

URBAN TALK

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Pimpin de Azevedo

Conversation of Leh Old Town and Lhasa–Challenges and lessons learned

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This lecture will present the THF conservation concept applied to Leh Old Town, and will compare the situation of preservation of vernacular architecture in Leh with that in the old city of Lhasa.

Pimpim de Azevedo is a Portuguese artist and Tibetan architecture conservator. She received her Masters degree in Heritage Science from the University College of London. Together with André Alexander, Pimpim established and managed the Tibet Heritage Fund (THF) in Lhasa and she has been working with THF from that time up to the present day.

Pimpim worked in the preservation of the old city of Lhasa, also taking part in architecture conservation projects in Amdo, Kham, Mongolia and India. From 1995 to 2004 she studied with Tibetan master builders, learning different building techniques and materials used in traditional Tibetan houses and temples. During that time she did research on Tibetan architectural terminology and traditional techniques and materials used prior to the 1950s.

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