



FORTIC International Scientific Conference 2025

# “FORTIFIED ARCHITECTURE FOR THE CULTURE OF PEACE”

15 - 16 September 2025, NP Brijuni

## CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

*For online participants: [Join the sessions here](#)*



## DAY 1

MONDAY, September 15th, 2025

**Hotel Neptun; Congress Hall "Kastrum"**

*National park Brijuni; Fažana*

9:20 - 9:40 hrs

**Registration of conference participants**

9:40 - 10:00 hrs

**Conference opening ceremony and greetings**

10:00 - 11:40 hrs

**Plenary lectures**

**Maria Gravari-Barbas**, Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne University:

*FROM DEFENDING PARIS TO CULTURE: THE HERITAGE OF PARIS' FORTIFICATIONS*

**Donatella Rita Fiorino**, University of Cagliari:

*INTERINSTITUTIONAL SYNERGIES FOR REGENERATION STRATEGIES. THE CASE STUDY OF LA MADDALENA ENTRENCHED FIELD IN SARDINIA (ITALY)*

**John Harris**, Fortress Study Group, UK:

*A COMPARATIVE REVIEW OF BEST PRACTICE IN THE SUSTAINABLE REUSE OF POST-ARTILLERY FORTIFICATIONS IN THE UNITED KINGDOM AND INTERNATIONALLY*

11:40 - 12:00 hrs

**Coffee break**

12:00 - 13:00 hrs

**Panel 1 – Strategic guidelines for protection and valorisation of fortified heritage in the Adriatic region**

**Daniela Angelina Jelinčić:**

*CULTURAL HERITAGE IN PRACTICE: SUSTAINABILITY, CULTURAL HERITAGE IMPACT ASSESSMENT, AND PARTICIPATORY MANAGEMENT*

**Zofia Mavar:**

*THE STATE OF FORTIFICATIONS IN THE PULA FORTRESS SYSTEM – ISSUES, POSITIVE EXPERIENCES, AND STRATEGIC GUIDELINES FOR PROTECTION AND REHABILITATION*



13:00 - 14:00 hrs

**Kristina Perkov:**

*CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES IN THE REPURPOSING OF  
ABANDONED MILITARY SITES FOR URBAN REGENERATION IN  
COASTAL CITIES OF CROATIA - online*

**Kristina Afrić Rakitovac, Nataša Urošević:**

*HERITAGE OF EUROPEAN NAVAL PORTS AND HISTORIC ARSENALS –  
THE CASE OF PULA*

**Panel 2 – Transforming fortifications into cultural, educational and  
scientific hubs**

**Daniel Gethmann, Volker Pachauer:**

*STRATEGIC INFRASTRUCTURE: THE AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN  
FORTIFICATION SYSTEM AROUND PULA*

**Wojciech Rymśa-Mazur:**

*RESEARCH, STUDIES, AND PROJECTS ON SELECTED STRUCTURES IN  
THE DEFENSIVE LANDSCAPE OF THE PULA FORTRESS (2002–2025) -  
online*

**Milena Mičić:**

*REVITALIZATION OF THE AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN FORTIFICATIONS ON  
THE VERUDELA PENINSULA*

