



# Call for Heritage Thinkers!

**Faro Convention International Conference Warm-UP Meeting**

**27 October 2021  
(Online) Faro, Portugal**

Did you know that the Faro Convention was one of the first European recommendations placing cultural heritage, namely the meaning ascribed to it, at the core of any aspiring fair and democratic society? Did you know the city of Faro has the major concentration of Modernist buildings in the Portuguese South? Have you ever thought how digitalisation can support greater conservation and sustainability of cultural heritage?

Those are some of the questions that the Faro Town Hall together with the UNESCO Heritage and the Reshaping of Urban Conservation for Sustainability chair and TUDelft Heritage & Values chair aims to discuss through several events planned for the next 4 years that will lead to the celebration of the 20 years of the Faro Convention on 2025. Accordingly, we are preparing the first Faro Convention International Conference, which in 2022 will have as a central theme Heritage and Digitalisation.

Therefore, we are delighted to invite you to join a think-lab on the intersection of your research with the Faro Convention, the opportunities for cities like Faro, and the challenges of Digitalisation in the Heritage field. This will be the Warm-Up event for the next year conference on Heritage and Digitalisation, where the experts of tomorrow, the PhD Candidates, will pitch the key issues that will be incorporated in the follow-up events scheduled until 2025.

## **How to apply?**

Through this [form](#) you can sign up for the workshop and upload your video and a 500-word summary (not mandatory).

## **Who can apply?**

PhD candidates of all years, whose research theme is on cultural heritage.

## **Why to apply?**

- Apply to be selected to become one of the ambassadors of the Faro Convention International Conference 2022: Heritage and Digitalization (October 2022, Faro), with all the associated costs covered;

- Disseminate your work in an international network of research. Your Pecha Kucha video will be available on the 2022 Faro Convention Conference website;
- Be published on the forthcoming 2022 Faro Convention Conference proceedings;
- Earn 1 credit for your PhD program.

**Deadline:** 18 October 2021.

This Warm-UP meeting, will be online, especially due to the ongoing pandemic restrictions on social distancing and travels, but also to facilitate a wider participation in the event. This event is organized in two different and correlated activities, as follows:

**(1) Pecha Kucha presentations and discussions on the Faro Convention (10:30 - 13:00)**

By using the Pecha Kucha format (20slidesX20seconds = 6'00min), we invite you to create a short video-presentation of your research (Research Questions, Goals, Methodology, Expected Results) and critically reflect on how it can be related with the Faro Convention principles (or confront it) and how it can contribute to mid-size cities such as Faro (which is running for European Capital of Culture 2027). Additionally, we would like you to elaborate how your research would help built heritage to cope with digital era challenges in terms of greater conservation and sustainability.

**(2) Workshop: Digitalisation & Built Heritage (14:30-17:00)**

The workshop will consist of two expert presentations on the topic of digital serious geogames (e.g., The Medici game, Father and Son) and on the Minecraft block-building game (e.g., MI.MOMO.FARO) as forms of digitalisation of cultural heritage. In addition, school students (age 13-15) that participated in the last edition of MI.MOMO.FARO will present the 3D reconstruction of the modernist architecture of Faro in the gamified environment of Minecraft. Such tools have been applied to problematize the cultural significance of heritage through mixed-methods on the digital reconstruction of heritage, collaborative (re)design, and decision-making. After the presentations, the PhD candidates are invited to critically reflect on the benefits, potentials and challenges of digitalisation on heritage planning and management.

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**Looking forward to seeing you in October!**

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