

The culture and people of Tibet have long been a source of fascination as well as inspiration around the globe. Yet the Tibetans are human beings like the rest of mankind, and in modern times they have faced their share of difficulties in maintaining their ancient heritage in an adequate and dignified way.

**ASIA Onlus**, the Association for International Solidarity in Asia, is a Non-Governmental Organisation (NGO) founded in December 1988 through the determination and the commitment of a group of scholars of Tibetan culture; ASIA in cooperation with **Tibet Heritage Fund** and **Cicsene**, has launched a program to investigate the issues of sustainable preservation of the heritage of Tibet. In particular, this program seeks to evaluate adequate methodologies to preserve aspects such as Tibet's ancient architecture, its traditional cities and its monastic art.

A number of activities launched under this program as a cooperation between ASIA, THF and CICSENE include seminars and exhibitions in Italy and Germany, and publications of the results.

### THE SEMINARS

The seminars will bring experts of various fields relating to the topics of sustainable development and preservation of art and architecture together for a discussion.

The seminars will be hosted by Universities and Conservation Institute in Napoli, Torino and Roma, and will be open to the public.

The proceedings will be published in print and online.

### Theoretical aspects of Tibetan art and architecture

Napoli, 18-6

An introduction to the current state of research on Tibetan art and architecture will be presented. Points of particular interest are Buddhist art and architecture, relation of architectural preservation to Tibetan cultural identity, indigenous Tibetan approaches and views on conservation.

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### Sustainable conservation principles, with some tie-in to Tibet

Torino, 20-6

How internationally-accepted principles of sustainable and adequate development can be applied to Tibet. Topics will include a look at Tibet's economy, principles of sustainable architecture and town planning, development policies, and potential targets for development in the future.

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### Conservation of Tibetan wall-paintings

Roma, 22-6

Technical aspects of conservation of Tibetan wall-paintings will be the main focus. Paintings on the interior walls of monuments, monasteries and residences in Tibet present a significant part of Tibetan cultural heritage. The earliest surviving paintings date back to at least the 11th century, and point to the strong Indian influence on the early development of Tibetan culture and religion. Events of the Cultural Revolution have greatly diminished the number of preserved historic monuments, so that the preservation of the remaining examples of early art and architecture has assumed great importance.

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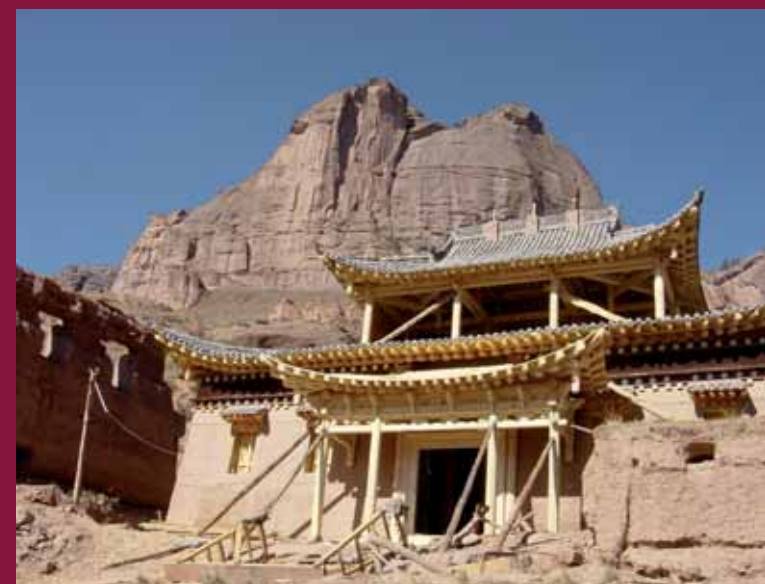


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Safeguarding traditions  
and ancient knowledge  
to promote development



## INTERNATIONAL SEMINARS

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**18-20-22 june 2007**

18.6

THEORETICAL ASPECTS OF TIBETAN ART  
AND ARCHITECTURE

UNIVERSITÀ DEGLI STUDI DI NAPOLI "L'ORIENTALE"  
Palazzo Du Mesnil, Sala dell'Archivio storico  
Via Chiatamone, 61/62

**Registration** ore 9.30

**Opening** ore 10.00

Pasquale Ciriello, Magnifico Rettore dell'Università degli Studi di Napoli "L'Orientale"

Alberto Ventura, Direttore del Dipartimento di Studi Asiatici dell'Università degli Studi di Napoli "L'Orientale"

