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Conflict-solving strategies in the context of historic urban landscapes

**Liverpool - Maritime Mercantile City, England**

*Date of Inscription:* 2004  
*Criteria:* (ii)(iii)(iv)  
*Listed in Danger:* 2012 – Present

The Committee contended that the development will extend the city centre significantly and alter the skyline and profile of the site inscribed on the World Heritage List in 2004. Furthermore, experts argued that the redevelopment scheme will fragment and isolate the different dock areas visually.

The Committee warned that if the project is implemented, Liverpool may entirely lose the outstanding universal value for which it was given World Heritage status.

Source: [https://www.flickr.com/photos/24557420@N05/6299188083](https://www.flickr.com/photos/24557420@N05/6299188083)
In recent years, the UNESCO World Heritage Committee had repeatedly voiced concerns about the planned Golden Horn Metro Crossing Bridge, (...) since it is deemed to pose a risk of jeopardising the site’s Outstanding Universal Value. (...) Moreover it was stated, that it may be necessary to place the World Heritage property “Historic Areas of Istanbul” on the List of World Heritage in Danger if the current construction plans for the Golden Horn Metro Crossing Bridge would not be altered.

Heritage in the event of war and terrorism

**Ancient City of Aleppo, Syrian Arab Republic**

**Date of Inscription:** 1986  
**Criteria:** (iii)(iv)  
**Listed in Danger:** 2013 - Present

The destruction of towns and villages is regularly revealed by raw, and often revolting, videos uploaded to the web, which many people stopped watching long ago. Only seldomly do the shaky images reveal the damage being done beyond the battle – to ancient churches, stone Crusader fortresses and ruins that have stood firm during several millennia of insurrection and purge but are being withered away by this unforgiving war.

Photographs: Corbis, Stanley Greene/Noor/Eyevine Corbis, Eyevine

Climate change and natural disasters as challenges for natural heritage

**Swiss Alps Jungfrau-Aletsch, Switzerland**

**Date of Inscription:** 2001

**Criteria:** (vii)(viii)(ix)

The site provides an outstanding example of the formation of the High Alps, including the most glaciated part of the mountain range and the largest glacier in Eurasia. It features a wide diversity of ecosystems, including successional stages due particularly to the retreat of glaciers resulting from climate change. The site is of outstanding universal value both for its beauty and for the wealth of information it contains about the formation of mountains and glaciers, as well as ongoing climate change.

Source: http://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Gletscherschmelze.jpg,
Heritage Impact Assessment (HIA) as a tool for solving conflicts

Cologne Cathedral, Germany
Date of Inscription: 1996
Criteria: (i)(ii)(iv)

In Cologne, however, it proved possible to achieve such an active contribution to the city’s sustainable development with the help of an HIA. Here, it had to be evaluated whether the so-called ICE High-Rise Cluster – an ensemble of five high-rise tower blocks planned in the immediate vicinity of Cologne Cathedral on the opposite side of the Rhine next to Köln-Deutz railway station – would have a negative impact on this UNESCO World Heritage site.
Thank you for your attention!