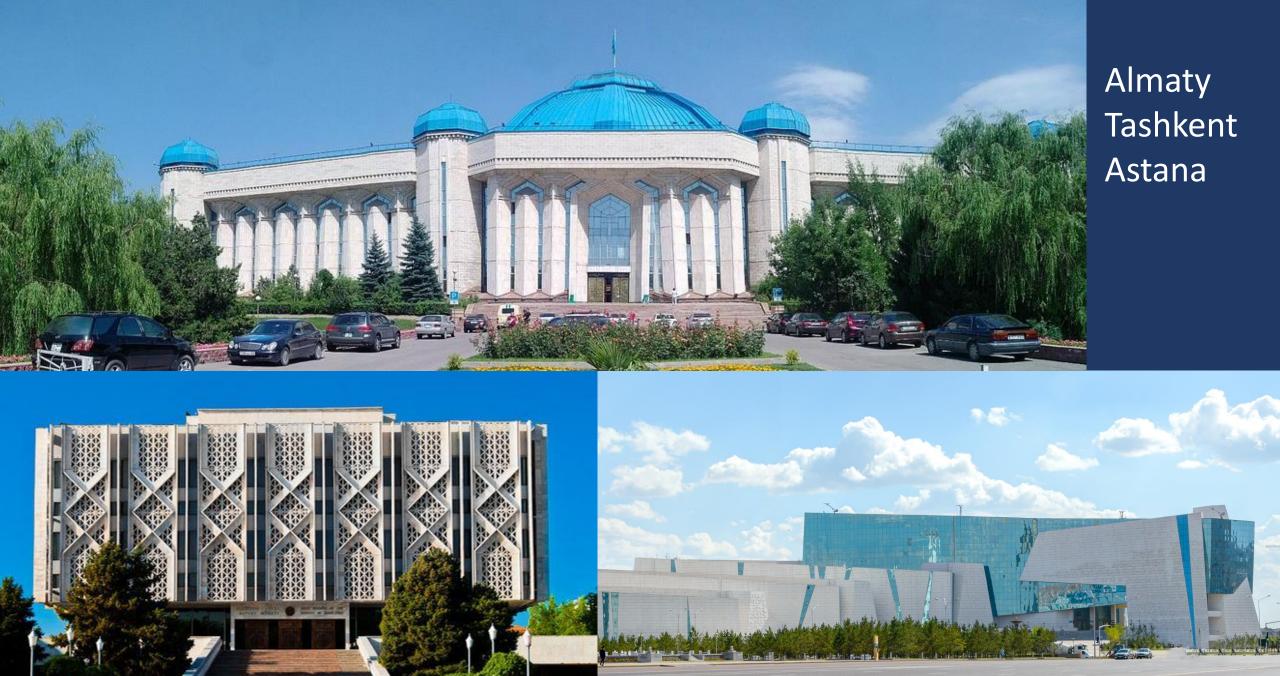
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Steppe Sisters

Katie Campbell, King's College, University of Cambridge



- Importance of regional museums & visitor centres
- Narratives and audiences
- Issues of conservation, presentation, protection
- UNESCO, national & regional protection
- Managing archaeological sites and open air museums

