

The protection of cultural heritage of South Caucasus

Study day – April 15th 2021

[On line]

The region that extends from the Black Sea to the Caspian Sea referred to as South Caucasus holds a great richness of heritage. The lines of political sharing that fracture it put the monuments, artworks and the documents which are kept there to great peril. However, the joint action of the States, of the civil society and international stakeholders can draw concrete courses of action.

April 15th 2021, the study day organised by the Institut national du patrimoine in partnership with Europa Nostra and the Ecole du Louvre will aim to have a better understanding of the challenges of heritage conservation in the region. This study day will raise questions about the preservation of several types of heritage: architectural, archaeological, furniture. The three states of the region (Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia) are invited to present their public policy in terms of heritage. A particular attention will be granted to the question of Karabagh and the day will be concluded by concrete examples of heritage conservation.

Gathering academics and heritage professionals from Europe, Russia and South Caucasus, this study day will take place in French, English and Russian

A.M.

9:00 – Opening

M. Charles Personnaz, director of the Institut national du patrimoine

9:20 – Introductory convention – *The historical stakes and heritage issue of South Caucasus* –

M. Jean-Pierre Mahé, member of the Institute

I. History and heritage analysis of South Caucasus

Hosted by M. Christian Hottin, director of studies of curator department, Inp

10:00 – *Derbent Appeal*, Prof. Mikhail Piotrovskiy, General Director of the State Hermitage Museum

10:20 – *Architectural heritage of Karabakh*- Ms.Gulchohra Mammadova – ScD in Architecture, professor, Rector of Azerbaijan University of Architecture and Construction

10:40 – *Architectural heritage of South Caucasus* – Patrick Donabédian, researcher at the Medieval and Modern Archaeology laboratory in the Mediterranean (La3M), Aix-Marseille university

11:00 – *Unique monuments Nargiztepe*- Mr.Rizvan Huseynov – Senior researcher, Azerbaijan National Academy of Science, Director of Caucasus History Centre

11:20 - *Caucasus architectural heritage as a witness of the cross-cultural communication*, Armen Kazarian, director of the Research Institute of Theory and History of Architecture and Urban Planning, Moscow

11:40 – *Furniture objects / sacred heritage* : Dickran Kouymjian, chaire d'études arméniennes, California State University Fresno

12:00 *Archaeology*: Stéphane Deschamps, heritage curator, Ministry of culture

12:20 - Break

P.M.

II. Safeguard actions in progress and to come, dialogue around good practice

First Part hosted by Charles Personnaz, director of the INP

14:00 – *Current safeguard policies* – cross-over intervention by representatives of the Ministries of Cultural Affairs of Armenia, Azerbaijan and Georgia :

- *Ms. Astghik Marabyan*, chief of Cultural heritage and popular craft of the Armenian ministry of Education, Science, Culture and Sports
- *Mr.Aghajavid Ramazanov* – Deputy Chief of the State Service of Cultural Heritage Protection, Development and Restoration under the Ministry of Culture of the Republic of Azerbaijan
- *Ms. Manana Vardzelashvili* - Head of UNESCO and International Relations Unit; National Agency for Cultural Heritage Preservation of Georgia, Ministry of Culture, Sport and Youth of Georgia

14:45 – *The Azerbaijani town Shusha – monument of history, culture, urban planning and architecture* - Ms.Sabina Hajiyeva - ScD in Architecture, professor, Azerbaijan University of Architecture and Construction

15:05 – *Monuments in conflict zone. Identity, protection and professional experience* – Hamlet Petrosyan, professor of Yerevan state University, head of department of cultural studies

15:25 – *Documentation and 3D modeling of heritage in Nagorno-Karabakh: scientific and educational contributions* – M. Yves Ubelmann, ICONEM, Ms. Sipana Tchakerian PhD Candidate Labex RESMED, Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne university / Aix-Marseille, and Ms. Marie Lou Papazyan, TUMO foundation

Second Part hosted by Gaiane Casnati, Europa Nostra

15:50 : *Architectural and historical monuments of Azerbaijan*, Mr.Faig Ismaylov, Member of the Board of the Union of Architects

16h10 : *Armenian heritage: save History*– Mr. Keram Kevonian, president of Terre et Culture

16h30 : *Safeguarding Georgian cultural heritage* – Maja Kominko, scientific director of ALIPH

16h50 : *The restoration of the murals of the Saint-Jean church in Meghri, in the south of Armenia*, Méliné Miguirditchian, heritage restorer, INP graduate and History of Art PhD Candidate, and Aram Gazarian, vice-president of Terre et Culture

17:10 – Debates

17:30 – Conclusion

Sneška Quaedvlieg – Mihailović, Secretary General of Europa Nostra

Charles Personnaz, director of the INP

The study day will take place on Zoom / mandatory registration on www.inp.fr

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