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**HISTORIC URBAN LANDSCAPE  
RECOMMENDATION – PART II**

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**The heritage protection has to be seen as a permanent dialogue between the society (objective circumstances) and conservators (conservation theory).**

**If the conservation theory recommends rules or forms, which the society does not understand, cannot or does not want to realize - the heritage preservation is in crisis.**

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<b>What is the subject of analysis and programmes of protection</b>	Heritage - monuments /elements and factors directly connected with heritage/	The entire historical city /all elements and factors connected with heritage and historical city/
<b>The attitude towards to the changes and transformations</b>	The changes are negative; changes lead to a devastation and reduction of heritage values /historical city is static/	The changes are a natural process in historical city; changes are a feature of each city - also historical /historical city must be dynamic/
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What is more important  
- the holistic, integrated  
perception of heritage in the  
historical city or the entries  
saying that the protection of  
heritage is only one of the  
tasks which should be carry out  
by restorers?

First problem  
– „internal contradiction“

It is not possible to apply the traditional rules of conservation to heritage of the historical city and at the same time to develop and modernize this city.

## Second problem – „external imbalance“

If we compare the heritage protection with economic development (growth of incomes, new jobs, modernization of the building, improvement of transport, etc.), of course the more powerful is the second element.



## **Third problem**

- „lack of a methodology“**

**We do not have a methodology for the analysis and comparison of the heritage values and processes of the transformation of the material “carriers” of these values.**

**We are not able to specify the “loss of values” during the process of heritage conservation or modernization.**

In current reality HUL Recommendation will not lead to a widening of the spectrum of protected heritage values (tangible and intangible) and to creation of more comprehensive protection systems but to limitation of the validity of the heritage and its protection in favor of other factors (the need for development, the opinions of stakeholders, etc.).

**HUL Recommendation may be dangerous if it is interpreted by the persons interested in diminishing conservator's control over the historical town – for example investors.**

**A very urgent task is the interpretation of HUL Recommendation by restorers.**

**The implementation of the HUL Recommendations should take place through the restorers and with their interpretation.**

We need to prepare models for analysis of historical cities, which will show the consequences (tangible and intangible) of the various interventions in the historical cities.

# CONCLUSIONS:

Firstly:

HUL Recommendation is the first international doctrinal document of this rank, which amends and enshrines the paradigm shift in the heritage protection.

Secondly:

For the formal reasons the HUL Recommendation will be implemented in the historical cities worldwide – it will be a document that will affect the conservation and development of historical cities.

Thirdly:

Lack of methodologies for the heritage values assessment cause that HUL Recommendation can be used to weaken the heritage protection (in comparison to development).



## Fourthly:

It is necessary as soon as possible to interpret the HUL Recommendation and develop a methodology for assessment of the heritage values (primarily the relationship between values and their material „carriers“).

- What is your opinion regarding HUL Recommendation (as a new attitude)?**
  
- Do you need HUL Recommendation for preservation activity in your country?**
  
- How can you implement/use HUL Recommendation in your work?**
  
- What conditions should be met to introduce HUL attitude into preservation activity regarding WHL sites in your country?**





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