

Special Session  
on  
**Protection of Historical Structures  
Against Seismic Hazard**

Natural or man-induced hazards, or combination of both, pose a serious threat to structures of historical value. Independent of their location, purpose of construction, relevant *'importance'*, historical structures constitute signs of the common memory of our civilization, thus their loss is perceived as intolerable for any society.

Despite the resources -often rather scarce-, motivation and time devoted, the effort to protect historical structures is jeopardized because of the lack of a holistic approach to assess and mitigate the risks historical structures encounter, a procedure further perplexed by the vast typological variety of such structures. The final aim should be devised not for *"providing seismic safety to the structure"* but for *"providing resilience to the common memory"*.

This special session invites abstracts related to the protection of historical structures or sites against seismic hazards. The areas of interest of the session could be listed as, but not limited to:

- *Structural response*
- *Case studies*
- *Experiments*
- *Analyses and analysis methods*
- *Lessons learnt*
- *Strengthening and other remedial works*
- *SSI*

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*Paper submission Deadline: April 10<sup>th</sup> 2016*

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