



Preservation through Generations

ISTANBUL 2023

In Memoriam Prof. Dr. Amir Pašić

24 May 2023 , at IRCICA & Online via ZOOM

PROF. DR. AMIR PAŠIĆ



Prof. Dr. Amir Pašić was an internationally renowned scholar and professor of architecture, urban planning and architectural heritage, former Chief (1993-2018) of IRCICA's Architectural Heritage section, a beloved colleague and friend of the staff of IRCICA. Prof Pašić joined IRCICA during the period of the war in Bosnia and Herzegovina, as he was teaching at the Department of Architecture of Yıldız Technical University, Istanbul. At IRCICA, Pašić was the mind and the guide behind the innovative and authentic architectural preservation programs conducted by IRCICA which won the Centre recognition worldwide as a focal point of the OIC in the field of the restoration and conservation of Islamic architectural heritage. One of the activities he conducted during his tenure at IRCICA include the ten-year program of annual architectural workshops (1994-2004) bearing the symbolic title of "Mostar 2004" with the wish to see the Old Bridge of Mostar fully restored by the year 2004. With the help of Prof Pašić's international academic collaboration skills, the program enjoyed the participation of many organizations and universities from all continents. The program was completed in 2004, with its last session held concurrently with an international ceremony celebrating the reconstruction of Mostar.

Building upon this experience, IRCICA launched another program in 2006 with Pašić as its coordinator, this time on a first-priority issue for IRCICA, the Islamic cultural heritage of Al-Quds Al-Sharif. It was implemented through field missions to Al-Quds, seminars and studio work, with the participation of experts and architects from around the world. Other pioneering initiatives which were developed owing to Professor Pašić's expertise and coordination include: the Prince Sultan bin Salman Architectural Heritage Database and the series of short-term architectural training schools on "Islamic Urban Heritage: Research, Preservation, Management" organized jointly by IRCICA with Al-Turath Islamic Heritage Foundation (Kingdom of Saudi Arabia). Other professional accomplishments of Professor Pašić include lead consultant for the Aga Khan Trust for Culture, Geneva (1995-2006), the World Monuments Fund, New York (1998-2004), and several missions for ICOMOS Paris. He won six architecture awards, including the 1986 Aga Khan Architecture Award for the successful restoration of Mostar's Old Town. Amir Pašić authored or co-authored 21 books and 47 articles. He served as the Editor-in-Chief of Architecture and Science Journal, Mostar, and the regional editor for Arab States in the Journal of Cultural Management and Sustainable Development, London.

Amir Pašić will be fondly remembered by his friends and colleagues for his exceptional personal qualities, as someone who was always engaged and interested in the people he met, who enjoyed cooperation on any personal or professional matter – qualities which he brought into the Centre together with his professional knowledge.

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IRCICA (Islamic History, Art and Culture Research Center) and the organizing committee are organizing the symposium titled "Preservation Through Generations: Istanbul 2023- In Memoriam Amir Pasic" taking place on 24 May 2023. The event is to commemorate Prof. Dr. Amir Pasic, and to acquaint future generations with his work, thereby making it enduring, and perpetual. Prof. Pasic's professional contributions, such as his efforts to preserve cultural heritage in general, and that of Islamic architecture in particular, comprise the crux of the symposium themes. The symposium is planned as a series of events repeating annually, and the next event will be an international workshop with the theme "Preservation Through Generations: Mostar 2024", to be held in Mostar on the 20th anniversary of the reconstruction of the Mostar Bridge

Main Themes

- Preservation: Urban Memory and Heritage
- Preservation: Heritage at Risk
- Preservation: Contemporary Issues

Organizing Committee

- IRCICA – Alidost Ertuğrul, Taha Zahid Özdemir, Hussein Alragabi
- Yıldız Technical University – İrem Gencer, Işıl Çokuğraş
- Bahçeşehir University – M.Bengü Uluengin
- Pelin Özilkiz Celik



OPENING SESSION

WEDNESDAY, MAY 24 2023, 9.30 AM | IRCICA

H.E Aboubacar Abdullah Senghore

Prof. Dr., Assistant Director General, Research Centre for Islamic History, Art and Culture (IRCICA) Istanbul, Turkiye

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Mostar City, President of the City Council

