

Shifting Mentality: from “Heritage Recovery” to “Heritage for Recovery”. Teaching heritage management for post crisis areas

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The role of architect in recovery process covers a wide horizon of different sectors and diverse topics. Lately, Turkiye has lived different crisis, including natural disasters, political and economic crisis with refugees' waves from neighboring countries which suffered armed conflict. This required a shifting in mentality for the teaching and training of architecture students to comprehend and be prepared for their role in the post crisis recovery process. AYBU while establishing Architecture department, has also started a multidisciplinary master, offers the opportunity to activate synergic cooperation between universities and experts to coordinate activities regarding heritage conservation or rehabilitation. This paper sheds light on the methods and techniques of teaching and training to master students, specifically in Heritage management for post crisis recovery of living urban centers course, the authors has collaborated to prepare, teach and enhance during the last 4 years. Tried to shift the mentality of dealing with the built heritage of communities in crisis, not only for the restoration and conservation of heritage itself, or using it as an asset, but to consider heritage as a main resource for the community to recover, not only economically but even socially, culturally and even to achieve reconciliation in post conflict era. The paper presents the course evaluation, showing obstacles and opportunities, strength and weaknesses. Potentials of enhancement are concluded too.

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