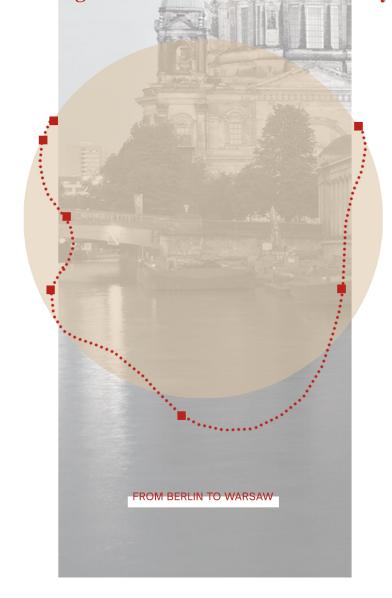
OWHC Young Travelling Scholarship 2022

CITIES AT WAR

heritage lessons from the 20th century



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who am I?



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Hello! I'm Carolina, a young portuguese architect, passionated about cities and their history.

I graduated with a master in Architecture, in 2019, from the University of Lisbon, after having studied both in Portugal and Italy.

I am deeply interested to learn more about how I can contribute to upkeep sustainable inclusive and beautiful cities, where our common heritage is cherished and looked after.



Mafra, the city where



Milan, the city where studied abroad



Aleppo, the city I focused my maste thesis on

why does this topic interest me?

As a young architect, keen on heritage and the role it plays in fostering strong and inclusive communities, I was beyond enthusiastic to travel with the OWHC Young Travelling Scholarship 2022.

I have always had a deep curiosity about protected buildings and sites and, during my studies, a summer job as a guide at Mafra National Palace - now an UNESCO heritage site - solidified my interest in knowing more about the impact heritage can have on the perceived sense of belonging, reported by individuals and in the construction of resilient local economies.

why visiting these cities?

With war back to Europe, I believe travelling through its center, where the story of main cities was profoundly impacted by Second World War, could help raise awareness not only about the impact armed conflict can have nowadays on cities, but also about the imperative need to safeguard heritage, due to its high importance on the recovery of vibrant, economically stable and inclusive urban settlements.

I selected cities that were on both sides of the barricades, either heavily bombed and destroyed during war or spared almost miraculously, either more or less successful at protecting their heritage.

. Starting in Berlin and ending in Warsaw, where approaches regarding heritage varied greatly after war, I visited both full reconstructions of erased buildings and sites that hoped to evoke the most remarkable of their cultures as well as cases where the scars of war where purposefully left visible in fear of erasing the history lessons they contain.

I strongly believe the result could be of value to further the curiosity of a new generation on World Heritage as a common good to cherish and from which to learn from!

