

[Public Space and Community in Historic Cities of the Islamic World](#)

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The second in a series of eight public events on *Pluralism and Plurality in Islamic Cultures*, co-produced by Aga Khan University Institute for the Study of Muslim Civilisations and the Aga Khan Trust for Culture and held in the iconic [Aga Khan Centre](#).

This talk looks at the traditional roles that public spaces played in enabling community interaction in historic cities of the Islamic world, and the roles played by such spaces today in bringing new life into those cities. Comparing past and present, public and semi-public, the talk looks at a different form of engagement in different cities, reflecting on inclusiveness, the role of community, and multiplicity of use across time.

Speaker

Seif El Rashidi's expertise is in urban conservation, heritage management, interpretation and engagement around history of art and architecture, especially of the Islamic world. He is currently the project manager for the '[Layers of London](#)', which enables public engagement with London's heritage through knowledge-sharing, and is also the director of [The Barakat Trust](#). Seif previously managed the Magna Carta Programme at Salisbury Cathedral (2014-2016) and Durham World Heritage Site (2008-2014). Prior to that, he worked for the Aga Khan Trust for Culture's Historic Cities Programme (1997-2008) and for Ahmad Hamid Architects (1995-1997), both in Cairo. Seif has lectured and written about the preservation of historic cities in a wide range of contexts and has been a guest lecturer on Durham University's International Heritage Management Master's Degree since 2012.

Time and Venue

Wednesday 23 October 2019, 18.00-19.30

Atrium Conference Room,

Aga Khan Centre,

10 Handyside Street,

London N1C 4DN

Booking

This event is free but booking is essential:

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