**Olha Tikhonova:**

*FORTIFIED CITIES AS PILLARS FOR UNITY AND SUSTAINABLE  
DEVELOPMENT*

14:00 - 15:00 hrs

**Lunch**

15:00 - 16:00 hrs

**Panel 3 – Revitalizing fortified systems of Pula and Brijuni Islands**

**Katarina Marić, Katarina Pocedić:**

*THE PULA FORT CENTER – DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION OF THE  
FORTIFIED HERITAGE*

**Breda Bizjak:**

*REVITALISATION OF THE AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN UNDERGROUND  
SYSTEM IN PULA*



**Emil Jurcan:**

*THE RESTORATION PROJECT OF THE GIACONE COASTAL BATTERY ON  
BRIJUNI ISLANDS*

**Pia Boljunčić:**

*REVITALIZATION OF TOWER FORT FORT MONTE GROSSO AND THE  
RESTORATION OF THE FORTIFIED PATH OF PULA*

16:00 - 19:00 hrs

**Excursion to Mali Brijun – Study visit to the Fort Brioni Minor**

*Boat transfer from Veliki Brijun*

20:00 hrs

**Dinner**



DAY 2

TUESDAY, September 16th, 2025

**Hotel Neptun; Congress Hall "Kastrum"**

*National park Brijuni; Fažana*

10:00 - 11:00 hrs

**Panel 4 – Fortified landscapes - conceptualization and interpretation**

**Jana Rodić:**

*EXTENDED REALITY (XR) FOR THE DIGITAL VALORIZATION OF FORTIFIED HERITAGE: CHALLENGES, SOLUTIONS, AND AUDIENCE ENGAGEMENT*

**Dunja Predić:**

*FROM CLOSED SYSTEMS TO SENSORIAL TRANSPARENCY: STRUCTURAL MONITORING OF FORTIFIED HERITAGE AS INFRASTRUCTURE OF TRUST AND SPATIAL RESILIENCE*

**Julia Gesell:**

*MUSEUMS AND CULTURAL INSTITUTIONS AS INCLUSIVE SPACES: THE EXAMPLE OF FORTRESS KÖNIGSTEIN - online*

**Marijana Fabijanić, Vana Đapić:**

*FORTIFIED HERITAGE TERMINOLOGY AND LINGUISTIC LANDSCAPE: THE CASE OF THE TRANSNATIONAL UNESCO SITE "VENETIAN WORKS OF DEFENCE BETWEEN THE 16TH AND 17TH CENTURIES. STATO DA TERRA – WESTERN STATO DA MAR" – online*

11:00 - 12:00 hrs

**Panel 5 – Adriatic cross-border fortified heritage - historical and contemporary perspectives**

**Karla Papeš, Andrija Nakić:**

*FORTIFYING THE EASTERN ADRIATIC UNDER FRENCH RULE (1806–1813)*

**Josip Pavić, Gorana Barišić Bačelić:**

*EMPHASIZING THE DISSONANCE: THE REOPENING AND REUSE OF A WORLD WAR II TUNNEL BENEATH THE ST. JOHN'S FORTRESS IN ŠIBENIK, CROATIA - online*



	<p><b>Ilija Lalošević:</b> <i>FORTIFICATION ARCHITECTURE OF BOKA KOTORSKA BAY</i></p> <p><b>Saša Slijepčević, Saša Nikolić:</b> <i>THE FORTIFIED HERITAGE OF "KORDONPOSTEN GAT" AS ONE OF THE PILLARS OF TOURISM DEVELOPMENT IN GACKO</i></p>
12:00 - 12:30 hrs	Coffee break
12:30 - 13:30 hrs	<p><b>Panel 6 – Sustainable fortified heritage ecosystems – Italian experiences</b></p> <p><b>Nicola Camatti, Federico Camerin, Francesco Gastaldi:</b> <i>INVESTIGATING THE REUSE OF ADRIATIC FORTIFIED HERITAGE THROUGH REAL AND DIGITAL BUSINESS ECOSYSTEMS. THE CASES OF ITALY AND CROATIA - online</i></p> <p><b>Fiorenzo Meneghelli:</b> <i>THE RECOVERY OF FORTIFIED HERITAGE IN THE PROCESS OF ENVIRONMENTAL AND URBAN REDEVELOPMENT: FORTE TESORO AND FORTE AURELIA - online</i></p> <p><b>Daniele Sferra, Fiorenzo Meneghelli:</b> <i>FORTE MARGHERA, A TANGIBLE EXAMPLE OF SUSTAINABLE FORTIFIED HERITAGE BUSINESS ECOSYSTEM - online</i></p> <p><b>Gerardo Semprebbon:</b> <i>AFTER NATO IN LESSINIA (VERONA): DESIGN QUESTIONS FOR THE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT OF DECOMMISSIONED TELECOMMUNICATION SITES – online</i></p>
13:30 - 15:00 hrs	<p><b>Panel 7 – European best practice in fortified heritage management</b></p> <p><b>Tuija Lind:</b> <i>A CRITICAL ANALYSIS OF A LONG-TERM REUSE PROJECT OF FORTIFIED HERITAGE SUOMENLINNA (HELSINKI, FINLAND)</i></p> <p><b>John Ebejer:</b> <i>CONSERVATION ISSUES OF A FORTIFIED HISTORIC TOWN: THE CASE STUDY OF VALLETTA - online</i></p> <p><b>Tomáš Jirouch:</b> <i>FORTIFIED HERITAGE POLICY IN THE CZECH REPUBLIC: THE CASES OF TEREZÍN AND JOSEFOV</i></p>



