

## **Discourses on World Heritage in The Course of Time**

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The World Heritage Convention looks back on 40 years of expert discourse which is frequently considered as UNESCO's most successful discourse. In this lecture, I shall identify the reasons for this success as well as discuss the weaknesses of the 1972 Convention. The main criticisms directed at the convention regard its monumental and Eurocentric bias. Similarly, expert discourses are confronted with discourses at a local community level. I leave it up to you – the audience – which side you prefer.

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