15.30  Session 1 – Interpretation and Presentation of Archaeological Sites  
Chairperson: Representative of Helwan University  
Keynote: Gihane Zaki (Egyptian Academy in Rome)  
Paper 1  
Paper 2  
Coffee Break & Poster Exhibition

17.00  Session 1 – Interpretation and Presentation of Archaeological Sites (cont.)  
Paper 3  
Paper 4  
End: approx. 18.30

20.00  Reception at Art Museum Dieselkraftwerk  
(Address: Am Amtsteich 15, Cottbus)  
End approx. 22.00

Day 3: Friday, 17th October 2014

09.00  Session 2 – Interpretation and Presentation of Ruins  
Chairperson: Representative of Helwan University  
Keynote: Christopher Woodward (Garden Museum London, UK)  
Paper 5  
Paper 6  
10.30  Coffee Break & Poster Exhibition

11.15  Session 2 – Interpretation and Presentation of Ruins (cont.)  
Paper 7  
Paper 8  
12.30  Lunch Break  
13.30  Bus Transfer to Branitz Park

15.15  Session 3 – Interpretation and Presentation of Landscapes of Memory (at Branitz Castle)  
Chairperson: Representative of BTU Cottbus-Senftenberg  
Keynote: Axel Klausmeier (Berlin Wall Foundation)  
Paper 9  
Paper 10  
16.45  Coffee Break

17.15  Session 3 – Interpretation and Presentation of Landscapes of Memory (cont.)  
Paper 11  
Paper 12

18.30  Farewell Reception (at Branitz Castle)

20.30  Bus transfer to Lindner Congress Hotel

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Awareness and support for heritage sites depend upon the level of knowledge that people have about their significance. However, some sites do not lend themselves easily to being understood by an observer. Ruins and archaeological sites, for example, require special efforts to be interpreted for visitors due to their incomplete and damaged state. Equally challenging are landscapes of memory, i.e. places where important events occurred, but few material remains are left behind as testimonies thereof. For all three categories, it falls to heritage professionals to develop interpretation and presentation strategies in order to allow for a thorough visitor experience and accessibility of meaning to a wider audience. Such strategies include a wide variety of options, including visualisation and site design.

Therefore, BTU Cottbus-Senftenberg and Helwan University are organising the conference PAST IMPERFECT. Communicating the Fragment and the Incomplete. The conference aims to facilitate an exchange on recent developments and project experiences in the field. We are inviting heritage professionals to submit proposals for either paper or poster presentations which provide information on a holistic approach towards interpretation and presentation at heritage sites. The conference will focus on three types of heritage sites: archaeological sites, ruins and landscapes of memory. The sessions will be structured accordingly.

Application Process

Abstracts for Papers:
Please submit a 500 word abstract. A key requirement is that the paper has a clear focus on one of the site categories, fitting with the thematic sessions.

Abstracts for Posters:
Please submit a 300 word abstract describing your poster. Posters should typically be no larger than A1 size (841mm × 594mm) portrait style. Presenters will be expected to be available to discuss their work in the coffee breaks during the conference.

All contributions will be published as part of the conference proceedings.

Deadline for submissions is the 15th of July, midnight (GMT+1). Please submit your abstract to: hcsm_conference@b-tu.de

Proposals will be reviewed by a scientific committee. Authors whose submissions are selected will be informed by July 31st, 2014. Please note that costs for travel and accommodation cannot be covered by the conference organisers. Participation in the conference is free of charge.

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