HERITAGE PROTECTION IN XI’AN CITY PLANNING
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During the last decades Xi’an fast development has eroded the surrounding countryside, threatening the rural landscape along with the cultural relics and heritage suburban sites. In the name of the new international metropolis blueprint, Xi’an heritage sites that are still lying within rural areas are increasingly surrounded by the built-up environment.

The traditional urban fabric within the celebrated city walls, in turn, has long since been sacrificed in the need of a higher density, although the discovery of the Terracotta Army has promoted an early sensibility in planning for heritage protection issues, proved by the first Protection Plan in the 80s. As one of the world’s four ancient capitals, Xi’an started to cultivate its distinctive cultural role among Chinese cities.

From then on, progresses have been done to develop historical knowledge and to integrate different concepts and models for protection and enhancement of heritage sites in the city planning. The Exhibition shows the whole planning and design process carried out by Xi’an City Planning & Design Department, from the first master plan in 1951 to the present one, and portrays the Chinese troublesome concept of heritage.

As cultural heritage resources are starting to be perceived as the character-defining feature for Xi’an cultural role, they may become the very structure of an overall design strategy for cultivating quality and sustainable development.

Xi’an next challenge will be to bridge the gulf between single protected sites and their vulnerable settings, facing the issues of quality, regeneration and enhancement of the whole urban/rural landscape.

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