**Anna Staniewska, Jadwiga Środulska-Wielgus, Krzysztof Wielgus:**

*"FINIS CORONAT OPUS" – WHAT INFLUENCES SUCCESSFUL FORTIFIED HERITAGE RESTORATION? EXPERIENCES FROM RECENT CASE STUDIES FROM THE KRAKOW FORTRESS.*

**Celia Clark:**

*BARRACKS, FORTS AND RAMPARTS. REGENERATION CHALLENGES FOR PORTSMOUTH HARBOUR'S DEFENCE HERITAGE - online*

**Jeroen van der Werf:**

*PRESERVATION THROUGH DEVELOPMENT - THE CASE OF NAARDEN (NETHERLANDS) - online*

15:00 - 16:00 hrs

**Lunch**

16:00 - 17:00 hrs

**Panel 8 – Valorising fortified architecture and culture of peace in European cross-border regions**

**Marcin Górski:**

*PROBLEMS OF USING FORTIFIED OBJECTS IN THE PROCESS OF DESIGNING NEW FUNCTIONS IN SREBRNA GÓRA FORTRESS*

**Filippo Cailotto:**

*INTEGRATING CREATIVE TOURISM AND NEW EUROPEAN BAUHAUS PRINCIPLES IN THE MANAGEMENT OF FORTIFIED HERITAGE*

**Tetiana Vietrova, Viktor Vietrov:**

*THE LITHUANIAN PART OF MEDZHYBIZH CASTLE IN THE CONTEXT OF THE EUROPEAN FORTIFICATION HERITAGE OF THE 14TH–15TH CENTURIES - online*

**Alena Bagro:**

*FORTIFIED SITES AS GREEN AREAS: EXAMPLES OF IMPLEMENTATION IN WESTERN UKRAINE AT THE END OF THE 19TH CENTURY, SELECTED EXAMPLES – online*





17:00 - 18:00 hrs

## Panel 9 – Cultural routes and special interest tourism

### Eleonora Berti:

*CULTURAL ROUTES OF THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE: TOOLS TO  
CONNECT FORTIFIED HERITAGE - THE EXPERIENCE OF DESTINATION  
NAPOLEON - online*

### Dirk Röder:

*FORTE CULTURA – EUROPEAN CULTURAL ROUTE OF FORTIFIED  
MONUMENTS*

### Marie-Luise Binder-Krieglstein, James Miller:

*THE CASTLE ROAD: A CASE STUDY IN THE USE OF A NETWORK OF  
FORTIFICATIONS AS MOTORS OF SUSTAINABLE RURAL TOURISM  
DEVELOPMENT*

### Teresa Colletta:

*CREATIVE TOURISM AND CULTURAL ITINERARIES. AN INNOVATIVE  
STRATEGY FOR THE ENHANCEMENT OF FORTIFICATION NETWORKS –  
online*

18:00 - 19:00 hrs

## Conference Conclusions and Closing Ceremony

