

3rd Riwaq Biennale 2009

October 12-16

Riwaq Think Net Detailed Program

The Rehabilitation of Birzeit Historic Centre

Day One: Monday 12

Venue: Kamal Naser

9.30-11.30 Official Biennale Ceremony Opening

12.00-13:30 The Rehabilitation of Birzeit Historic Center and Riwaq Think Net
(Session 3)

Day Two: Tuesday 13

Part I: Our Thoughts:

10:30-11:30 Vision & Strategies on the Rehabilitation of Birzeit Historic Center

11:30-13.00 Tour of Historic Center and On-site Discussions

13.00-14.00 Lunch Break

Part II: Your Thoughts:

14.00-16.00 Panel Discussion 1: *Concepts of Rehabilitation*; what triggers Rehabilitation, what does it take to bring life back to historic centers a multidisciplinary approach:

Main Discussant Mark Fredrickson University of Arizona

Opening remarks by Mayor of Birzeit Dr. Yousef Naser

Participants:

1. Luisa Morgantini Ex-vice President of the European Parliament
2. Magdalena Stephenson SIDA
3. Edwards, Michael Bartlett school, UCL
4. Salim Tamari Institute of Jerusalem Studies
5. Xavier Casanovas Arquitectes Tècnics i Enginyers d'Edificació de Barcelona
6. Yazeed Anani Birzeit University
7. Charles Esche 3rd riwaq Biennale curator

16.00-18.00 Panel Discussion 2: *Specific Themes on Rehabilitation*; Housing, public spaces, the role of art and cultural events, the role of the private sector etc..

Main Discussant Arch. Yara Al-Sharif

Opening remarks by Minister of tourism and Antiquities Dr. Khlood Deibis

Participants:

1. Alex Pollock	UINRWA
2. Caroline Meirrop	École nationale supérieure des arts visuels, La Cambre
3. Nasir Abd el hadi	Yasameen Project
4. Connie Occhialini	Ferrara University
5. Peter Barber	Peter Barber Architects,
6. Sir Richard MacCormac	MJP Architects
7. Rima Hammami	Birzeit University

Day 3: Wednesday 14

10.00-17.00 Trail: al Mizra'a Al Qiblih, birzeit, Jifna, Al jalzoun Camp, Ein Sinia, Silwada and Al Taybeh

14.00-15.00 Picnic

16:00-17:00 Tour in the historic center of Al-Taybeh

17:00-18:30 Presentation and Discussion at Al Bobarriyeh

Panel Discussion 3: *the 19th and 20th architecture and spaces in between: from the central highlands to the Jordan Valle Project*

Main Discussant Arch. Ghada Mubarak

Opening Remarks by Mayor of Al-Taybeh Dr. David Khouri

Participants:

1. Raed sa'adeh

Rozana Association

3. Reem Fadah

University of Cornell

19.00-22.00 Dinner (Restaurant) in al Taybeh

Day 4: Thursday October 15

Part III: Think Together workshop:

10:00-13:00 Explore and assess different challenges in the rehabilitation process (Working Groups)

13.00-14.00 Lunch Break

14:00-16:00 Propose strategies, interventions and projects to tackle the challenges.

Day 5: Friday October 16

Part IV. Conclude Together:

9:30 Meeting Point at Riwaq Headquarters

10.30 Arrival at Al Samhan Castle, Ras Karkar

11.00-17.00 Discussing and summarizing "Think Net" output.

16.00 preparing "Think Net" final presentation

19.00-21.00 Closing Ceremony al Kasaba Theater and cinematheque

19.30 Think Net presentation.