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Call for papers

‘The Significance of World Heritage: Origins, Management, Consequences’

Conference in Falun, Sweden, December 8-10, 2010

‘The Significance of World Heritage: Origins, Management, Consequences’ is to be the first international conference arranged by WHILD.

Founded in 2003 and situated at Dalarna University, Sweden, The World Heritage: Global Discourse and Local Implementation, WHILD, started as a research environment, above all in the humanities and social sciences, based on the Falun World Heritage site. It brings together scholars, researchers and administrators in the multidisciplinary field of “Worlds of the World Heritage”.

Welcome to the World Heritage Site in Falun



The Copper Mine in Falun.
Photo: Benat A. Lundberg, National Heritage Board, 1997

The Mining Area of the Great Copper Mountain was added to the World Heritage List on 13 December 2001. Unesco’s citation read: “The historical industrial landscape surrounding Stora Kopparberget (the Great Copper Mountain) and Falun constitutes one of the most outstanding areas of mining and the production of metals. The mining operation was closed down at the end of the twentieth century, but for hundreds of years it had exerted a strong influence on technical, social and political developments in Sweden and other European countries.”

In 2010, it is an area considered to be outstanding for production of gold and a variety of metals. During the past few years, national and international mining companies are again prospecting for ore at the old site – a new global age for an old world heritage? The World Heritage Site in Falun consists of three parts: The Mine Landscape, The Urban Landscape Falun and the surrounding Master Miner’s Landscape.

Aim

The aim of the conference is to get an overview of ongoing research related to World Heritage in fields of studies such as:

- Cultural and environmental heritage
- Tangible and intangible heritage
- Place and space
- Landscape
- Economics
- Media
- Management
- Tourism and hospitality

Topics

The conference is open to participants from all scientific fields and organisations. We welcome papers that discuss World Heritage as constructed phenomena as well as results of globalisation. Paper topics may include, but must not be limited to, the following:

- What happens to places and objects at a local scale once they are appointed World Heritage, considering for example the global aspects of the appointments and the tension between homogeneity and multiplicity?
- How World Heritage sites are interpreted in terms of for example time and space, history,

aesthetics, and change versus stability and 'genuine' versus 'false'?

- What changes in the landscape do World Heritage sites cause?
- How do local people relate to the World Heritage which they inhabit?
- How are World Heritage represented in the media and why?
- Who promote sites and why?
- What expectations guide nominees of World Heritage?

Participation

You may submit either a paper or panel proposal related to the thematic guidelines outlined above. We especially encourage pre-constituted panel proposals. Thus, there are two ways of participating in the WHILD-conference:

- By submitting a paper proposal which, if accepted, will be put together with 3-4 other papers by the conference organizers
- By submitting a panel proposal including a panel title, a list of the participants, a paper proposal from each of them, and a short description of the panel (100 words)

Welcome to Sweden, Falun and the conference!

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Proposals

The conference language is English.

Each presenter will have a maximum of 20 minutes speaking time. The paper proposal should be in English and include a title, an abstract limited to 200 words, 3-5 key bibliographical references, technical requirements, name of the presenter and institutional affiliation.

Please submit all proposals no later than April 15, 2010 to cmo@du.se

Information

The conference fee will be 200 EURO, including coffee/tea twice a day and dinner on the evening of December 9.

Participants will have to cover their own travel and accommodation expenses.

Travel information as well as a list of affordable hotels and other accommodations will be posted on the WHILD website (www.du.se/varldsarvet) in the spring of 2010.