

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

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## Intangible Heritage, Cities and Communities

along the Silk Roads and beyond...

- 11-13 October 2023, Conference days (academic & social programme)
- 14 October 2023, optional tour (nearby island & town)
- Faro, Portugal
- Conference [website](#) & [silk-cities.org](http://silk-cities.org)
- Abstract submission deadline: 1 June 2023

### CALL FOR PAPERS AND PROPOSALS

The organising committee cordially invites you to submit your proposal to our upcoming conference – Intangible Heritage, Cities and Communities: along the Silk Roads and beyond. This conference aims to bring together global knowledge on conceptualising intangible heritage as urban phenomena. It is being organised by Silk Cities in collaboration with the Centre for Arts and Communications (CIAC) from the hubs of the University of Algarve and Aberta University, Portugal, and is supported by The Bartlett Development Planning Unit (DPU) UCL, Oxford Brookes University, and Urban Design Group, UK.

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 aim is 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. The conference will foster international dialogues between multiple disciplines related to urban studies, art and humanities, social science as well as disaster management, heritage, and migration 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 conference programme will comprise formal academic and special sessions and guest talks, a guided walking tour and conference dinner in Faro, and an optional study visit to a neighbouring market town and a car-free island. The programme has been designed to encourage rich discussions and social interactions.

- ✓ The organising committee welcomes abstract proposals for 15 minute papers and other forms of presentation. Abstract submission period ends on 1 June 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 by 1 June 2023.

## CONFERENCE THEMES

- Cultural expressions of diverse communities
- Physical and digital dimensions of urban experience
- Urban economy, temporal activities and everyday life
- Intangible heritage and resilience to disasters and disruptions
- 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 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 please visit the [conference website](#).

For all enquiries, please contact Conference team on [info@silkcities.org](mailto:info@silkcities.org). We are looking forward to welcoming you at the conference where you meet up with old friends and develop new friendships.

Silk Cities 2023 Conference Organising Committee.

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