



# ARCHIVAL CITY

Bridging Urban Past and Future

## CLOSING CONFERENCE

# LIVING ARCHIVES FOR SUSTAINABLE CITIES

**THURSDAY 9 AND FRIDAY 10 NOVEMBER 2023**

Maurice Gross Auditorium, Copernic building  
Université Gustave Eiffel  
5 bd Descartes, Champs-sur-Marne  
RER A, Noisy-Champs station

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Inventing the smart, connected, resilient and ecological city of the 21st century will require in-depth and expert knowledge of its past, both ancient and recent. At the heart of the Archival City approach lies the question of archival data regarding the past and urban heritage, its description and its promotion to a broad audience. Funded by the I-SITE FUTURE of Gustave Eiffel University (2019-2023), the program aimed to question the concept of urban archives starting from six experimental sites (Algiers, Bologna, Chiang Mai, Greater Paris, Jerusalem , Quito) in relation to the issue of sustainability and the future of cities.

How do cities produce, sort, preserve, and use - or not use - their archives to address classic development issues? How can archival data be described and enhanced in a coherent manner? These questions are all the more relevant to address on an international scale given that the very definition of "urban archives" is complex and varies according to the context in which they were created. Political transitions, rapid urbanization and multiple environmental and sociopolitical risks raise concerns about the disappearance, dispersion or endangerment of archives. Added to this is a growing need for participation, co-production and valorization of the past and urban heritage. This is evidenced by the many participatory research initiatives around the world, which Archival City reports on.

Organised over two days, this closing conference aims to provide an overview of the research carried out by the six teams involved in the project, by examining the methods and documentary approaches used by other players in different fields. By bringing together Archival City's researchers and external speakers from a range of disciplines, the two-day event is structured around three key points: the first round table is devoted to the methods, approaches and tools shared by the project teams. Two half-days will be devoted to cross-presentations of the six fields and to putting them in dialogue with comparable experiences. A final sequence will be devoted to a concluding round table, summarizing and expanding the research perspectives. The aim is to imagine what a future tool for collecting, validating and sharing city archives and urban knowledge might look like.

## THURSDAY 9 NOVEMBER

**9 am** Opening of the conference and welcome of the public

**9.15 am** Welcome by Corinne Blanquart, Vice-President of the Université Gustave Eiffel

**9.30 – 11.30 am**

### **Introductory round-table – Reflecting on urban archives on an international scale: Archival City's methods and challenges**

With Vincent Lemire (Université Gustave Eiffel, ACP), Georges Lomné (Université Gustave Eiffel, ACP), Paul Lecat (Université de Tours, CeTHiS), Giuliano Milani (Université Gustave Eiffel, ACP), Annalaura Turiano (Université Gustave Eiffel, ACP) and Carole Lamoureux (Université Gustave Eiffel, ACP)

Discussants: Laurent Coudroy de Lille (Ecole d'urbanisme de Paris-UPEC, Lab'urba, president of the Société française d'histoire urbaine), Béatrice Hérold (Archives de Paris) and Vincent Tuchais (Archives de Paris)

**11.30 – 11.45 am** Break

**11.45 – 1.15 pm**

### **Scattered archives, competing memories: unveiling Quito**

With Georges Lomné (Université Gustave Eiffel, ACP), Santiago Cabrera Hanna (Universidad Andina Simón Bolívar Ecuador) and Natasha Sanmartín Monteros (Universidad Andina Simón Bolívar Ecuador)

Discussant: Diana Burgos Vigna (Université Paris Nanterre, CRIIA)

**1.15 – 2.30 pm** Lunch

**14.30 – 4 pm**

### **Virtual reconstruction of archives funds : learning from medieval Bologna**

With Giuliano Milani (Université Gustave Eiffel, ACP), François Bougard (Institut de recherche et d'histoire des textes) and Andrea Giorgi (Università di Trento)

Discussant: Carole Mabboux (Université Paris 8, MéMo)

**4 – 4.15 pm** Break

**4.15 – 5.45 pm**

### **Documenting the ordinary city in transformation: reflections from Chiang Mai**

With Nathalie Lancret (CNRS, Centre Asie du Sud-Est), Pijika Pumketkao (Ecole nationale supérieure d'architecture de Paris-Belleville, UMR AUSser), Prin Jhearmaneechotechai (Chulalongkorn University) and Tran Dinh (Université Paris Cité, CESSMA)

Discussant: Cristiana Mazzoni (École nationale supérieure d'architecture de Paris-Belleville, UMR AUSser)

# FRIDAY 10 NOVEMBER

**9 am** Welcome by Gilles Roussel, President of the Université Gustave Eiffel

**9.15 – 10.45 am**

## **Scattered archives, dislocated archives: Algiers between two shores**

With Thierry Guillopé (Université Côte d'Azur, ACP), Jean-Charles Bédague (Service interministériel des archives de France) and Abdul-Hameed Al Kayyali (Institut français du Proche-Orient – Ifpo)

Discussant: Hugo Vermeren (CNRS, TELEMMe)

**10.45 – 11 am** Break

**11 – 12.30 am**

## **From an archive portal to a 3D reconstruction of a lost neighbourhood: Jerusalem's Magrebi quarter**

With Vincent Lemire (Université Gustave Eiffel, ACP), Abdul-Hameed Al Kayyali (Institut français du Proche-Orient – Ifpo), Raphaël Banc-Lévêque (Sciences Po Grenoble / Institut français du Proche-Orient – Ifpo), Natasha Sanmartín Monteros (Universidad Andina Simón Bolívar Ecuador) and Valérie Gouet-Brunet (IGN, LASTIG)

Discussant: Eric Verdeil (Science Po, CERI)

**12.30 am – 1.30 pm** Lunch

**1.30 – 3 pm**

## **Administering the metropolis: thinking Greater Paris through archives**

With Loïc Vadelorge (Université Gustave Eiffel, ACP), Carole Lamoureux (Université Gustave Eiffel, ACP), Paul Lecat (Université de Tours, CeTHiS), Paul Lesieur (Université Gustave Eiffel, ACP) and Michel Didier (president of the Comité d'histoire de la politique de la ville)

Discussants: Emmanuel Bellanger (CNRS, CHS), Vincent Tuchais (Archives de Paris)

**3 – 3.15 pm** Break

**3.15 – 5.15 pm**

## **Closing panel – From fields to tools: past data for a resilient and inclusive city**

With Adèle Esposito (CNRS, Géographie-cités), Vincent Lemire (Université Gustave Eiffel, ACP) and Stéphane Frioux (Université Lumière Lyon 2, LARHRA)