**Morning session** ore 10.30-13.00

*Chair person: Giacomella Orofino, Centro di Studi sul Buddhismo dell'Università degli Studi di Napoli "L'Orientale"*

Amy Heller, Affiliated member of CNRS, Paris  
*Architectural conservation and preservation of cultural identity in Tibet*

Minyak Choekyi Gyaltsen Rinpoche, Tibet University  
*Unique features of the ancient Minyak architecture in the Tibet Plateau*

André Alexander, Tibet Heritage Fund, Berlin  
*Principles of tibetan architecture*

**Afternoon session** ore 15.00-18.00

Lundrup Dorje, Central Nationality University Beijing  
*"Ragen Manikhang" restoration project: scientific and technical methodology*

Zewang Jigme Rinpoche, Derge Buddhist Scripture Printing Institute, Derge  
*Presentation of "Derge Parkhang" project*

Anna Filigenzi, Università degli Studi di Napoli "L'Orientale"  
*From Lumbini to Lhasa. Buddhist art and architecture from a local to a global approach*

**Round Table**

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20.6

SUSTAINABLE CONSERVATION PRINCIPLES  
WITH SOME TIE-IN TO TIBET

POLITECNICO DI TORINO  
Castello del Valentino, Salone d'onore  
Viale Mattioli, 39

**Registration** ore 9.30

**Opening** ore 10.00

Rocco Curto, Preside della II Facoltà di Architettura  
Antonio Maria Barbero, Responsabile Servizio Internazionalizzazione Politecnico di Torino  
Maurizio Baradello, Dirigente Settore Cooperazione Internazionale e Pace Città di Torino

**Morning session** ore 10.45-13.15

*Chair person: Luca Dal Pozzolo, Politecnico di Torino*

Corrado Minervini, CRD-PVS, Politecnico di Torino  
*Preservation and development: a research for compatibility (principles, concepts and fieldwork activities)*

Minyak Choekyi Gyaltsen Rinpoche, Tibet University  
*Utilizing the Structure and Technique of Ancient Tibetan Architecture for the sustainable development of cities in Tibet*

Beate Heyne, University of Berlin  
*Meeting of tradition and modernism: architecture and urban development in Lhasa. The magic of sites: their preservation or their loss*

**Afternoon session** ore 15.00-18.00

Andrew Martin Fischer, London School of Economics  
*Case study: Chinese development policies in Tibet – beneficiaries and benefits*

Marco Dimiziani, Andrea Dell'Angelo, A.S.I.A. Onlus  
*Introduction to eco-sustainable technologies in the environmental and cultural Tibetan context*

Roberto Pagani, Politecnico di Torino  
*Transmitting Sustainable Urban Concepts to China: experience and perspectives*

**Round Table**

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22.6

MURAL PAINTING  
CONSERVATION

ISTITUTO CENTRALE PER IL RESTAURO DI ROMA  
ex Biblioteca Venturi  
Piazza San Francesco di Paola, 9

**Registration** ore 9.30

**Opening** ore 10.00

Caterina Bon Valsassina, Direttore Istituto Centrale per il Restauro  
Andrea Dell'Angelo, Segretario Generale di A.S.I.A. Onlus

**Morning session** ore 10.30-13.00

*Chair person: Donatella Cavezzali, Istituto Centrale per il Restauro*

Erberto Lo Bue, Università di Bologna  
*Art historic view of Tibetan mural paintings (history, age, symbolism)*

Donatella Zari, Giantomassi Carlo & Zari Donatella s.n.c.  
*Pagan, Myanmar and Bajia, Tibet. Far East asian mural paintings: techniques and conservation*

Amy Heller, Affiliated member of CNRS, Paris  
*Mural conservation in Tibet, past and present: Grathang, Shalu and Lukhang conservation projects*

**Afternoon session** ore 15.00-18.00

Donatella Cavezzali, Istituto Centrale per il Restauro, Roma  
*Case study Italian mural conservation in Italy. The conservation of roman wall paintings in the Domus Aurea: scientific and technical methodology*

Christine Jürgens, Tibet Heritage Fund, Berlin  
*Technical intro to Tibetan mural paintings (techniques, materials, current problems – missing roofs)*

Claudio Prosperi Porta, Istituto Centrale per il Restauro, Roma  
*Case study Italian mural conservation: restoration of architectural remains of Mar Musa al Habashi monastery in Syria*

**Round Table**

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