# The added value of Heritage

Strategy making for public heritage

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### Problem statement & research aim.

- Difficult to determine the added value of heritage for society.
- Less visible use of the theoretical tools of heritage management in urban development.
- The available tools provide a general view on the added value, not specific.

 Research aim: Provide insight in the tension between the values of heritage through the recognition of added values.

## Research design.

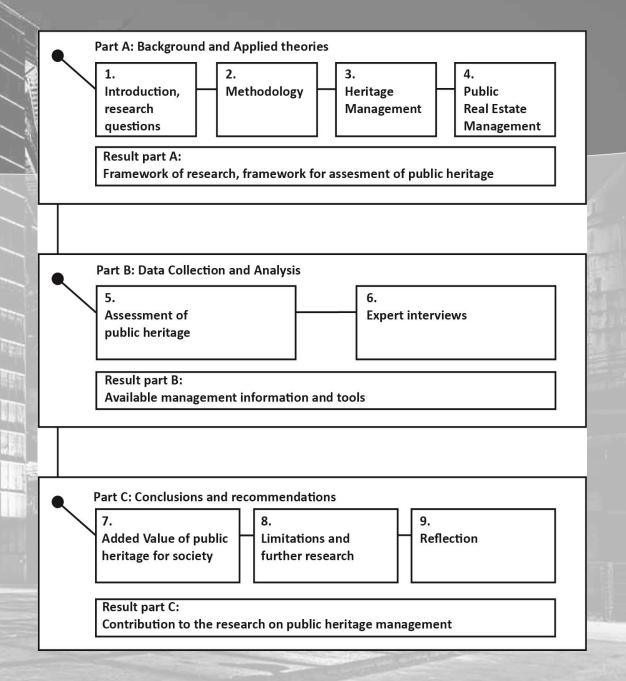
#### Research question:

"What is the added value of public heritage for society?"

#### Expected results:

- Providing the next step for policy makers in creating a holistic approach for public heritage management.
- There is an added value of public heritage for society and it can be reduced to a couple of overarching values.

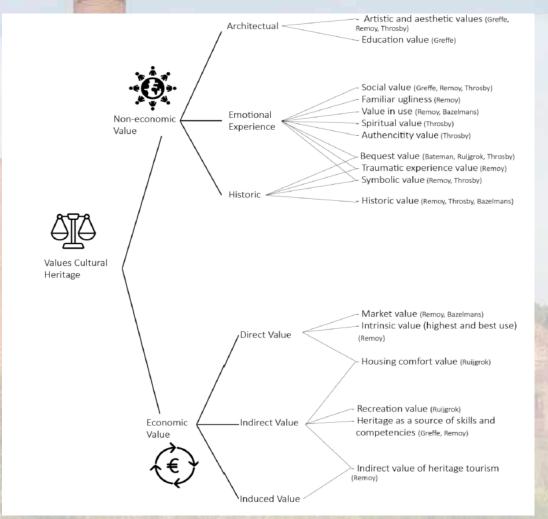
## Research design.



## Literature review: Heritage Management.

## The historic urban landscape approach in action

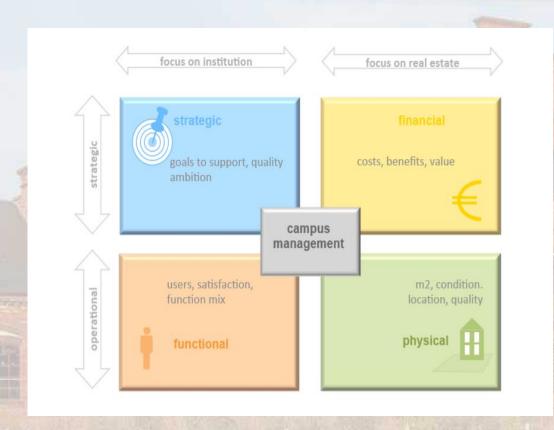
- Undertake a full assessment of the city's natural, cultural and human resources;
- Use participatory planning and stakeholder consultations to decide on conservation aims and actions;
- 3. Assess the vulnerability of urban heritage to socio-economic pressures and impacts of climate change;
- 4. Integrate urban heritage values and their vulnerability status into a wider framework of city development;
- Prioritize policies and actions for conservation and development, including good stewardship;
- Establish the appropriate (public-private) partnerships and local management frameworks;
- Develop mechanisms for the coordination of the various activities between different actors.