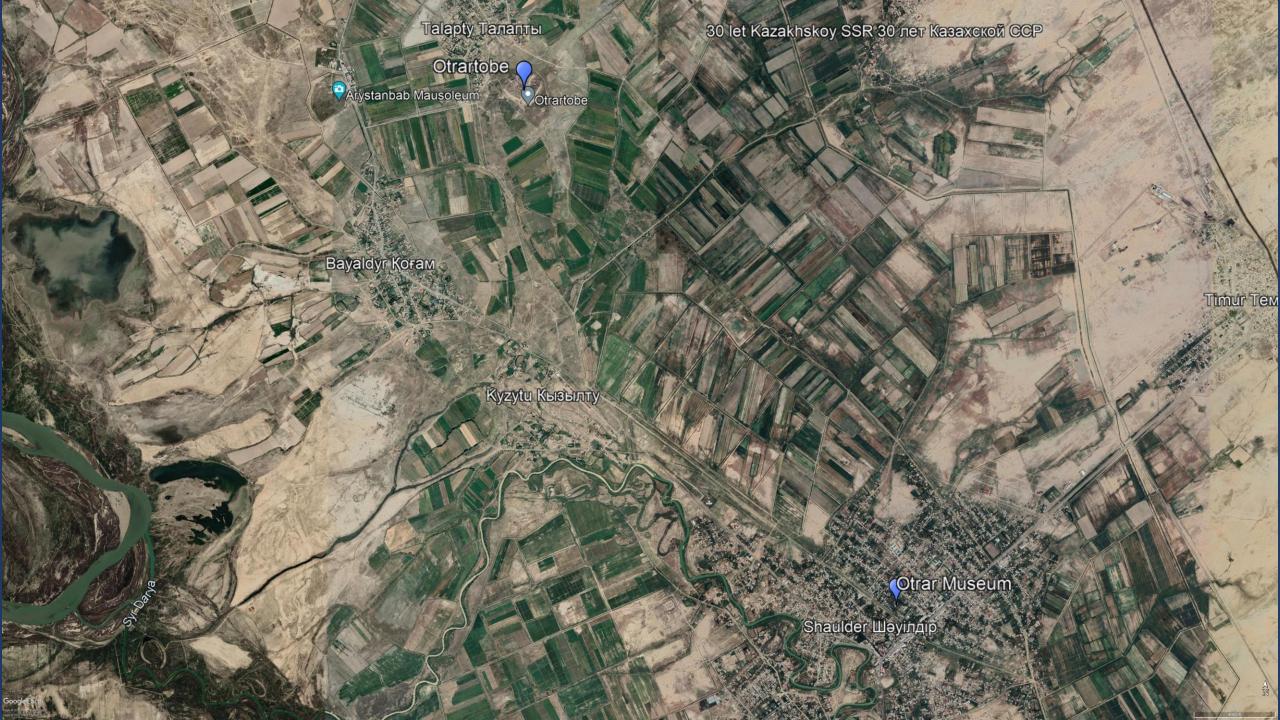


National

- Progression of narrative
- Often culminates in the present
- History of a 'people'
- Audience both local and international
- Creation of an 'authorised' national narrative







Local: Otrar, Kazakhstan

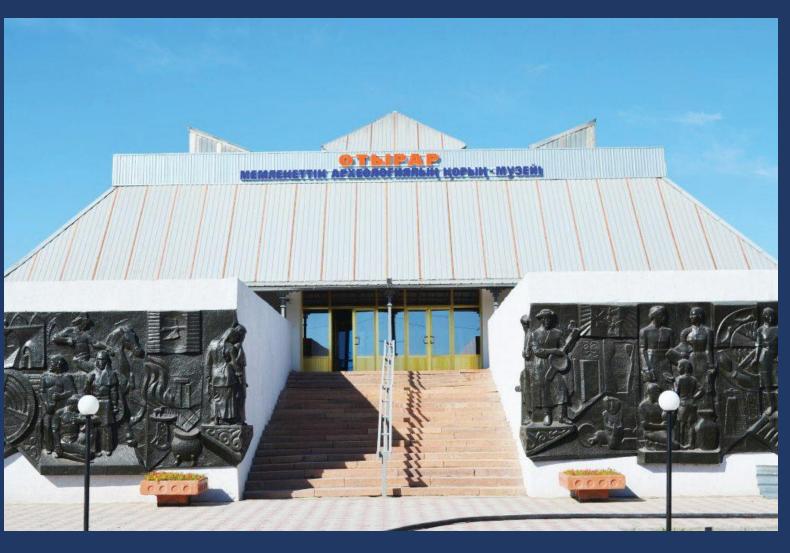
















Рис. 2. План центральных развалин и рабада городища Отрар: 1 — раскопы на шахристане, 2 — раскопы на рабаде

An archaeological archive

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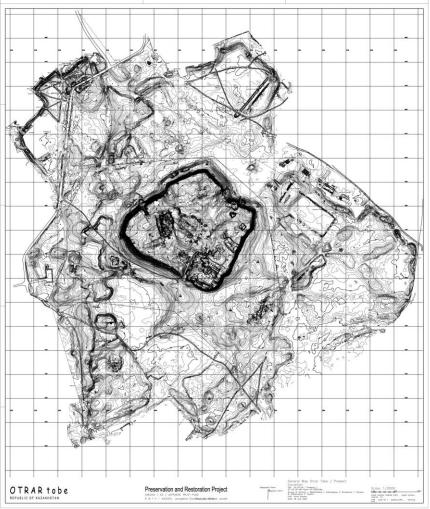








