

## Khaldun BSHARA

### Education:

**Masters in Conservation of Historic Towns and Buildings,**  
1999–2001, R. Lemaire Centre for Conservation  
Catholic University of Leuven KUL, Belgium

**Bachelor of Architectural Engineering,**  
1991–1996, BirZeit University, Palestine

### Membership:

Member of the Palestinian and Jordanian Engineers Association

Founding member and member of the Palestinian National Committee of ICOMOS  
(International Council on Monuments and Sites)

### Experience:

**1994 - present**     **Director of the Conservation Unit / Architect Conservator / Trainer,**  
RIWAQ Centre, Ramallah, Palestine

**1996 - present**     Partner, **MANTARA Consultants Architects** (*Amiry-Bshara*),  
Ramallah, Palestine

### Publications and Research:

- books**     Riwaq's Guidelines for Maintenance and Restoration of Historic Buildings in Palestine.  
Riwaq: Centre for architectural Conservation, Ramallah, 2005.
- Ramallah, Architecture and History, (co-author). Riwaq: Centre for architectural  
Conservation and Institute for Jerusalem Studies, Jerusalem, 2002.
- articles**     **"*Palestinian Architectural Heritage*"**, (co-author). To be published within the  
website of PARC: Palestinian American Research Center, 2005.
- "*What Next? Scenarios for the Treatment of Vacant space resulted from Armed  
Conflict in Palestine*"**. To be published within the 5th number of the monographic  
collection "Mediterraneum. Protection of cultural and environmental heritage" entitled  
Protection, Conservation and Development of Cultural Heritage of Palestine, Naples,  
2005.
- "*The Roman City of Jerusalem searching for an Identity*"**. Presented and to be  
published within the proceedings of International Seminar 'THE MEDITERRANEAN  
MEDINA', Pescara, 2004.
- "*Job Creation through Restoration Towards Sustainable Community*"**. To be  
published within the proceedings First International Research Seminar of Forum  
UNESCO – University and Heritage on Architectural Heritage and Sustainable  
Development of Small and Medium Cities in South Mediterranean Regions, Florence,  
2004.
- "*Breeze from the north*"**. In the book edited by Amiry, Suad & Hadid, Mohanad.  
Earthquake in April. Riwaq: Centre for architectural Conservation and Institute for  
Jerusalem Studies, Ramallah, 2002
- coordinator**     The coordinator of the Palestinian partner to **RehabiMed –Rehabilitation of  
Mediterranean Traditional Architecture** (2004-2007). The main objective of the  
project is the promotion of the rehabilitation of traditional architecture in the  
Mediterranean countries. [www.rehabimed.net](http://www.rehabimed.net)
- coordinator**     The coordinator of the Palestinian partner to **MEDINA - MEDiterranean by INternet  
Access** (2003-2006). MEDINA is a Euro-Mediterranean Project co-financed by the  
European Commission within the Eumedis Initiative – Information Society (MEDA  
funds). The main objective of the project is the design and the pilot development of a  
"federation" of nine integrated national Web sites and the creation of the "MEDINA  
Portal" in order to promote cultural tourism in different Mediterranean countries.  
<http://www.medinaproject.net/>
- research work  
and a book**     **Responsible of task2 and task3 researches, in C.O.R.P.U.S (*Traditional  
Architecture in the Mediterranean Space*) network.**

