Celebrating 30 years of UNESCO in Canterbury
24th-25th May 2019

Friday 24th May 2019 – UNESCO and World Heritage

10.30 – 11.00 Arrivals

11.00 – 11.10 Welcome

11.10 – 11.40 Chris Blandford, President of World Heritage UK, ‘World Heritage’ – well known words but what does it mean in the UK?’

11.40 – 12.10 Dr Sophie Vigneron, Kent Law School, Kent University, ‘Legal and policy protection of World Heritage Properties: international, national or local concern?’

12.10 – 12.20 Break


12.50 – 2.00 Lunch

2.00 – 2.30 Professor Robert Bubczyk, Head of the Department of History of Culture, Maria Curie-Skłodowska University, Lublin, ‘UNESCO World Heritage Sites in Poland – between the protection of cultural Heritage and its commercialization. A case study of the ‘Wieliczka’ Royal Salt Mine and Castle of the Teutonic Order in Malbork’

2.30 – 3.00 Jane Gibson, Durham World Heritage Site Co-ordinator, ‘Pilgrimage, Journeying and Travel - Durham World Heritage Site, welcoming pilgrims for over 1,000 years. Balancing the interests of our many visitors and other stakeholders’.

3.00 – 3.10 Break
3.10 – 3.40 Cressida Williams, Head of Archives and Library, Canterbury Cathedral, ‘Protecting written Heritage: the UNESCO Memory of the World programme’.

3.40 – 4.10 Tea


4.40 – 5.10 Howard Griffin, Kent School of Architecture, Kent University, and Dr. Jane Lovell, Department of Geographical and Life Sciences CCCU, ‘The Illuminated past: using light installations to interpret World Heritage Sites’.

6.00 Reception in the Daphne Oran Creative Arts Building

9.15 Light Show at St Augustine’s Abbey

Saturday 25th May 2019 – Canterbury’s World Heritage Site

10.00 – 10.30 Dr Charles Insley, Head of the Department of History, Manchester University, ‘Canterbury Cathedral, St Augustine’s Abbey and St Martin’s Church: An Anglo-Saxon sacred cityscape?’

10.30 – 11.00 Jake Weekes, Research Manager, Canterbury Archaeological Trust, ‘Canterbury’s Heritage in the 21st Century’

11.00 – 11.30 Coffee

11.30 – 12.00 Dr Charlotte Young, ‘A pilgrimage to plunder: sequestration in Canterbury, 1643-1649’

12.00 – 12.30 Professor Jackie Eales, Centre for Kent History and Heritage, CCCU, ‘A Civil War Royalist in exile: Sir John Finch’s memorial in St Martin’s Church’.

12.30 – 1.30 Lunch

1.30 – 2.00 Professor Peter Vujakovic, Department of Geographical and Life Sciences, CCCU, ‘Journey’s end: linking the global to local through biodiversity in the Canterbury UNESCO World Heritage Site’

2.00 – 2.30 Dr Ralph Norman, School of Humanities, CCCU, ‘Gothic Evolution: Alexander James Hope, William Butterfield, and St Augustine’s Missionary College’

2.30 – 2.40 Break

2.40 – 3.10 Heather Newton, Head of Conservation, and Sarah Turner, Collections Manager, Canterbury Cathedral, ‘The Canterbury Journey – marking meaning and a sense of place’

3.10 – 3.40 Dr Diane Heath, Centre for Kent History and Heritage, CCCU, ‘Celebrating Canterbury’s world class Romanesque Heritage: the wonderful creatures carved in crypt and cloister’

3.40 – 4.10 Tea

4.10 – 4.40 Mike Butler, St Martin’s Church, ‘Rapporteur’

All talks will take place in The Old Sessions House, Longport, Canterbury Christ Church University, Canterbury Campus. For further information please contact jackie.eales@canterbury.ac.uk