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## Call for Papers

### **Applied Cultural Heritage: How telling the past at historic sites benefits society.**

International Conference  
17-19 November 2010  
Kalmar, Sweden

Contemporary society is in a process of transformation to adapt to new environmental, social and political challenges of global significance. We need to find new ways to address ever larger issues. In this situation we wish to reconsider the role of cultural heritage. Since the 19<sup>th</sup> century, nation states have drawn on the national heritage in order to construct exclusive cultural identities based on the paradigm of shared roots. As the world has been changing dramatically over the past two hundred years, we need to ask how cultural heritage and stories about the past benefit society today.

- Which historic sites and stories about the past are important in creating meaning for people today?
- How should the past be told and whose stories should we tell in multi-cultural societies?
- In what way can historic sites promote social cohesion, human rights, peace and democracy?
- What contribution is made by recalling traumatic memories of violence and oppression?
- Which new ways are emerging in which cultural heritage benefits society today?

The purpose of the conference is to generate discussion across a broad spectrum of possible answers to these and related questions. We will bring together researchers and professionals from a variety of academic disciplines and occupations in several countries. The conference will also feature a unique "Time Travel" experience applying a widely practiced method of historic environment education. The resulting dynamic of the conference will result in new ideas and provide practical inspiration for all participants.

#### **Keynote speakers (tentative):**

Bernt Gustavsson, Professor of Pedagogy, Örebro University, Sweden

Jon Hunner, Professor of History, New Mexico State University, Las Cruces, USA

Radikobo Ntsimane, Deputy Director of Sinomlando Centre for Oral History and Memory Work,  
University of KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa

Henrik Zipsane, Director, Jämtlands County Museum, Sweden

***We are now calling for papers** from scholars and professionals in all relevant disciplines and professions across anthropology, archaeology, heritage studies, history, human geography, pedagogy, sociology and tourism studies, among other fields. Presentation time for papers will be no longer than 15 min.*

*Please send your paper proposal containing paper title, a few words about yourself and an abstract of approx 200 words (in English) **no later than 15 August 2010** to [cornelius.holtorf@lnu.se](mailto:cornelius.holtorf@lnu.se). You will hear by 6 September about acceptance of your paper.*

The conference is jointly organised by Linnaeus University Kalmar-Växjö ([www.lnu.se](http://www.lnu.se)), Kalmar läns museum/Centre for Historic Environment Education ([www.kalmarlansmuseum.se](http://www.kalmarlansmuseum.se)) and Bridging Ages, International Organization in Historic Environment Education and Time Travels ([www.bridgingages.com](http://www.bridgingages.com)). The conference is supported by the Swedish Science Council (Vetenskapsrådet).

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