

# THE 4<sup>TH</sup> SILK CITIES INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

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## Intangible Heritage, Cities and Communities

along the Silk Roads and beyond...

4-6 March 2024, Tunis, Tunisia

- Conference [website](#) & [silk-cities.org](http://silk-cities.org)
- Abstract submission deadline: **12 November 2023** (11:30 pm UK time)
- Early bird registration deadline: **14 December 2023** (11:30 pm UK time)
- Standard registration deadline: **1 February 2024** (11:30 pm UK time)
- Abstract submission [link](#)
- Template for panel proposal [link](#)

### CALL FOR PAPERS AND PROPOSALS

You are cordially invited to submit your proposal to our upcoming conference – Intangible Heritage, Cities and Communities: along the Silk Roads and beyond. Silk Cities is organising its 4th international conference with academic and professional support of our collaborators in Tunisia and the UK: The Bartlett Development Planning Unit, UCL; Association de Sauvegarde de la Médina (ASM); Blue Fish; Oxford Brookes University; and Urban Design Group. The conference aims to bring together global knowledge on conceptualising intangible heritage as urban phenomena.

Many community traditions and cultural expressions do not happen in isolation, instead they are conditioned by both socio-cultural and urban spatiality, and this dynamic between intangible heritage and the urban spaces in which they exist is underexplored. The conference aims to explore links between space, community, time, and intangible heritage in cities in normal as well as disastrous and disrupted circumstances to gain a better understanding of this multifaceted concept. It will foster international dialogues between multiple disciplines related to urban studies, art and humanities, social science as well as disaster management, and heritage studies. The conference seeks to offer new perspectives towards a better understanding of urban intangible heritage and to push the traditional theoretical and practical boundaries towards integrating potentials of intangible heritage to inform urban policies and practices, arts and humanities.

The organising committee welcomes abstract proposals for 15 minute papers and other forms of presentation. Abstract submission period ends on 12 November 2023 ([link](#)).

The organising committee welcomes proposals for panel discussions and special sessions, which have the potential to fully engage with the conference and/or local stakeholders. Download the panel proposal [here](#) and send it to us.

### CONFERENCE THEMES

- Cultural expressions of diverse communities
- Dimensions of urban experience
- Intangible heritage, disaster management and resilience to disasters and disruptions
- Urban economy, temporal activities and everyday life
- Urban governance, policies, instruments, and practices

- Social mobilisation, future memories, and right to the city
- Sustainable tourism, heritage, and local identity
- Partnerships, cooperations, and participatory practices

The programme includes academic sessions and exciting social activities with opportunities for deeper informal discussions and engaging with local community. The conference programme will comprise formal academic and special sessions and guest talks, a guided walking tour and conference evening reception. There are also optional activities such as calligraphy and artisan workshops.

The conference is peer-reviewed and collaborates with Springer's book series, "[Cities, Heritage and Transformation](#)". A peer-reviewed edited book will be developed based on a selection of full papers submitted after the conference to be published in the series.

Please do share this Call with your network and colleagues who might be interested in the subject matter.

For more details about registration, guiding questions and submission of your abstract, and other practical information visit the [conference website](#). For all enquiries, contact Conference team on [info@silkcities.org](mailto:info@silkcities.org). We are looking forward to welcoming you at the conference!

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