One observes a widely shared agreement on the necessity to maintain the cultural heritage. As a consequence, grants made available for repair of historic buildings are like a steady point on the financial agenda of public authorities, the legitimacy of this commitment remaining unquestioned. These statements apply to the – very often – most important part of this heritage, namely religious buildings. The question remains to know how much influenced is the funding of the places of worship by this additional cultural dimension, and, inversely, whether those buildings are subject to specific legislation. This topic should be investigated in the light of the questions raised by state support to religious groups in general, which reflects the particularity of each domestic State-Church relationships system. Hence, the purpose of this seminar is two-fold. On the one hand, it aims at mapping the sources of funding of religious heritage. The need for identifying better the various origins of funding mainly comes from the statement that besides the financing of religious heritage as part of cultural heritage, religious buildings potentially benefit from the state support system for religious groups. On the other hand, it seeks to investigate the alleged specificity of this heritage. Does a special treatment of the buildings derive from their religious dimension? Does the fact that they are still in use impact on the resorting to traditional sources of financing? Indeed, the funding of some places of worship might draw its legitimacy from their being used for activities other than worship, particularly as they provide venues for cultural events.

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14h00-18h00
Accueil et présentation
Michel Deneken, Vice-président de l’Université de Strasbourg
Francis Messner, UMR 7012 PRISME-SDRE, CNRS/Université de Strasbourg

Introduction
Anne Fornerod,
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Session 1 - Financer le patrimoine religieux en France :
approche théorique et pratiques administratives
(Financing religious heritage in France : theory and practices)

*Financer le patrimoine culturel : la réalité de la contrainte financière
François Jeanmougin,
Direction générale des Patrimoines-Ministère de la Culture et de la communication

*Financer le patrimoine religieux
Pierre-Henri Prélot,
Université de Cergy-Pontoise

*Financer le patrimoine culturel religieux: le rôle de la Fondation du patrimoine
Hans Guggenbuhl,
Délégué honoraire à la Fondation du patrimoine

Discussion

16h15-16h45 - Pause

*Financer le patrimoine religieux en Alsace-Moselle : quelle spécificité ?
Francis Messner,
UMR 7012 PRISME-SDRE, CNRS/Université de Strasbourg

*L’influence du droit local en Alsace-Moselle : le point de vue du conservateur
Simon Piechaud,
Conservation régionale des monuments historiques – DRAC Alsace

Discussion

15h00-12h15
Session 2 - Funding religious heritage in Dominant Church
and recognized Church systems
Chair: Solange Lefebvre
* Great Britain: Frank Cranmer (Cardiff Law School)
* Denmark: Lisbet Christoffersen (Universities of Copenhagen and Roskilde)

10h15–10h30 Coffee Break

*Bulgaria: Hristo P. Berov (Potsdam University)
* Belgium: Stéphanie Wattier, Louis-Léon Christians (Catholic University of Louvain)
* Estonia: Ringo Ringvee (University of Tartu, Religious affairs department - Ministry of the interior)
Discussion

Lunch Break

14h00-17h30
Session 3 - Funding religious heritage in Conventional systems
Chair: Alessandro Ferrari
*Italie: Alessandro Ferrari (University of Insubria, Como-Varese)
*Espagne: Carmen Garcimartin (University of La Coruña)

15h15-15h30 Coffee break

Session 4 - Laïcités, Separation between
Church and State and funding religious heritage
Chair: Alessandro Ferrari
*the Netherlands: Adriaan Overbeeke (Free University of Amsterdam)
*Québec: Solange Lefebvre (University of Montréal)
*Turkey: Tugba Tanyeri-Erdemir (METU University)
Discussion

Conclusion Anne Fornerod