HUL Approach (UNESCO, 2013)

Categorisation of heritage values (Persoon, 2019)

## Literature review: Public Real Estate.



task 2 - exploring changing demand CURRENT **FUTURE** demand demand CURRENT **FUTURE** supply supply task 4 - defining projects to transform

CREM-framework by Den Heijer (2011)

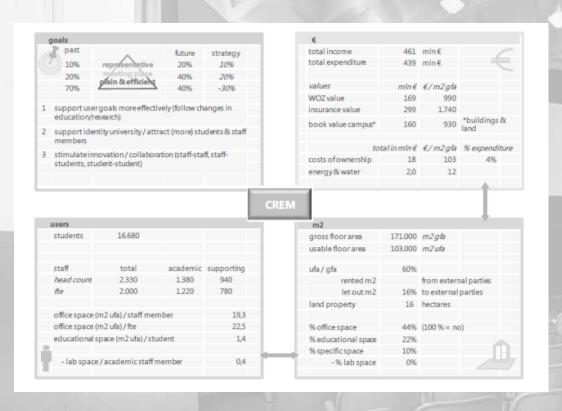
DAS-framework by De Jonge et al. (2009)

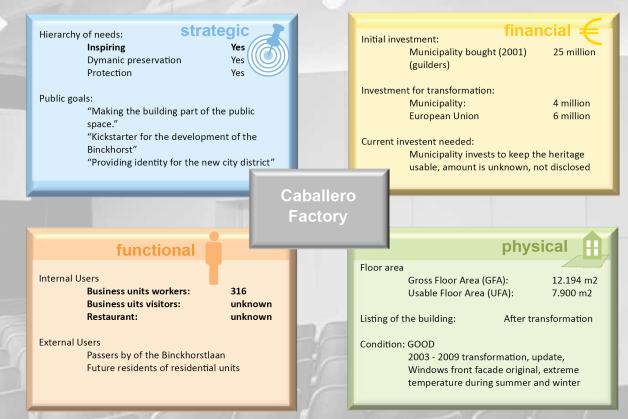


- Case study: Municipality of The Hague
- Case study areas:
  - Caballero Factory
  - Former embassy of The United States of America; the Breuer building

## Assessing public heritage.

- Format for assessing public heritage:
  - From the CREM-frame (Den Heijer, 2011) the four stakeholder perspectives translated into my own framework





## Caballero Factory.













## Caballero Factory.

Hierarchy of needs:

strategic

Inspiring

Protection

Dymanic preservation

Yes

Yes

Public goals:

"Making the building part of the public space."

"Kickstarter for the development of the Binckhorst"

"Providing identity for the new city district"

Initial investment:

Municipality bought (2001)

25 million

financial  $\leftarrow$ 

(guilders)

Investment for transformation:

4 million Municipality: European Union 6 million

Current investent needed:

Municipality invests to keep the heritage usable, amount is unknown, not disclosed

Caballero **Factory** 

physical



**functional** 

Internal Users

**Business units workers:** 316 unknown **Business uits visitors:** unknown Restaurant:

**External Users** 

Passers by of the Binckhorstlaan Future residents of residential units Floor area

Gross Floor Area (GFA): 12.194 m2 Usable Floor Area (UFA): 7.900 m2

Listing of the building: After transformation

Condition: GOOD

2003 - 2009 transformation, update, Windows front facade original, extreme temperature during summer and winter

## The Breuer building.













### The Breuer building.

#### strategic

No

#### Hierarchy of needs:

Inspiring

Yes Dymanic preservation Yes

Protection

#### Public goals:

"Making the building part of the public space."

"To incorporate the building into the 'Museumquarter'"

#### financial =

Initial investment:

**Unites States** not known (guilders)

Investment for transformation:

Municipality: not known Anna Vastgoed & West not known

Current investent needed:

Municipality invests to keep the heritage usable, amount is unknown, plan to invest further

Breuer **Building** 

#### physical

#### **functional**

#### Internal Users

Personell of US embassy 88 **Guests of US embasssy** Future users of the cultual Hub

#### **External Users**

Passers by of the 'Lange Voorhout' Users of the surrounding museums

#### Floor area

Gross Floor Area (GFA): 1.900 m2 Usable Floor Area (UFA): ..... m2

Listing of the building: After transformation

Condition: moderate

2018, moderate transformation, security measures taken down, main entrance reinstated.

