Historic ruins – protection, use, management

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OBJECTIVES AND THEMATIC SCOPE OF THE CONFERENCE

The aim of the conference is to make a broad review of the problems related to the protection, conservation, use and management of historic ruins. The key assumption of the conference is comprehensive discussing the contemporary principles and forms of maintaining historic ruins in the historical, theoretical and practical aspects. The conference also aims to present and critically analyse the most interesting examples of contemporary protection, management and use of historic ruins. The objective of the conference is gathering information enabling the development of model solutions in the field of protection, management and use of historic ruins.

Four thematic sessions are planned within the conference:
1. Ruins from the perspective of the history of art and culture. The topic of the “History” session are the papers on the circumstances of the objects’ destruction and the formation of ruins, the reasons for remaining the ruins, the beginning of ruins’ protection and the idea of protecting “permanent ruins”. An important topic is also the symbolism of ruins in the theory of art, theory of conservation of monuments, artistic criticism. The texts relating the modern symbolic of ruins with the circumstances of their development and maintaining in that form are particularly awaited. The analyses of the ways of ruins’ presentations in works of art, assessing their role in the “mythologisation” of ruins and their usefulness as iconographic sources for the protection of “permanent ruins” are also expected.
2. Technical and conservation issues for the protection of ruins. The topic of the “Protection” session is theoretical, conservation, technical and design issues related to the maintenance of the ruins. The speeches should refer to the principles and forms of maintaining the ruins from the point of view of architectural, conservation and landscape conceptions. The speeches regarding technical problems – methods and technologies – protection of crenelation and faces of walls, structural reinforcements, protection against water and moisture are also expected. The papers making a critical analysis of positive and negative examples of the protection of historic ruins are particularly welcomed.
3. Development of ruins for modern utility functions The topic of the “Development” session is the critical presentation of the examples and forms of contemporary development, use and display of historic ruins. The speeches presenting various forms and aspects of contemporary use of historic ruins are expected, as well as papers presenting various forms and aspects of contemporary use of historic ruins – tourism, cultural events, exhibitions, commercial use, museum functions, etc. The presentation of such forms of use that The presentation of such forms of utilisation that use and adapt to the historical character of the ruin without interfering excessively with the historical substance and form are particularly welcomed.
4. Management of historic ruins The topic of „Management” session is presentation of issues related to the management of ruins – i.e. form of ownership, organisation, financing, tourist traffic, organisation of events, promotion, education. The papers presenting the models and forms of ruins’ management that include all the aspects of such activities are expected. The papers presenting the modern best practice in historic ruins management are particularly welcomed.
Abstracts of the proposed papers should be sent by June 30, 2018, to the following address:
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Abstracts should not exceed two pages of the text (the form of separate points will help reviewers to capture the concept of speeches).
The authors of the conference speeches are asked to indicate the session in which the paper should be presented (History, Protection, Use, Management).
The selection of papers to be presented at the conference will be made by reviewers appointed by the Organising Committee. The authors of the papers will be informed about the decision of the reviewers until July 30, 2018.

The conference materials will be published in peer-reviewed monographs as part of the publishing series of PKN ICOMOS.

Information about the conference will be available on websites of PKN ICOMOS, RUINS project and Jagiellonian University, Art History Institute:
http://www.icomos-poland.org
http://www.ihs.uj.edu.pl/

We invite conservators, art and culture historians, employees of conservation services, specialists in the protection of cultural property, designers, representatives of local governments, university employees, owners and users connected with the protection, management and use of historic ruins to participate in the conference.

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