ACT Region Heritage Symposium 2017

THE POLITICS OF HERITAGE: THE ART OF THE POSSIBLE

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Convened by Heritage Partners: Australia ICOMOS, Canberra Archaeological Society, Canberra & District Historical Society and National Trust of Australia (ACT)

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‘The Politics of Heritage: the art of the possible’ asks what are the possibilities for cultural heritage in a city designed for democracy and diplomacy and political action, in a world of multiple stakeholders, where real and virtual borders transect our region and where digital technology is rewriting the rules of engagement between politicians, citizens and trusted cultural institutions.

How can we extend our understanding of the political landscape of our city; from the institutions that inhabit it, to the way politics and legislation features in heritage conservation and management. What is the role of cultural heritage management and conservation in the area of international cooperation as well as an instrument of ‘soft’ influence by states? How is the digital environment extending and enhancing experience with heritage values, not just in respect both to the processes of conservation and restoration, but in building active and engaged communities? Sub-themes are: Connecting the Dots in Heritage: gaps across statutory systems; Negotiating Outcomes for Heritage; Crossing Borders: sharing heritage objects and ideas.

Call for Papers: We are seeking papers from a diverse range of viewpoints; from Aboriginal community members, heritage and museum and practitioners, educators and students, architects, archaeologists, planners, embassies, artists and community advocates that explore and examine the interactions between people, place and practice focusing on the heritage of/as/in politics, democracy and diplomacy.

To propose a paper, please submit a summary to the National Trust (ACT) care of Liz McMillan (info@nationaltrustact.org.au) by 7 JULY 2017.

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