



Lille - Nablus' Seminar

From the heritage city to the sustainable city :
what role for reusing in urban project for sustainable cities?

As a reflection of cultures and traditions provided by our predecessors, the heritage constitutes the DNA of the city and takes part of the sustainable city. It can be restored as historical landmark for the younger generation or the following generations. Heritage can be also reusing to produce resilient cities able to face to uncertain future. As an extension of the seminar taking place in Jericho which will introduce heritage preservation within decentralized cooperation, Nablus' seminar will look at the issue through the heritage transmission's theme. It could be seen at different scales : the material, the block, the architectural form or the urban system.

Indeed, as a historic city of more than 4000 years old, Nablus is one of the oldest urban civilisations in humanity. That's why it constitutes a particularly rich site to observe the seminar's issue. For centuries it has held a permanent site in the Jordan Valley against its North-South road. It is accessible from east to west, to the coastal plain in the passage that opens between the Ebal mountains and Gerizim. The structure of the city has evolved in line with different historical periods. Under the various authorities that have governed Nablus, the city's infrastructure has developed through the contribution of expert techniques and new uses of construction and architecture. From the first settlement of Tal Balata to Roman, Islamic, Christian, Ottoman, and British rule, followed by the contemporary constraints of development in today's city, a rich history ties the heritage of the past with a perspective of the future.

For all these reasons, this context leaves us wondering about contemporary urban issues. This seminar will analyze the heritage's place to develop the social cohesion in the construction of sustainable cities, through the citizen participation, particularly the youth. In this seminar we'll more specifically what role for reusing in the construction of sustainable and dynamic cities with a happy frugality.

The aim is to collect citizens expectations and ask the reasoned management of local resources. It will be possible by using the potential of heritage contributions to avoid ready-made patterns which deplete the resources and unsettled populations.

This seminar will ask these questions :

- ***How to reconnect with the heritage city in order to identify heritage as a permanent resource for the regeneration of the city?***
- ***How to see the sustainable city of tomorrow through heritage resource reusing?***
- ***How to involve inhabitants as main actor into the creation of a sustainable city project?***

These questions will be the focal point of Nablus' seminar taking place the 20th and 21st of October 2019.

Objectives :

The main objective of the seminar is to share the results of the cooperation between the two cities of Lille and Nablus. It will therefore focus on the themes of reusing of urban material, built form, urban form and public space, but also soft mobility. By using cities landmarks and their projects methodology, this seminar will put forward the urban project carried by cities heritage.

This approach assumes the city's heritage can be understood as an "stone book" that we can learn from and adapt to create the sustainable city of tomorrow that prioritises the well-being of the population, which respect its site and patrimonial heritage, environment-friendly and with a economical use of resources.

That's why, the objectives will be :

- ***to share the good practices acquired through Lille-Nablus cooperation with the different stakeholders of the cooperation, academics and external actors ;***
- ***to capitalize experiences and references, improvement indicators and showcase projects ;***
- ***to foster the dynamics initiated through the seminar on the theme of reusing, urban projects and citizen participation by reflecting on recommendations for the West Bank cities.***



08:45-09:00 *Welcome Coffee*

09:00-10:30 **OPENING OF LILLE-NABLUS' SEMINAR**

The heritage as lever for the urban project

Official opening by the Ministry of Local Government, French Consulate, the Mayor of Nablus, the Deputy Major for European and international cooperation and tourism of the city of Lille and the President of An Najah National University.

10:45-12:45 **WORKSHOP ORGANIZED BY THE CONSULATE GENERAL OF FRANCE**

Youth and heritage : heritage, vector of the development of youth involvement into society and social cohesion

How to involve youth for heritage's benefit and for which reasons? This workshop aims to analyze the main issues and initiatives for youth social inclusion through heritage.

Moderator : Institut pour le partenariat des communautés (ICP) ou Riwaq (sous réseve)

13:00-14:30 *Lunch Break*

14:45-15:15 **URBAN CITIZEN WALKS IN NABLUS**

A urban walk as tool to serve citizen participation for the nabulsi urban project

Introduction of the urban walk through Nablus' citizens feedback and their point of view on Nablus heritage resources. This approach will present a great opportunity to exchange and compare different perspectives between inhabitants and outside observers.

Moderator : Noura JARDANEH, Heritage Activities Coordinator - City of Nablus

15:30-15:45 *Travel to the starting sites of urban walks*

16:00-18:30 **ROAM NABLUS THROUGH TWO URBAN WALKS**

Recognize the heritage resource as a permanent resource for the regeneration of the city

Visit of the city of Nablus through an urban walk with the reuse question. The urban walk will demonstrate how the heritage resources was used in the past as in the Old City context. We'll see reuse continue to be used nowadays with the concrete example of the urban project : "Nablus Boulevard"

Moderator : Noura JARDANEH, Heritage Activities Coordinator - City of Nablus

19:30 *Dinner*

08:30 - 09:00

Welcome Coffee

09:00-10:30

FOUR YEARS OF GOOD PRACTICES EXCHANGE INSIDE THE LILLE-NABLUS COOPERATION

Tools and methodologies which serve a shared urban project on the theme of heritage reusing

This roundtable will highlight 4 years of cooperation between all the actors of the Lille-Nablus decentralized cooperation. Different tools and methodology developed through the partnership will be presented.

It will be an opportunity to observe different inventory practices and heritage protection procedures and also different techniques of heritage promotion and mediation.

Then this workshop will analyse common academic topics discussed in different urban contexts, which are brought to attention by Lille and An Najah cooperation. The workshop will end with the sustainable urban development strategies that can be implemented in the cities of Lille and Nablus.

Moderator : Marie-Pierre BRESSON, Deputy mayor for european and international cooperation and tourism - City of Lille

Grand témoin : Aude SIGNOLES, University Lecturer at the Institut d'Etudes Politiques of Aix-en-Provence

10:30 - 11:00

Coffee Break

11:00-13:00

HERITAGE REUSING AND URBAN STRATEGIES

The heritage seen as ressource for the urban dynamic

The purpose of this roundtable is to discuss the various projects in reuse of heritage context. Different strategies implemented to renew the urban dynamic will be analysed with some examples of citizen participation in the heart of the heritage project, as well as new programs for heritage sites used as a trigger of urban regeneration

Moderator : Benoit PONCELET, Director of Council of Architecture, Urbanism and Environment (CAUE) of the North

Grand témoin : Aude SIGNOLES, University Lecturer at the Institut d'Etudes Politiques of Aix-en-Provence

13:00-14:30

Lunch Break

14:30-16:30

SPECIFICITIES FOR THE REUSE OF THE HERITAGE IN WEST BANK CITIES

Heritage reuse to conceive a resilient city to face an uncertain future

This roundtable will aim to put into perspective the issue of re-employment in sustainable city. Interactions between heritage and economic development will be presented , such as job creation or the re-use of heritage for housing purposes. A comparison between Nablus and other cities in the West Bank such as Ramallah or Hebron will help to develop this thematic.

Moderator : Zahraa ZAWAWI, Professor at An Najah National University

Grand témoin : Aude SIGNOLES, University Lecturer at the Institut d'Etudes Politiques of Aix-en-Provence

16:30-17:30

RESTITUTION OF DISCUSSIONS AND AVENUES

Grand témoin : Aude SIGNOLES, University Lecturer at the Institut d'Etudes Politiques of Aix-en-Provence

20:00

Closing dinner for Lille-Nablus' seminar