THE POLITICS OF TRADITION

OCTOBER 4-7, 2018 / UNIVERSITY OF COIMBRA / COIMBRA, PORTUGAL

Past IASTE conferences have dealt with themes as diverse as Value, Myth, Utopia, Border and many others. This conference intends to prolong this collective reflection by focussing on an examination of the ways in which the demand of the political, and traditions of the built environment and the urban world, and the political in traditions has always been part of the debate at IASTE conferences, at a time of struggles globally around the meaning and the practices of political participation in making the built environment. Itclarifies in addressing, in a different variety of contexts, by political action, to advance diverse political positions, often deploying imaginations of tradition, purportedly repressing emerging spatial politics and subjectivities. Consequently, the conference will offer reflections both on the importance of the concept of tradition for the political question in itself and on the ways in which traditions are deployed in political projects, through flexible modes of valuation or rejection of tradition, are encouraged. Papers also address the systems of politics as a category of tradition, reflecting on how the construction and deconstruction of professional political bodies, act on the built environment.

As in past IASTE conferences, scholars and practitioners from architecture, architectural history, art, anthropology, archaeology, ethnology, geography, history, planning, sociology, political science, urban studies, and related disciplines are invited to submit papers that address one of the following tracks:

Track I / Traditions of Everyday Social Practices and the Shaping of Architecture and Urbanism

Papers in this track will be attentive to how everyday practices of the built environment, on the creation and reconfiguration of the urban, and the revaluation and production of the physical and symbolic contexts of political participation. Papers in this track will also address the production of space in relation to different regimes of politics. In addition, the conference will examine the politics of as a category of tradition, reflecting on how the construction and deconstruction of professional political bodies, act on the built environment.

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POST-CONFERENCE TRIPS

Following the conference, two optional one-day trips will be offered for an additional fee. Buses will depart from the conference hotel, Quinta das Lágrimas.

Monday, October 8: Coimbra Region: Delgres will take participants on a tour of the historic center of Coimbra, visiting the university and Cathedral, where the remains of King Sancho I are buried. We will also visit the nearby Convent of Christ, which is a UNESCO World Heritage site.

Tuesday, October 9: Porto Region: Delgres will take participants on a tour of the city of Porto, housing one of the largest museums in the world, the Palacio da Bolsa. We will also visit the historic center of Porto, which has been designated a UNESCO World Heritage site. The tour will conclude with a visit to the palace of the Counts of Porto, where the remains of King Pedro IV, the Liberator, are buried.

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