

# 2018 SYDNEY TALK SERIES

Tuesday 21 August 2018



## Three Issues on World Heritage: 'Recovery and Reconstruction', 'Sites of Memory' and 'the future of the World Heritage Business of ICOMOS'

The World Heritage system has been constantly changing since its entry into force. However currently, on-going changes could give substantial impacts not only on the substance of World Heritage, but also its operational mechanism as well as the future (or the fate) of the Convention. This lecture will focus on three issues in this context. ICOMOS has been conducting a project on “recovery and reconstruction in post-trauma context” of cultural heritage since 2014. A recent activity focuses on creating a matrix for case studies. It has a wider scope than World Heritage and could contribute to discussions on some challenging cases as World Heritage sites. Another, newly emerging challenge is nominations of “Sites of Memory”. For instance, the World Heritage Committee meeting held this year in Manama, Bahrain, decided to postpone its decision on nomination of the WWI related sites submitted by France and Belgium. Why did it happen? Last, but not least, the World Heritage Committee has started to see if the current role model of the three Advisory Bodies (ICOMOS, IUCN and ICCROM) would be the optimal one for the Convention. These on-going discussions may substantially affect ICOMOS and its activities related to World Heritage.

What is the core of these discussions? This lecture will illustrate the background of these three issues and show possible options.

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**Cost:** Students \$10, Members \$15, Non-members \$20 payable in cash at GML Heritage

**Venue:** GML Heritage Level 6, Australia Council Building, 372 Elizabeth Street, Surry Hills, 2010 (corner of Cooper Street - south from Central Station North Concourse exit to Elizabeth Street). Please report to the reception desk on the Australia Council Ground Floor on arrival to be ticked off on the list and to obtain a Visitors Pass

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