In need of work

- Format for assessment
  - Step 1: The HUL step
  - Step 2: Theoretical values
  - Step 3: Perceived values
  - Step 4: Discrepancy
- Data collection
  - (only) four expert interviews about Caballero Factory & Breuer building
    - Two councilman & an aid from the Municipal council of The Hague
    - The director of West Den Haag
    - The director of Anna Vastgoed en Cultuur
    - The Vice-President of Boei, and former project manager for The Hague

HUL Step 1:
 Undertake a full assessment of the city's natural, cultural and human resources.





#### Conflict

Between financial and strategic quadrants:

Policy makers are dominant and perceive the resources of real estate as a mean for mostly economic values. Other non economic values are less strong.

• HUL Step 2: Use participatory planning and stakeholder consultations to decide on conservation aims and actions.





Indirect economic benefits



functional

Main goals:

More users Broader user type

The long term to assess for policy makers. Short term benefits are strong, stronger than in theory.

#### Conflict

Between financial and strategic quadrants:

benefits are difficult

 HUL Step 3: Assess the vulnerability of urban heritage to socioeconomic pressures and impacts of climate change.



physical

Conservation of historical

Pressures:

aspect with low sustainability.



#### Conflict

Financial and physical quadrants the strongest.

The economic climate dictates which development path is possible. Historical aspects of heritage have strong impact on sustainability.

 HUL Step 4: Integrate urban heritage values and their vulnerability status in a wider framework of citydevelopment.



Architectural value after

Indirect economic value

transformation

strategic quadrants:

The direct economic value and the indirect economic value compete with eachother. less

integration of values

in wider framework.

Between financial and

Conflict

HUL Step 5: Prioritize
 policies and actions for
 conservation and
 development, including
 good stewardship.



Creating usable space.

The financing possibilities for the development are in conflict with the improvement of the condition of the

Financial and physical

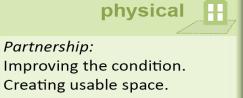
Conflict

heritage.

quadrants the

 HUL Step 6: Establish the appropriate (publicprivate) partnerships and local management frameworks.







Partnership:

the area.

Enhance quality of

#### Conflict

Functional and physical quadrants the strongest.

Functional and physical quadrants are strongly interlinked. The one does not proceed without the other.

### Answers to the research question.

#### Adding value through public heritage

- Position of heritage
  - Urban heritage can not be seen on its own, it is part of a broader framework of the urban area.
     Conservation has become a strategy to create a balance between the liveability of our urban areas and urban growth.
- Adding of value
  - The added value of heritage can be expressed in economic and non-economic values. However, Municipal policy makers can not as easily as they can for economic values value non-economic values.
- Conflicts
  - Between direct and indirect economic values
  - Between Strategic and Financial quadrants of the CREM theory

### Answers to the research question.

- Improving public heritage strategy making
- Assessment of heritage
  - With the addition of the valuation system within the four quadrants of the CREM theory the assessment of heritage could be better executed.
- Integration of heritage
  - If buildings are seen more as a resource for the development of the area, possibly different
    decisions are taken. The indirect and induced economic values could potentially become much
    higher if the building is seen as a resource for the area development.

### Limitations.

- Research is based on one case: Municipality of The Hague
- The case study of this research is a large city, the third largest in the country. This limits the results because it could very well be different for cities which have less capacity for heritage management of city development
- The case study of this research is executed in a city with a high density of heritage. In cities who
  have lower densities of heritage the result would be different.
- If the objects would have a different function after transformation the outcome may differ.
- The economic situation is taken into consideration. If the economic climate were different the outcome may differ. The economic situation should be taken out of the equation to make it universal.
- Only four expert interviews. This creates possible gaps in information and bias.

## Reflection

- The research topic: difficult to see the way foreward
- Details are not my strongest point, but are the core of scientific research
- Determining milestones has been difficult
- Expressing the research in a scientific way
- Interviewees are not up for scratch

