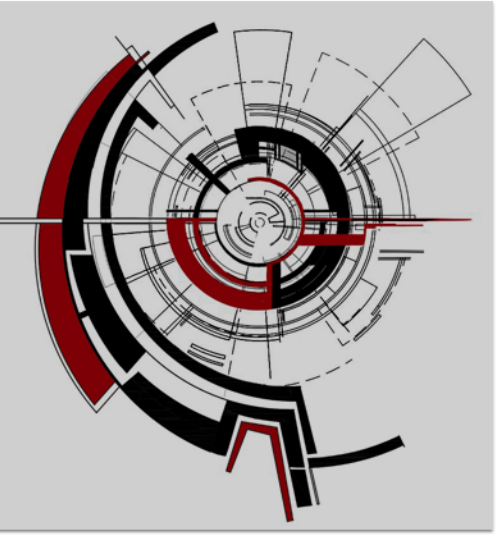




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A workshop on "Climate Resilience in Heritage Contexts" concluded its activities with the "Tales of Resilience" competition for architecture students. The workshop on "Climate Resilience in Heritage Contexts," organized as part of a joint research project between the Hashemite University and the University of Bath in the UK, concluded in the city of Salt. The workshop ran from October 14 to 23, 2025. The workshop aimed to deepen understanding of the relationship between built heritage and climate change, and to explore ways to enhance the resilience of historic cities and local communities in the face of escalating environmental, social, and economic challenges. The workshop brought together researchers, academics, architecture students, and experts from various fields, along with representatives from national and international institutions and the local community.

It included a series of discussion sessions and interactive field visits to heritage sites in Salt, providing participants with an opportunity to exchange experiences and knowledge on the concepts of climate resilience and heritage preservation amidst current environmental transformations. The workshop concluded with the "Tales of Resilience" competition for architecture students. The workshop was attended by a number of academics and experts, including Dr. Reem Barakat from the Applied Science Private University, Dr. Osama Naeem from Petra University, Ms. Waad Al-Tamimi, Coordinator of the International Council on Monuments and Sites (ICOMOS Jordan), Ms. Hana Al-Fawri from the UNESCO Office in Jordan, and Mr. Khaldoun Khraisat, Director of the Salt Development Corporation. Representatives from the "Our Heritage is Our Gold" initiative also participated: Ms. Mona Al-Fawri, Mr. Amin Arabiyat, Dr. Fatima Atiyat, Eng. Abdul Ghani Tablat, Eng. Munther Qutub, and Eng. Nihad Al-Masri, along with several representatives from the local community and those interested in heritage issues. Dr. Kemi Adiaye and Dr. Caroline Watkinson from the University of Bath, UK, also attended the workshop. These activities culminated on the final day (October 23) with the "Tales of Resilience" competition for architecture students from various Jordanian universities.



This competition provided a creative space for students to translate the theoretical concepts discussed in the workshop into realistic design projects that expressed their vision for reconciling heritage preservation with the demands of development and climate resilience. The closing ceremony included an exhibition of student projects and a formal judging session featuring professors and experts from Jordan and the UK. During the session, the projects were evaluated based on criteria of innovation, environmental suitability, and the integration of heritage and community dimensions. The competition results saw the team from Amman Arab University win first place, the team from the Hashemite University win second place, and the team from Al-Balqa Applied University win third place, in recognition of their projects' excellence in expressing the values of resilience and sustainability within historical contexts. The organizers emphasized that this event represents an important step towards enhancing academic and professional awareness of the importance of integrating climate resilience concepts into heritage education and urban planning. This will contribute to protecting Jordan's architectural heritage and developing practical tools to support future policies in this field.