

Amir Pašić
Professor Dr., Architect and Urban Planner

He has served as the Head of Architectural Department in the Research Centre for Islamic History, Art and Culture (IRCICA), in Istanbul since January 1993.

In the same time, he is the full professor and Chair of the “History and Theory Architecture and Preservation of Building Heritage Department” the Faculty of Architecture at the University of Sarajevo, since December 2009. He covered courses on history and theory of architecture from antique to today, and preservation and management of building heritage. His work is especially focus on Islamic architecture.

Also, he is the full professor of architecture (since 1999) and the full professor of urban planning (since 2000)

Also as an expert of ICOMOS he is involve in reactive monitoring missions to examine the state of conservation of the properties inscribed on the World Heritage list of UNESCO.

Currently, he is in charge for two large scale long-term IRCICA programs: The Jerusalem 2015 (Rehabilitation of the Old City planned to be completed in 2015), and IRCICA-Prince Sultan bin Selman-Islamic Architectural Heritage Database. Also, he was the Coordinator of the First international Conference on Urban and Architectural Heritage in Islamic Countries (Riyadh, KSA, 2010).

Founder of IRCICA's Mostar 2004 Project, Professor Pašić has been its chief coordinator since 1994. He was the Chief Coordinator of the Opening Ceremonies that mark the reconstruction of the Old Bridge of Mostar, held in summer 2004.

He is internationally recognized for the conservation and reconstruction of the Old Town of Mostar, a project for which he received the Aga Khan Award for Architecture in 1986. Since the outbreak of the 1992-5 war in Bosnia and Herzegovina, he has advocated tirelessly for the reconstruction of Mostar once again, through his publications, workshops, university lectures and professorships, and through his work with governmental and private relief agencies.

He is the recipient of the 2000 First Freedom Award (Richmond, USA, January 2000), and the 2004 Stari Most Award (Center for Balkan Development, Maynard, MA, USA) for his outstanding service toward achieving peace, reconciliation, economic development and establishing long-term security in the former Yugoslavia.

Prior to outbreak of the 1992-95 war in Bosnia and Herzegovina, Prof. Pašić was the director of the Institute for the Urban Planning and Preservation of Cultural Heritage *Prostor* in Mostar. He had served as a professor at the “Džemal Bijedić University” in Mostar from 1984 till 1991 and after 1998 till 2008.

Currently, he is a member of the Bosnia and Herzegovina Nation Commission for UNESCO, and a President of FBiH Committee for the Master plans of Mostar, and Počitelj.

Professor Pašić was a Visiting Scholar in Architecture and Urban Planning at Harvard University and at Massachusetts Institute of Technology (1993-94); the guest professor at Yildiz Technical University, Istanbul (1993-2000); the guest professor at the Graduate program in architecture at the Faculty of Architecture (2000-2002), and Faculty of Philosophy (since 2005) at University of Sarajevo and the guest professor at the Mimar Sinan University in Istanbul (1994-96).

Professor Pašić has lectured at Harvard University, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Columbia University, the University of Pennsylvania, the Royal Polytechnic Institute in Stockholm, York University, *La Sapienza* University Rome, *Alcala de Hennes* University Madrid, Yale University, Kind Saud University in Riyadh, and scores of others. Also he was participating at more than fifty international conferences or congresses.

As a planner he has realized, before 1992, five large-scale master plans, nine master plans, and many urban design projects. He was part of teams, which has developed urban studies on Istanbul (1994-2001).

As an architect he has realized more than hundred architectural projects.

In December 2008, he was the winner of the architectural competition for the new building of the government of Bosnia and Herzegovina Federation in Mostar.

He was the project coordinator of the Aga Khan Trust for Culture, Geneva for the Preservation of Historic City of Samarkand in Uzbekistan, from February 1995 till April 2001.

He has been the project coordinator for the “Mostar Project” organized jointly by the World Monuments Fund, New York and the Aga Khan Trust for Culture, Geneva, since January 1998.

In Mostar, between 1997 and 2009 he realized 41 restoration/rehabilitation/reconstruction and contemporary-design projects of different size and two Master plans.

He is a coordinator of the international design competition, and implementation for the construction of the OIC headquarters in Jeddah (2005-ongoing).

Professor Pašić is the author or co-author of 16 books and 35 articles. Among them should be mentioned: *The Old Bridge in Mostar* (2006); *Historic Reconstruction of the Neziraga Mosque in Mostar* (2006), *Celebrating Mostar: Urban Development and Architecture 1452-2012* (2005), *Mostar 2004 Program Report* (2005), *Conservation and Revitalization of Historic Mostar* (2004), *Planning for Historic City of Samarkand* (2001), *Reclaiming Historic Mostar, Opportunities for Revitalization* (1999), and *Islamic Architecture in Bosnia and Herzegovina* (1994). In 2011, two books should be out of print: *Restoration of the Mosques in Bosnia and Herzegovina*, and *Modernization of Islamic Cities*. Also, he is the author of the Nomination dossier for the World Heritage property “Old Bridge Area of the Old Town of Mostar”, in 2005.