## List of Projects:

- 2005** Coordinator, lecturer and trainer in "The 2<sup>nd</sup> Lime Mortar and Limestone Conservation Workshop (LC05)" held in al Qasem Palace, under the auspices of UNESCO and in cooperation with An Najah National University. 22-27 May 2005, Beit Wazan, Nablus, Palestine.
- \*\*\*2005** Conservation plan and supervision of 'Aseera al Shamaliyyeh Public Library (the old School) renovation project, Ramallah, Palestine.
- \*\*2005** Design of Rabah residence, a contemporary design with artistic approach to space and volume. Ramallah, Palestine.
- \*\*\*2005** Conservation plan and supervision of al Kamandjati Music Association building renovation project, Ramallah, Palestine.
- 2005** Conservation plan of Beiteen Women's Association building renovation project, a co-financed German Palestinian Development Cooperation project executed by the UNDP. Beiteen, Palestine.
- \*\*2005** Design and interior design and the supervision of the implementation of STONES-steel-glass modern restaurant in Ramallah, Palestine.
- \*\*2004** Design & supervision of Riwaq Centre's landscape project (in cooperation with Artist Khalil Rabah). Al Bireh, Palestine.
- 2004** Conservation plan and the design of the extension of the ancient Spring Mosque, al Bireh, Palestine.
- 2004** Conservation plan & supervision of Ramallah First Group rehabilitation project. Ramallah, Palestine.
- \*\*\*2004** Conservation plan & supervision of Al-Qasem Palace rehabilitation project. This building is one of the 100 Most Endangered Sites of the World Monuments Watch 2004. The project aims at adaptation of the building into a conservation centre affiliated to Al-Najah National University. Beit Wazan, Nablus, Palestine.
- 2004** Coordinator, lecturer and trainer in "The 1<sup>st</sup> Lime Mortar and Limestone Conservation Workshop" held in Riwaq Centre, 21-28 April 2004, Ramallah, Palestine.
- 2003** Conservation plan & supervision of Yousuf Farsakh residence. A private initiative aimed at renovating a 1920 building with contemporary alterations. BirZeit, Palestine.
- \*\*\*2003** Conservation plan & supervision of Beit-Reema Cultural Centre rehabilitation project. Beit-Reema, Palestine.
- 2002-2003** Conservation plan & supervision of Dair-Istiya Children Centre renovation project. Dair-Istiya, Salfeet, Palestine.
- 2002-2003** Conservation plan of Beit-Iksa Ottoman Castle to host a village community centre. Beit-Iksa, Jerusalem, Palestine.
- \*\*\*2002-2003** Note: The project was not implemented because of accessibility problems  
Conservation plan & supervision of Ramallah Ottoman Courthouse, an early 19<sup>th</sup> century building with serious structural problems, to be renovated to host Ramallah Cultural Museum. Ramallah, Palestine.
- \*\*\*2002-2003** Supervision of the conservation plans & the implementation of five rehabilitation and conservation projects in the context of job creation.
- \*\*2001** Design of Villa Raji, as a partner in **MANTARA Consultants Architects (Amiry-Bshara)**, a 1300 m<sup>2</sup> residential building for an extended family with modern architectural concept, Ramallah, Palestine.
- 2001** Conservation plan & supervision of Khirbit Qais guesthouse as a community centre, a World Vision Project. Khirbit Qais, Salfeet, Palestine.
- \*\*\*2000** Conservation plan of *Dar al Aytam al Islamiyya*; the Islamic Orphanage School rehabilitation project; an important building built in different epochs, starting by the Mamluks 1388 AD up to recent times. The project was funded by "The Welfare Association" and managed by Centre for Development Consultancy (C.D.C) / Old City Jerusalem Revitalization Program (OCJRP). Jerusalem Old City, Palestine.
- \*\*\*2000** Plan the emergency consolidation project of the "Memory Museum Exposition Halls" (*the Husaini countryside house*). A Palestinian Ministry of Culture Project, the village of Ein Senia, Ramallah, Palestine.
- \*1999-2001** *Planning*: Working with Hebron Rehabilitation Committee to prepare a master conservation plan for the old city of Hebron, in social-economic urban context, defining the problems, analysing the collected data, and provision of several revitalisation projects. Hebron, Palestine.
- \*\*\*1999** Conservation plan & supervision of *al Jaliqiyya* complex (Mamluk building with a

