

Lecture Series

DATE OF LECTURE: Wednesday, October 24, 2007

PLACE OF LECTURE: National Geographic Center

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TITLE: Heritage Preservation & Regeneration in the Old City of Jerusalem

SPEAKER: Shadia Touqan, Director of the Old City of Jerusalem Revitalization Program

Shadia Touqan graduated with a Baccalaureate degree in Architecture in 1969 from Cairo University, obtained a Masters in Urban Design from Manchester University in 1981, and attained a PhD in Urban Development and Planning from Development Planning Unit/ Bartlette School of Architecture from the University of London in 1995. She worked as an architect on a number of projects in the UK, Jordan, UAE, other Arab countries and is an expert on urban development of Palestinian towns. Shadia is the Chief Technical Advisor for USESCO in Yemen, Director of the Old City of Jerusalem Revitalization plan since November 1997, and is an expert on cultural heritage preservation and revitalization of historic cities with a number of international organizations such as the World Bank and UNESCO. She has not only published a number of papers and articles on the subject of preservation of cultural heritage, but is also a winner of the Aga Khan Award for Architecture for her work in Jerusalem in 2004.

MODERATOR: Gustavo Araoz, President of US ICOMOS

Gustavo F. Araoz, AIA, is International Vice President of the International Council on Monuments and Sites (ICOMOS), the world's only international multidisciplinary network of preservation professionals, practitioners, activists and supporters. He is also Executive Director of its United States Committee (US/ICOMOS), the largest of more than 120 National Committees of ICOMOS. US/ICOMOS headquarters are in Washington, DC. He now lives in Bethesda, MD.

EXPECTED ATTENDANCE: 250-300 individuals focused on heritage conservation.