

## **Dialogue Platform: Quality of Life** **Preserving Urban Heritage** **October 7-12, 2019, Tbilisi, Georgia**

Studio L with the Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung South Caucasus Regional office organizes the Dialogue Platform /Quality of Life.

The Dialogue Platform aims to promote and advocate for active preservation of Tbilisi's Urban Heritage, Urban Landscape, and Urban Culture by engaging stakeholders from the public, private and civil sectors. In modern urban planning, the concept of conserving "Quality of Life" ranges from addressing very basic physical needs to designing solutions to some of the most intangible dimensions of the human condition. Improving the quality of the built environment is an endeavor that must cover many fronts: from guaranteeing very concrete, down-to-earth living standards to interpreting and fulfilling more subtle human desires; from respecting the needs of the individual to pursuing solutions that address the common good; from enabling efficiency of daily activities to expanding the frontiers of civilization; from preserving community's memories of a city and its urban heritage to creating public and green spaces that make cities more livable and sustainable. In short, conserving urban heritage involves holistic promotion of the wellbeing of communities, their residents, and their collective identities.

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### **Opening & reception**

October 7, 18:00

Location: MOXY Hotel Tbilisi, Saarbrucken Square.

### **Workshop** (pre-selected participants only)

October 8-11

Reshaping Urban Landscapes

Location: Writers' House; ICOMOS Georgia, Ilia State University.

### **Ambassadorial Talks:**

October 8, 19:00

Cultural Preservation a US perspective: Blazing the Trail to Livable Urban Landscapes

Location: Writers House, 13 Ivane Machabeli St

Presenter: Elizabeth Rood –Charge D'Affaires, US Embassy in Georgia.

October 9, 19:00

Resilience through Tradition in Japanese architecture

Location: Writers House, 13 Ivane Machabeli St

Presenter: Ambassador Tadaharu Uehara - Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Japan to Georgia

October 11, 19:00

**Public Lecture** – "A Transcontinental Kitchen Garden Odyssey"

Presenters: Christian Duvernois and Jon Fouskaris / CDL/S US, NY.

Location: Georgian National Museum Auditorium/ 1 Purtseladze st



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Participants: Ilia State University, University of Georgia, Caucasus University, Tbilisi Academy of Fine Arts, Georgian Technical University, San Diego State University.

