WHY SUSTAINABLY MANAGING THE PAST REQUIRES TO ANTICIPATE THE FUTURE

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Abstract:

In this lecture, Prof. Holtorf presents the work of the UNESCO Chair on Heritage Futures and argues that for cultural heritage conservation to fulfill its aims in society it must address challenges of the future. Significantly, UNESCO first conceived the conservation of world heritage as a means of fostering peace and security in the world after 1945. This emphasis on solving problems in the long term means that foresight and anticipation ought to be essential for heritage management. At present, however, this is not common practice, as cultural heritage is often considered to have timeless values and benefits. By means of concrete examples for some of the world’s future challenges that can be addressed through cultural heritage (and specifically through UNESCO World Heritage), Prof. Holtorf debates and describes –how we approach and conceptualize the very idea of cultural heritage across the planet.

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