

Analysis of the Socio-Cultural Heritage of Madaba - an Approach to Conservation of Heritage Buildings: The Case Study of Dar Al Saraya in Madaba

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ABSTRACT Worldwide, much of the built cultural heritage is threatened by neglect, encroachment, shortcomings in conservation and a lack of maintenance. The heritage is further threatened by inadequate social awareness of its value and by the lack of an effective legal protection framework. Conservation and rehabilitation of old historic buildings have thus become a priority at the different levels and sectors of society involved. This paper discusses the strategies that must be implemented when a traditional building requires rehabilitation in order to enhance its sociocultural value to the national heritage. The Dar al Saraya building in Madaba, Jordan, is used as an example.