Attilio Petruccioli

Prof. Dr., Italy
Keynote Speech

Video: In Memoriam Prof. Dr. Amir Pašić

SESSION 1

PRESERVATION: URBAN MEMORY AND HERITAGE

- **11.00 AM**
- **Moderator: Dr. Alidost Ertugrul**

Zeynep Ahunbay

Prof. Dr., Turkiye
Mostar's Heritage Lost and Recovered

Francesco Bandarin

Dr., Italy
Urban conservation in the XXIst century: challenges and directions
(Online Participant)

Aida Idrizbegović Zgonić

Assoc. Prof. Dr., Faculty of Architecture, University of Sarajevo
Urban Memory and Heritage

Rami Nasrallah

Dr., Palestine
Jerusalem: Urban Fabric, Identity, and the New Israeli Policy to Displace Its Heritage
(Online Participant)

12:45 Coffee Break

SESSION 2

PRESERVATION: URBAN MEMORY AND HERITAGE (CONT'D)

- **13.30 PM**
- **Moderator: Dr. M.Bengu Uluengin**

Florina Jerliu

Assoc. Prof. Dr., Chair of Architectural History and Theory, and Built Heritage, Department of Architecture, Pristina, Kosovo
Urban Growth of Prishtina During the Late Ottoman Period

Noman Ahmed

Prof. Dr., NED University Karachi, Pakistan
A Tale Of Mostar (Bosnia Hercegovina) Restoration Project
(Online Participant)

Senada Demirović Habibija,

Dr., Architect and Urban Planner
Urban Reconstruction in Continuity: Case Study Mostar

Emily G. Makaš

Dr., University of North Carolina at Charlotte, United States
Mosques, Minarets, And Urban Identities In Bosnia-Hercegovina
(Online Participant)

Jon Calame

Independent Researcher, United States
Mostar's Urban / Anti-urban Divide
(Online Participant)

SESSION 3

PRESERVATION: CONTEMPORARY ISSUES

- **15.30 PM**
- **Moderator: Dr. Ruba Kasmó**

Daniele Pini

Prof. Dr., Expert of UNESCO, Italy,
The Preservation of the Arab Islamic Urban Heritage: Contemporary Issues

Yonca Kösebay Erkan

Prof. Dr., Kadir Has University, Türkiye and University of Antwerp, Belgium
What Did Mostar Bring to Conservation Field?

Lana Kudumovic

Assoc. Prof. Dr., Fatih Sultan Mehmet Vakif University, Istanbul, Türkiye
Evaluation of the Historic Urban Fabrics in Bosnia and Herzegovina, Cases of Sarajevo and Travnik

Fatma Sema Sekban

Dr., Türkiye
The Problematic of Sustainable Financing In Management of Cultural Heritage Sites

Judith Bing

Prof. Emeritus., Department of Architecture, Design & Urbanism, Drexel University, United States

J. Brooke Harrington

Prof., Dr., United States
Preservation and the Internet: Balkan Vernacular Architecture
(Online Participants)

SESSION 4

PRESERVATION: HERITAGE AT RISK

- **16.45 PM**
- **Moderator: Dr. Senada Demirović Habibija**

IRCICA's Presentation

Cultural and Architectural Heritage Section
Future Projections By Identifying the Kahramanmaraş Earthquake Effects on The Historical Buildings.

Zeynep Gül Ünal

Prof. Dr., Yıldız Technical University, ICOMOS International & ICORP International Scientific Committee on Risk Preparedness Vice President, Türkiye
Protecting the Dignity of Cultural Heritage Protection

Ruba Kasmó

Assist. Prof. Dr., Faculty of Architecture and Design - Fatih Sultan Mehmet Vakif University, Istanbul, Türkiye
Built Heritage in the Post-War Time: A Tale of a Neighborhood in the Old City of Aleppo

Mounir Bouchenaki

Dr., Special Advisor to the Director-General of UNESCO, France
Preservation Heritage at Risk
(Online Participant)

18:00 Closing Remarks by Daniele Pini

Prof. Dr., Expert of UNESCO, Italy



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Venue Address: Hoca Paşa Mahallesi, Alemdar Caddesi, No. 15, Bâbıâlî Girişi
Cağaloğlu, 34110 Fatih İstanbul / Türkiye

Zoom program link is below:

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