Authenticity is a dynamic concept

Bath has changed over time ...
City of Bath World Heritage Site
buildings criterion (iv)
25 years on ... there are other values ...
sacred and spiritual
healing and medicine
THE REGISTER OF BATH,
OR,
Two Hundred Observations.
CONTAINING
An Account of CURES performed,
and Benefits received, by the Use of
Famous the HOT WATERS of
BATH, in the County of Somerset,
as they, for the most part, came un-
der the Observation, and Knowledge
OF
THOMAS GUILDOTT,
Physician there.
Being great part of his Experience of
the EFFECTS of the Baths of Bath, for XXVII Years last past.

LONDON, Printed by F. Leach, for
the Author and are to be sold by
Randal Taylor, near Stationers Hall, 1694.
Enlightenment
nascent tourist industry
A ‘Therapeutic Landscape’
continuing …

The City has continued for 2000 years …

…. after decline & fall….
continuing …

…. after religious strife …
continuing ...

.... after civil wars...
continuing ... 

... after recession ...
Why is Bath so special?

- intangible values special to Bath
- the city reinvented itself
- the city managed change
management for 2000 years and rebuilding
Historic Urban Landscape

.. but authenticity was defined fifty years ago

- development of Venice Charter
- relationship of cities and State
Authenticity is a result of continuous bricolage!!

- authenticity is a dynamic concept
- HUL encourages a reassessment
... authenticity and HUL is a challenge!

- authenticity of cities is problematic
- this now should be revalued
discuss
The clarity with which we see a situation is the basis for any subsequent decision

Edward de Bono
Rome
‘The Eternal City!’

... and so was Warsaw
Why is this so special?

- State selects Monuments
- but the city manages the context
values

intangible experiences felt and experienced

features and qualities described and measured
intangible values
spiritual places
icons and symbols
emotional responses
values
values

World Heritage Site

narrative values
How does design affect these values?
values
“La dorsale Économique de l’Europe”

Fernand Braudel 1986
Medieval Low Countries

- Low Countries urban landscape
- urban privileges secured in 12th C
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