

# MASTER CLASS 2

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Two key elements of American historic preservation planning: property registration and historic district

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in 2016, she was a Fellow with the Brussels Centre for Urban Studies, when she studied historic preservation regulations and incentives in Flanders and Brussels.

From an international comparative perspective, Sara will discuss two key elements of built heritage preservation: historic resource identification and registration, and protection of groupings of historic properties. She will present the practice in the United States, specifically, the national level registration program (National Register of Historic Places) and property protection through Local Historic District regulations in the state of Massachusetts.

**Time** Thursday October 22, 3-4 PM  
**Platform** [Click here to open MS Teams](#)  
**Course** Theoretical Reflections on Monument Care



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