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# THE MATTER OF FUTURE HERITAGE: CALL FOR ABSTRACT

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In the framework of the European Year of Cultural Heritage 2018, launched by the European Union, the Department of Architecture of the University of Bologna announces the international conference “**The Matter of Future Heritage**”, organised by the PhD in Architecture and Design Cultures.

During the last century, the notion of Cultural Heritage has expanded from monuments, to historic centers, to cultural landscapes. Moreover, the intangible dimension of heritage and its social role as expression of collective memories and identities have been recognized. Cultural Heritage is meant as historical legacy, built environment, context of mutual exchanges and relationships, means of social bonds, economic and touristic development.

The value of what we have inherited is recognized and well established, but it is not so obvious that it will have the same value in the future. The way we approach and deal with Cultural Heritage today will influence the built environment of the future, hence our legacy towards future generations. Therefore a reflection about the actions that we can undertake today in order to lay the foundation of the heritage of the future, is necessary.

The European Year of Cultural Heritage 2018 represents the occasion to highlight future strategies for Cultural Heritage in Europe and beyond. By the perspective of architecture, technologies, conservation and urban studies, the conference seeks **contributions from PhD students and young scholars** that explore if and how the “hardware” (the built environment) and “software” (cultural, social and economic aspects) of Cultural Heritage do mutually influence each other and our future.

**What’s the matter for Cultural Heritage research in the future** (trends, innovative approaches and practices) **and what heritage** (assets and process) **matters for the future of built environment?** The call aims to explore the multiple matters of Future Heritage and the many ways in which Cultural Heritage represents the true basis of our future and especially of our built environment.

The conference aims to build a space of dialogue, critical reflection on experiences, strategic and programmatic debate around the role that research on Cultural Heritage, can have in the near future, with an interdisciplinary angle.



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We welcome abstracts including bibliographical reviews, pilot projects or repertoires of case studies and best-practices, exploring the potential impact and role of Cultural Heritage on future EU Agendas in different fields. Please indicate one of the following tracks:

## 1. Technological Innovation for Heritage

*technological  
tools/fruition/accessibility/performances/enviro  
nmental sustainability/comfort*

## 2. Cultural welfare and Social Innovation for Heritage

*public goods  
management/participation/empowerment/botto  
m-up/public-private/business models*

## 3. Heritage Resilience and Risk

*disaster risk reduction and  
management/cultural  
legacy/adaptation/resilience*

## 4. The assets of Future Heritage

*cultural heritage/minor heritage/everyday  
landscape*

## Organising Committee

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## Abstract

Please send your abstract due by 11:59 pm Italian time, **July 16, 2018** to: [da.futureheritage@unibo.it](mailto:da.futureheritage@unibo.it) in pdf format. Abstracts must not exceed 500 words; one or two images (jpg/tif, 72dpi) can be attached with a letter assessing that are cleared from publication rights. Abstract should include: author's details and contacts, affiliation, the track chosen (1-4) and three keywords. They must be clear and well written. The official language for submission is English.

## Registration process and publication

The registration to the Conference is free of charge. It includes: abstract presentation, proceedings' file, attendance to all Sessions and coffee breaks. A number of abstracts will be selected to be published as full papers with Bononia University Press. Authors will be notified after the conference.

## Time table

**16 July, 2018**

Deadline for submission of abstracts

**30 August, 2018**

Announcement on accepted proposals

**23 November, 2018**

Conference