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Abstract:

Cities are constantly changing and subject to a wide variety of different challenges. This applies even more so to UNESCO World Heritage Cities, given their high density and the special value of heritage assets which is relevant for their outstanding universal value. The meta-challenge of climate change with its increasing impact on our daily lives have stimulated the idea to better connect the spheres of cultural heritage and Disaster Risk Management and Preparation. On the urban level, cultural heritage frequently is integrated into a DRM processes at a very late stage, if at all. Most often, the narration is that cultural heritage is an object and it only needs to be protected and preserved. With this report this notion was transformed and the qualities that (urban) cultural heritage has to contribute have been embraced: for example, built heritage plays a major role when it comes to resilience and urban recovery.

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