



International Conference on the Protection & Rebuilding of Urban Centres in Post ISIS Middle East The City of Mosul as an Example

Mosul Foundation (MF)

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and

Coventry Association for International Friendship (CAIF)

26th June 2021, Coventry, United Kingdom

Master of ceremony	Linda Hiron	9:00
Welcome speech	Lord Mayor of Coventry	9:05
MF welcome speech	Rabee Al-Hafidh , MF, President	9:10
CAIF welcome speech	Ram Lakha O.B.E., Cllr, Chair	9:15
Opening speech, Why this conference?	Rabee Al-Hafidh , MF	9:20
1st Session - Mosul Today		
<p>One of the biggest challenges which confront our world is the disappearance of urban centres, Once vibrant cities that contributed to the world's stability, have instead, become a source of instability, haven for extremism, and cause of mass migration. This phenomena is unfolding under the combined effect of the retreat of the State and the rise of the non-state actors. This session addresses the consequences of this phenomena on civic life</p>		
Retreat of the State	Tahir Boumedra , former UN Human Rights Chief of the UN mission to Baghdad (UNAMI)	9:35
The clinical death of a society (Corruption Riddled Mosul)	Naji Haraj , Executive Director of Geneva International Centre of Justice(GICJ)	9:50
The destruction of Mosul	Harith Kutubi , MF, Vice President	10:05
Letters from inside Mosul	Academics, experts and prominent figures of Mosul's society	10:20
Panel discussion (Q&A)		10:35
Break		10:50

2 nd Session - Civic Potential of Urban Centres		
Urban centres are not just cities. They are societal, cultural, and economical hubs; their magnetic field influence exceeds their provincial borders. This session addresses the potentials of the urban society		
"Mosul, the Active forces" the potential of urbanism, heritage, multiculturalism and economy	Professor Sayyar Al-Jamil , Historian, ambassador of peace, Toronto, Canada. (Origin: Mosul)	11:00
Protecting Heritage in Armed Conflicts: Military and Civilian Perspectives	Professor Peter Stone , UNESCO Chair holder in Cultural Property Protection & Peace, Newcastle University, UK and President, Blue Shield	11:15
The regional societal system of the Arab urban centres.	Professor Abdeljalil Temimi , Historian, expert in Ottoman archives, Tunisia	11:30
The historical role of the Endowments in societal stability	Ass. Prof Osman Saitoğlu Yalova University, Turkey	11:45
Panel discussion (Q&A)		12:00
Break		12:20
3 rd Session - Strategy of Revival in Post Conflict Urban Centres		
The re-development of war damaged cities is a societal decision not an architectural one, it is one made by sociologists, economists, educationalists, and heritage experts This session addresses strategic aspects of reviving cities in post conflict zones		
A new economy for revival and sustainability	Professor Mike Hardy , Head of CTPSR, Coventry University, U.K	12:30
Psychosocial Rehabilitation	Dr. Mamoun Mobayed , Consultant Psychiatrist, Behaviour Health Care Centre, Doha. Qatar	12:45
Challenge of using heritage to build peaceful futures	Ass. Prof. Elly Harowell Centre for Trust, Peace and Social Relations, Coventry University, U.K	13:00
Panel discussion (Q&A)		13:15
Lunch		13:35

4 th Session- Post War Experience of Global Urban Centres		
War damaged cities, regardless of geography or culture, share an initial phase (10-15 years) of restoring normal life before embarking on their own priorities. War damaged cities in WW II Europe shine light on their experience		
European cities destroyed in WWII (discussion panel). The combined role of the state and the civic society in the revival of the destroyed cities	Representatives: Coventry, Dresden, Kiel, Volgograd, St. Petersburg	13:50
Panel Discussion (Q&A)		14:50
Declaration of International Friends of Mosul (IFM)		15:20
Break		15:25
5 th Session - Future Vision for the Region		
Pulled in two opposite directions by two different systems (the State and the non-state actors) which vie to define the socio-political identities, the urban communities in the Middle East share same threat, interests, and destiny. In this session the regional urban communities speak to the world in one voice		
The conflict between the rule of law, and the rule of non-state actors in the Middle East.	Prof. Burhan Köroğlu , Ibn Khaldun University, Turkey	15:35
Return of state authority to the towns in northwest Syria	Malik Al-Abdeh , Researcher on Syrian affairs	15:50
Panel discussion (Q&A)		16:05
The Rebuilding of Old Mosul	Rabee Al-Hafidh , Mosul Foundation	16:20
Closing Statement		16:35

Conference's YouTube link for live stream (English)

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCvijByjIghovIE9K_gauqGg

This link will go live at 9am (BST), 11am (Middle East time) on 26th June 2021