Protection: defining the site



Unesco & National Protection

- Tentative list & World Heritage List
- Outstanding universal value
- Management & protection
- Visitor facilities and visitor centre
- Reporting and adapted management plan every 5 years
- National protection within state archaeological park
- Monument passports
- Digitisation of paper records







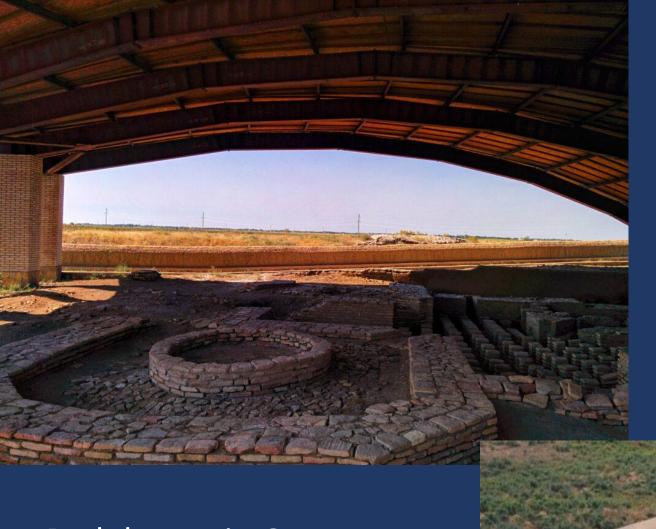
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Protection of archaeological remains



Protective Structures

- Exclude rain, wind, snow
- Shadow from sun baking BUT
- Can have unexpected consequences, changing erosion patterns or impact of weather

Bath house in Otrar, mostly fired brick



Interpretation

- Language
- Detail
- Accessibility
- Longevity
- Children?



Reconstruction as Interpretation

- Scale
- Evidence
- Accessibility
- Protection?
- Maintenance?



Site reconstruction/ Site protection? Interpretation?





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Part of fortress wall in Bukhara collapses due to torrential rain

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Part of fortress wall near Talipoch gate, dating back to the 16th century, collapsed in Bukhara on the night of March 11. The collapse was caused by torrential rain which lasted all week, the provincial department of cultural heritage said.

On March 12, the place was visited by representatives of the Khokimiyat of the Bukhara province, the Department of Cultural Heritage and Emergency Situations, as well as experts from the Bukhara Provincial Restoration Center.

This part of the wall was already restored in 2003. The gate and wall have been included in the list of tangible cultural heritage properties, with conservation scheduled in 2022.

The Agency for Cultural Heritage under the Ministry of Tourism and Cultural Heritage said in a statement that the 2003 restoration "was completed in a rush" and "repair work was not carried out by qualified craftsmen."

"In order to prevent such shortcomings, the Cultural Heritage Agency under the Ministry of Tourism and Sports is taking measures to carry out restoration work at cultural heritage sites based on a carefully thought-out plan and with the participation of qualified specialists," the statement said.





Introduction of new building material



Targeted reconstruction based on archaeological remains





Work at Otrar, September 2021



Entrance and facilities

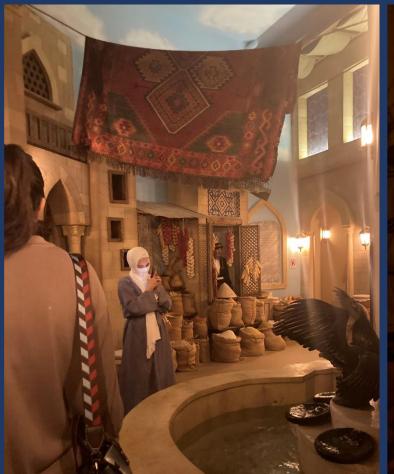
- -Infrastructure
- -Protection
- -Interpretation



Guiding visitors through complex sites



Experiencing heritage







Otrar Museum &
Shymkent citadel visitor
centre:
Interpretive dioramas



Flying theatre

Managing Archaeological Sites

- Document and define
- Protect
- Present



Thanks for listening!

