

Economics and Built Heritage

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"There is a broad agreement that the benefits of historic preservation outweigh the costs."

Professor Randall Mason in his keynote address of the Built Heritage - Value Adding Sector event

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"Economics and Built Heritage" -network

- raises public awareness about the value adding potential of heritage,
- prepares a comparative programme and supports researcher networking across national borders.
- coordinated by the Centre for Urban and Regional Studies, Helsinki University of Technology
- financial support and advice from the Finnish National Board of Antiquities and other Nordic Heritage Boards

"Economics and Built Heritage" -network as the "base camp" of the initiative

- provides information for researchers and other interested actors,
- offers an access to relevant contact and funding information,
- offers a publication channel for working papers and articles.







The first conference 'Built Heritage – Value Adding Sector', in Helsinki 2005 - the first publication 2007

Several seminars, in Helsinki, Espoo etc.

The second conference in Hämeenlinna 2007

'Economics and Built Heritage – Towards New European Initiatives', Espoo 2008, the second publication

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Sustainable development

as a Heritage Conservation Strategy

Ecological sustainability



Economical sustainability



Social sustainability



Cultural sustainability



Sustainable development Immaterial values, intangible values as assets





Diversity and Continuity Immaterial values / value in itself (intrinsic value)

- Chronological layers
- Richness of differences in the environment
- Local characteristics
- Identity, image of the place, Genius Loci etc.
- Sustainability and wellfare as a value in themselves, "a common good"
- Architectural value
- Know-how of sustainable building traditions





Ecological sustainability sustainable building traditions Building conservation is labour intensive



- Building tradition / ecological balance
- Natural building materials
- Local building materials
- Direct employment
- Generated working places
- Indirect employment



Point of view



- Private property, owners
- Public and private partners, NGO's (Rypkema)



- Local and regional interest, public economy, regional economy (Stüre, Tohmo)
- International perspective



 Direct and indirect impacts (Georges S. Zouain, Piero Sraffa): heritage as a production instrument or heritage as a tool of production



Total economic value

Zouain, 2007, Randal Mason 2007



- 1. Extractive use value (for living, trading, renting and selling), easy to measure
- 2. Non-extractive use value (direct investments produce secondary (indirect) economic activities measureable in markets, services provided by heritage, tourism etc.), difficult to measure
- 3. Non-use value: existence value (knowledge about the heritage), option value (use value in the future), most difficult to measure



Estimating Value?



New methods and tools of economic analysis and argumentation (Schmidt-Thomé 2007, Krister Olsson 2008)

Mathematical models for calculation: the Matrix of Flows and the Input-Output Ratios, Cost-benefit analysis (Sraffa, Zouain, Mason)

Recognizing the limits of economic language



Tangible / Material, economic value





- Real-estate prices, price on the markets, the cost of restoration work, admission paid to heritatage sites, wages paid to conservation workers
- Does the real/estate price depend on architectural or historic value?







Three basic approaches to the economic dimension of built heritage:

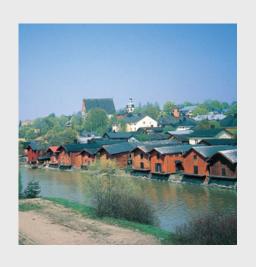
- Built heritage as a subject of economic planning

 The economic (e.g. cost-benefit) analysis and
 evaluation of built heritage as a type of
 information used in the planning process;
- Built heritage as a property in the urban and real estate market – The market value of built heritage in property development and its role in the public organizations' estate property management;
- 3. Built heritage as a resource (capital) for the economic livelihood of regions.





Built heritage as a subject of economic planning



- several rigorous valuation methods are available, but there remains a theoretically inspiring, unexplored terrain to be studied.
- sufficient knowledge base of the built environment
- more detailed statistics
- different value systems
- environmental impact assessment research
- cost-benefit analysis





Built heritage as a property in the urban and real estate market



- in terms of potential or actual monetary price in the urban and real estate markets
- readiness to pay for cultural heritage among people
- the effect of the closeness of built heritage on the estate prices (the socalled revealed preferences)
- private good public good







Built heritage as a resource (capital) for the economic livelihood of regions

- local and regional economy
- direct and indirect impacts
- the assessment and evaluation of the impact of regional development projects
- public-private cooperation
- historical site or monument as a scene
- economic impact analysis on cultural tourism
- to local identity and self-image



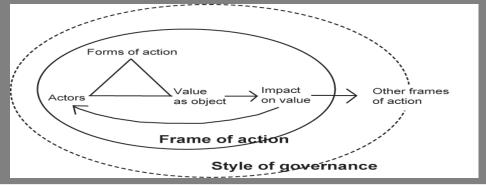


Table 1: Summary of the three basic approaches to the economic dimension of built heritage.

Approach	1. Economic planning	2. Property management	3. Regional development
Value as object	Cost-benefit value	Market value	Instrumental value in
	(measuring value with	(speculative and real	regional development
	economic indicators)	market price, rent)	(added value, image value)
Frames of action	Protection of buildings,	Urban and real estate	Regional economy, location
	planning, decision-making	markets, building stock,	factors of production, place-
		status of the area	marketing, image-work/
			branding, development
			programmes, urban
			strategies, employment and
			education policies
Actors	Conservation authorities,	Land-owners, real estate	Municipal administration and
	museums, planners,	developers, building	business services, regional
	environmental	developers, consumers,	development organisations,
	administration,	investors, professional	local action groups, image
	researchers, consultants	groups, experts	consultants, service providers,
			public-private partnerships,
			sectoral state government
Forms of action	Conservation, regulation,	Markets (real estate	Governance, partnerships,
	government, inventories &	management, development	growth coalitions,
	surveys, assessments,	and trade)	development networks,
	plans		development programmes and
			strategies, territorial
			marketing, strategic planning
Impact on value	Impact on protection and	Price effect, market	Impact on the attractiveness
	maintenance possibilities	relations (supply and	and livelihood of the area
	in political decision-making	demand), rent income,	
		return of investment	
Style of governance	Bureaucratic, hierarchical	Market-oriented	Managerial (growth economy
	(public economy)	(private economy, market	and public-private coalitions)
		control)	











Towards New European Initiatives

- new tools of economic argumentation
- theoretical work
- cooperation
- new methods of newly conceptualized and broader economic analysis
- methods and analysis need to be tested
- commitment of the owners and the local community
- the public and the private partners
- Interreg IV C, EU Seventh Framework Programme?
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