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Future Historic City

'New Approaches for a Sustainable 21st Century City'

by

Prof. Michael Turner

George's Hall
Dublin Castle
Dublin 2

Wednesday 17th October 2018
6.00 for 6.30 pm talk

Free Admission

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The UNESCO Recommendation on the Historic Urban Landscape considers the urban areas to be 'understood as the result of a historic layering of cultural and natural values and attributes, including social and cultural practices and values, economic processes and the intangible dimensions of heritage as related to diversity and identity'.

The UN Habitat New Urban Agenda encourages and promotes the planning of 'urban extensions and infill, prioritizing renewal, regeneration and retrofitting of urban areas, avoiding spatial and socioeconomic segregation and gentrification, while preserving cultural heritage and preventing and containing urban sprawl'.

These past years have provided a swathe of texts that have changed much of our thinking in urbanism – and the polarisation of conservation and development. How can these texts be made relevant at the local level? How can the geo-cultural contexts or urban transformations be prioritized to put people back into our cities and provide sustainable and affordable housing? They may assist in providing an innovative taxonomy to address the urban context and setting especially in redefining the values of the Irish urban heritage, the revitalization of their historic cores and beyond, the accommodation and integration of new development and the articulation of character and identity thus enabling their evolution.

In addition to harmonizing these actions through a more integrative approach to design and bringing local wisdoms to the table, we need to create alternative models for ensuring social inclusion and resilience. The 21st century is changing fast with exponential growth that reveals new challenges. How can the speed of change be managed in the socio-economic dynamic world to ensure well-being? This will need to be addressed through bringing new technologies in support of urban development and with new roles for urban districts especially in historic centres, ports and waterways.

The UNESCO Historic Urban Landscape approach and the UNHabitat New Urban Agenda may provide the integrative framework for these multiple texts ensuring economic, social and cultural opportunities that can enhance the quality of life and traditional character of our urban areas.



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accompanied the UNESCO *Recommendation on the Historic Urban Landscape* since its inception. He was a contributor to the UNESCO Global report to UNHabitat III and is an advocate of the UNISDR Resilient Cities Programme.