting on Metropolitan Areas and SEDATU ¹.

Application to EU COST HERMIT - HERitage of the Metropolis In Transformation. HERMIT aims to : (1) Identify the tangible and intangible attributes of heritage as carriers of the values of the metropolis (2) , Analyse issues and gaps in urban-rural linkages of the metropolis through place-based research, and (3) Provide good-practice guidelines for evaluating trends in metropolitanization based on the Quintuple Helix. These will be achieved by five Working Groups, leading debates in the form of webinars, workshops, conference, and dissemination activities.

WG Coordinators - HERMIT Working Groups

WG0 – Multi-disciplinarity, Els Verbakel

WG1 – Heritage, Climate and Bio-diversity - Environmental Sustainability, David Simon

WG2 – Resilience and Circular Economies - Economic Sustainability, Joanna Sanetra-Szeliga

WG3 – People, Management and Governance - Social Sustainability. Julia Rey Perez

WG4 - Urban-Rural Continuum - Spatial Sustainability, Antonella Contin

Two events in UN-Habitat Metropolitan week

Istanbul – Marmara Urban Forum – Resilience and Beyond – coordinated by Murat.

Metropolis

06 Oct 2023 09:30 - 11:00 @ Room 4

#Culture #Heritage #Metropolitan

In this session, Heritopolis, an international network that explores the value of the metropolis as one of the future legacies from the 21st century with the aim of highlighting its significance for the future generations will be featured. The session will present, for the first time to the public, comprehensive field research findings regarding approaches and institutional measures related to the preservation of cultural heritage in major global metropolises. The discussions will revolve around new concepts, approaches, and perspectives such as the integration of nature and culture in preservation, the DNA of cities, and the transformative power of metropolitan heritage.

Moderator



**Himmet Murat
Güvenç**

Prof., Director of Istanbul Studies Center,
Kadir Has University

Speakers



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WHITR-AP, Tongji University, Shanghai

CONFERENCE MANUAL

THE POWER OF NATURE IN METROPOLITAN AREA

Special Activity for the World Metropolitan Day and Shanghai Urban Space Art Season 2023 (Chongming Venue)

HOST
College of Architecture and Urban Planning, Tongji University

ORGANIZERS
World Heritage Institute of Training and Research for the Asia and the Pacific Region
Shanghai Tongji Urban Planning and Design Institute Co., Ltd

CO-ORGANIZER
Shanghai Chongming Dongtan Nature Reserve Management Center

SUPPORTER
ICOMOS China

10.09 Mon.
10.10 Tues.

Heritopolis Shanghai Conference on the World Metropolitan Day 2023

Wen Yuan Building, Tongji University
Shanghai Chongming Dongtan National Nature Reserve

Research Forum

With the new academic year, the Research Forum reconvened with an opening event chaired by David Simon (Royal Holloway) in which everyone had an opportunity to engage actively in ensuring that the Forum and its activities were to be relevant in providing a platform to drive forward the *Heritopolis* agenda. A total of 26 research profiles were published showing a keen interest in heritage and the metropolis in all its facets.

Monthly meetings

These took place regularly during the year. Wendy Oketch presented a draft guide for Mainstreaming Heritage into National Urban Policies. A policy debate was instituted in October with David and Francesco leading a discussion on **Localising the SDGs – The Power of Nature**. In November Jo Ivey Boufford (NYU) gave a holistic approach to Cities and Health.

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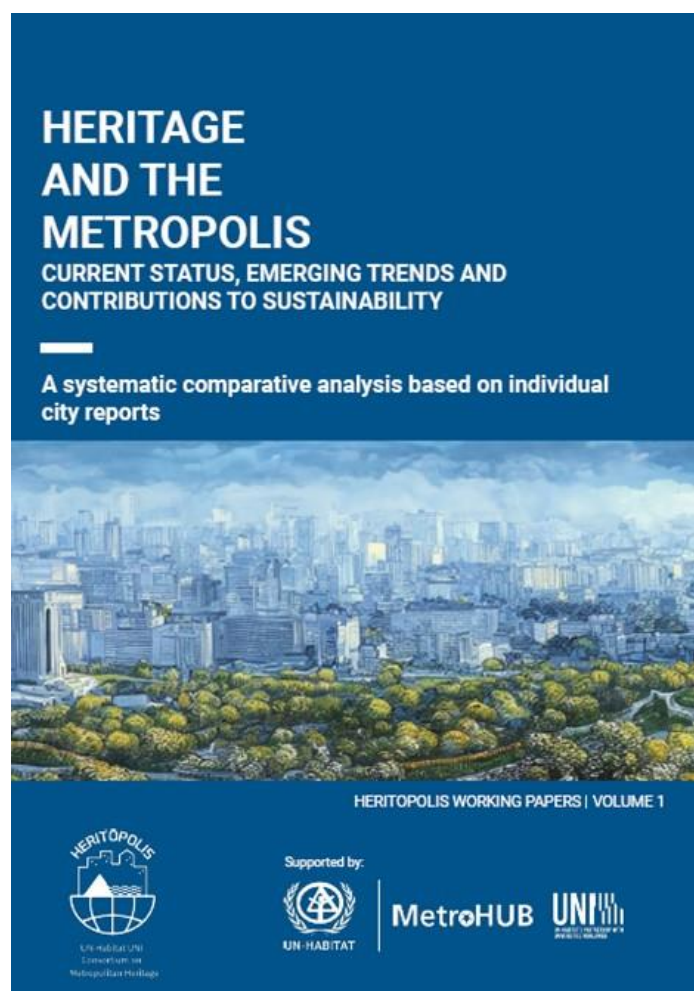
November 28, 2023

Jo Ivey Boufford, MD
Clinical Professor of Global Health, New York University
Board Chair Emeritus, International Society for Urban Health

Outreach

Heritopolis supports the website www.heritopolis.org which continues to provide updated information and Consortium members are asked to use the site for publicizing activities. The UN-Habitat MetroHUB has also launched a newsletter with its inaugural edition this month in: Unveiling Metropolitan Action. *Heritopolis* contributed with a commentary on - ***Heritage and the Metropolis: Strengthening the Connection.***

Heritopolis will engage the viewpoints of diverse disciplines and thinkers that can help shape a clear and forward-looking paradigm outside common silos as part of a quintuple helix approach integrating academia, governance, and industry with civil society, its culture, and natural environment.



The Global Survey was finally published as Volume 1 of the Heritopolis Working Papers, which challenges the Consortium for the coming year to provide more Working Papers – proposals are welcomed!

2024 and the year of the dragon and *Heritopolis*

Our next newsletter will outline our programme for the coming year which promises to be full of innovative events in person and on-line -

We are preparing a global document for the **World Urban Forum WUF12** in November 2024 – would you be able to contribute to addressing:

- **Heritage of the Metropolis for Localising the SDGs**
- **New Approaches for urban heritage in the New Urban Agenda?**
- A blog or other subjects?