- mausoleum 1307 AD) conservation project, a (C.D.C) project, Jerusalem Old City, Palestine.
- \*\*\* 1999 Conservation plan & supervision of *al Taziyya* complex (Mamluk building 1361 AD) conservation project, a (C.D.C) project, Jerusalem Old City, Palestine.
- \*\*\* 1999 Conservation plan of *al Hilou* complex; Ottoman residential courtyards with serious structural and architectural problems, a (C.D.C) project, Jerusalem Old City, Palestine.
- 1999 Conservation plan & supervision *Mua'rref Rubin* residence conservation project, a (C.D.C) project, Jerusalem Old City, Palestine.
- \*\* 1998-1999 **Winner** of the local design competition of "*Marché de la Nativité*" the Palestinian popular market as a part of Bethlehem 2000 event in Strasbourg, France.
- 1998-1999 Conservation plan of *Hab-Rumman* historic building renovated to host the computer centre affiliated to the University of Jerusalem, a (C.D.C) project, Jerusalem Old City, Palestine.
- \*\*\* 1998-1999 Conservation plan & supervision of *al-Molawiyya* mosque compound (the former Crusades Church of St Agnes, 1165A.D), conservation project, a (C.D.C) project, Jerusalem Old City, Palestine.
- 1998 Conservation plan & supervision of the landscape and upgrading project of Khalil Sakakini Cultural Centre. Ramallah, Palestine.
- 1998 Conservation plan & supervision of *Abu-Snenih* residence conservation project, a (C.D.C) project, Jerusalem Old City, Palestine.
- 1998 Conservation plan & supervision of *Obaydo* residence conservation project, (typical Ottoman house with significant painted wooden roof), a (C.D.C) project, Jerusalem Old City, Palestine.
- 1998 Conservation plan & supervision of *Shawish* residence conservation project, a (C.D.C) project, Jerusalem Old City, Palestine.
- 1998 Conservation plan & supervision of *Amir Sa'id* residence conservation project, a (C.D.C) project, Jerusalem Old City, Palestine.
- 1998 Conservation plan & supervision of *Ayman Hijazi* residence conservation project, a (C.D.C) project, Jerusalem Old City, Palestine.
- \*\*\* 1998 Conservation plan & supervision of *Burg-al-Luqluq* community centre conservation project, in which a *Roman wall* was protected and conserved, a (C.D.C) project, Jerusalem Old City, Palestine.
- \*\*\* 1998 Conservation plan & supervision of the conservation project of one of the old buildings the Syrians Church (*Saint Mark convent*), a (C.D.C) project, Jerusalem Old City, Palestine.
- 1998 Conservation plan of the Memory Museum Research House "*the former residence of the famous Palestinian author Arif el-Arif*" rehabilitation project. A Palestinian Ministry of Culture project, El-Bireh, Palestine.  
*Note: The project was partially implemented by the ministry of culture team.*
- \* 1997-1998 *Planning: working within an interdisciplinary team to develop conservation planning policies and thereafter a Conservation Master Plan for the historic centre in the city of Ramallah.*
- \*\* 1997 Design & supervision, within **MANTARA Consultants Architects** (*Amiry-Bshara*), of *Villa Yafa*; a 900m<sup>2</sup> project which consists of two attached villas with traditional clustering composition, Ramallah, Palestine.
- \*\* 1997 **Winner** of landscape & upgrading competition of Khalil Sakakini Cultural Centre. A Palestinian Ministry of Culture project, Ramallah, Palestine.
- 1997 Conservation plan & supervision of an Ottoman guest-house conservation project, rehabilitated to host a Youth Centre, a Palestinian Youth Union project, the village Mazari' al-Nobani, Ramallah, Palestine.
- \*\*\* 1996-1997 Conservation plan of the first stage of Bethlehem 2000 project, which consists of the renovation of two main streets (*al-Najajreh and Star streets*) as well as the renovation of the old vegetable market in the prime zone of Bethlehem, Palestine.
- \*\* 1996-1997 Design & supervision, within **MANTARA Consultants Architects** (*Amiry-Bshara*), of Tal es-Safa community village project
- 1996 Design & supervision of *Villa Sandouka*; an 800m<sup>2</sup> project partially construction, and partially rehabilitation of a contemporary building in a structural and architectural bad conditions, Ramallah, Palestine.
- \*\*\* 1996 Conservation plan & supervision of Baladna Cultural Centre (the former *Al-Hashemiyyeh Old School*) renovation project, el Bireh, Palestine.
- 1996 Conservation plan & supervision of the restoration of one of the *Arab Orthodox Club* buildings to be reused for social and sport activities, Beit-Jala, Bethlehem, Palestine.
- \*\*\* 1994-1995 Conservation plan & supervision of the rehabilitation and renovation project of

Khalil Sakakini Cultural Centre, a Palestinian Ministry of Culture project,  
Ramallah, Palestine.