



## Assessing Impacts of Climate Change on Cultural and Natural Heritage

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### Message from the Guest Editors

Climate change has been recognised as the greatest threat to the places, people and processes that are considered of high value by the global community. Some threats are already apparent, with impacts on the value of natural and cultural heritage from heatwaves, droughts, intense rainfall and rising sea levels. Future impacts can be anticipated through assessments of climate vulnerability, which can also help managers and other stakeholders to understand the internal capacities of systems to adapt, as well as evaluating adaptation strategies to support their systems through mitigating potential impacts.

This Special Issue aims to collect studies on assessments of the climate vulnerability of natural and cultural heritage. The focus is on looking to the future through the consideration of climate change threats, adaptive capacities within the system, and management strategies. Climate-related threats may also interact, and potentially exacerbate, other sources of vulnerability to heritage. Assessments of how communities may be affected by declines in the value of heritage—and be able to respond—are important to understand how to manage threats.

