



WHC@50 – Forever Young: Celebrating 50 Years of the World Heritage Convention

Final WHC@50 Seminar:
***An ICOMOS expert's view on theory and practice associated with the
World Heritage Convention***

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Abstract:

In this last seminar of the WHC@50-series, the organizing committee seeks to provide a unique insight into the practice associated with the World Heritage Convention. What is the role of the advisory bodies? What is the role of the World Heritage Center? How does the process of a nomination take place? What are the traditional building blocks of a nomination file? What is the role of the tentative list? What does the monitoring under the convention system entail? These are just some of the questions that will be addressed. The seminar will take the form of an interview between the host, Prof Demarsin (KU Leuven) and his esteemed colleague and expert at Icomos, Prof dr. Anne Mie Draye. After the interview, there will be an opportunity for the audience to ask questions and enter the discussion. Throughout the closing seminar, the organizers specifically aim to test theory to practice and to critically evaluate the WHC system. Therefore, the seminar forms a perfect capstone: it will allow to revisit discussions raised during previous seminars through the eyes of an eminent ICOMOS expert.

Monday 27 February 2023 at 12h30-13h45 CET.

The WHC@50 seminar will be held on MS TEAMS by clicking the following link

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In 2022 the **World Heritage Convention (WHC)** celebrates 50 years. Thanks to its 194 State Parties, the WHC represents a major tool for International (Cultural Heritage) Law, a powerful promoter of cultural identity, and a formidable boost for national economies.

The **Una Europa Seed Funding Project “WHC@50”** aims to retrace how the WHC was conceived, to present its current formulation and application in practice, to illustrate its meaning for the preservation and enhancement of world heritage governance, to analyse its strengths and weaknesses, and to indicate its needs for reviews and reforms.

By combining the **insights of jurists, political scientists, historians, architects, and economists**, WHC@50 embarks on a multi-perspective analysis through a series of eight WHC@50 seminars. All these seminars are open to scholars affiliated to the UNA Europa partner universities.

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