

JUSOUR

BUILDING BRIDGES BETWEEN AUSTRALIAN AND TUNISIAN SCHOLARS
THROUGH ART AND ARCHITECTURE

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Tuesday 13th September • Wednesday 14th September 2022

Australia is shaped by cultural, religious and linguistic diversity. According to the Australian Bureau of Statistics (2021), nearly 30 percent of the population were born overseas. In an increasingly multicultural context, architecture and art are tangible expressions of identity, culture and faith and today Islam is the largest religious affiliation in Australia after Christianity (ABS 2021). Tunisia, in contrast, has an ancient multicultural heritage and the earliest Muslim communities date to the Umayyad Caliphate; the medina of Kairouan was founded in 50 AH / 670 CE. This symposium aims to build bridges between Australian and Tunisian scholars to explore the tangible and intangible heritage of the Medinas, like Kairouan, as well as the art and architecture of Muslim communities in multicultural Australian cities today. Panellists are invited to reflect on the intersections between art, architecture, migration and faith in multicultural communities. This symposium is convened by Dr Majdi Faleh (Nottingham Trent University), Dr Nourchen Ben Fatma (Architect, Tunisia) and Dr Katharine Bartsch (University of Adelaide), and hosted by the Centre for Asian and Middle Eastern Architecture (CAMEA), University of Adelaide. The project is funded by the Council for Australian-Arab Relations (CAAR, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade), which seeks to enhance Australia's economic, cultural and social relations with the Arab region with a view to greater mutual understanding and cooperation. Extracts from the symposium will be presented on the Jusour website launched in November 2022.

Day 1 • 13 September 2022 • Start 17:30 (Adelaide CST)

9:00–9:15 (Tunisia) / 17:30–17:45 (Adelaide CST)

Welcome

Associate Professor Katharine Bartsch, Interim Head of School,
School of Architecture & Built Environment, University of Adelaide

Architecture as Tangible Evidence of Multiculturalism

9:15–9:25 (Tunisia) / 17:45–17:55 (Adelaide CST)

The Importance of Heritage in Architectural Education and Practice

Professor Fakher KHARRAT, Dean of National School of Architecture & Urbanism of
Tunis (ENAU)

9:30–9:50 (Tunisia) / 18:00–18:20 (Adelaide CST)

The Medina of Tunis and ASM's Actions to Preserve the Heritage and Culture of the Medina

Ms Faika Bejaoui, Architect, Association to Safeguard the Medina of Tunis (ASM)

9:55–10:15 (Tunisia) / 18:25–18:45 (Adelaide CST)

The Island of Djerba and ASSIDJE's Actions to Preserve the Island's Heritage and Culture

Mrs Khaoula El Cadi, President, Association to Safeguard the Island of Djerba
(ASSIDJ)

10:20–10:40 (Tunisia) / 18:50–19:10 (Adelaide CST)

Multiculturalism in the Medina of Kairouan

Dr. Ons Najjar, Assistant Professor, Higher Institute of Environmental Technologies,
Urbanism & Construction (ISTEUB)

Short Break (20 minutes)

11:00–11:20 (Tunisia) / 19:30–19:50 (Adelaide CST)

Multifaith in Tunisia and Spolia

Dr. Wafa Ben Dhia, Assistant Professor, Higher Institute of Applied Languages of
Moknine (ISLA)

11:25–11:45 (Tunisia) / 19: 55–20:15 (Adelaide CST)

Multiculturalism in Australia: Shaping the City

Associate Professor Katharine Bartsch, University of Adelaide

11:50am–12:10 (Tunisia) / 20:20–20:40 (Adelaide CST)

Celebrating the Visual Culture of Islam in Australia

Dr. Sam Bowker, Sub-Dean, Research & Graduate Studies, Charles Sturt University

Close 12:20 / 20:50

Day 2 • 14 September 2022 • Start 17:30 (Adelaide CST)

Architecture of Islam in Multicultural Nations

9:00–9:20 (Tunisia) / 17:30–17:50 (Adelaide CST)

Australia's Muslim Pioneers: Early Mosques in Australia

Associate Professor Peter Scriver, University of Adelaide

9:25–9:45 (Tunisia) / 17:55–18:15 (Adelaide CST)

The Architecture of Malay Diaspora in the Southern Hemisphere

Dr. Mizanur Rashid, School of Architecture & Built Environment, Deakin University

9:50–10:10 (Tunisia) / 18:20–18:40 (Adelaide CST)

The Ibadite Mosques in the Island of Djerba

Dr. Ali Djerbi, Former Dean, Technological Institute of Art, Architecture & Urbanism
of Tunis (ITAAUT), Senior Lecturer, National School of Architecture & Urbanism of
Tunis (ENAU)

Short Break (15 minutes)

Building Faith in Multicultural Futures

10:25–10:45 (Tunisia) / 18:55–19:15 (Adelaide CST)

The Future of Architectural Heritage in Tunisia

Ms. Leila Ben-Gacem, Socio-cultural Entrepreneur, Blue Fish Consulting

10:50–11:10 (Tunisia) / 19:20–19:40 (Adelaide CST)

Adaptive Reuse in the Medina: Converting Madrasahs in the Medina of Tunis

Dr. Yosra Boudabous, Assistant Professor, National School of Architecture &
Urbanism of Tunis (ENAU), & Dr. Ghada Cherif, Assistant Professor, Higher Institute
of Multimedia Arts of Manouba (ISAMM)

11:15–11:25 (Tunisia) / 19:45–20:05 (Adelaide CST)

The Mosque in Multicultural Australia

Dr. Majdi Faleh, Lecturer, Academic Fellow – Cultural Heritage, School of
Architecture, Design & the Built Environment, Nottingham Trent University

Close 11:35 / 20:15

Registration Link (both days):

https://adelaide.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_Uw4A-hULT9uETW_205DSdw

