

PhD dissertation

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Management of historic buildings in Poland on the example of the modern fortresses Boyen, Kłodzko and Srebrna Góra - from a conservation perspective

Abstract

This thesis deals with the complexity of management of large-format heritage objects, i.e. modern fortresses, with dedicated focus on the influence of a formal and legal model adopted by an owner.

There is a general presentation of the management process, taking into account the specific character of a heritage property. Then the issue of monument protection in the Polish legal system is depicted in relation to the applicable international law and standards accepted in the doctrine. The sources of obtaining national and foreign funds are also discussed.

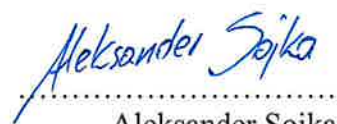
The thesis also describes entities involved in the management process and discusses in detail the issue of possible model structures at the level of a manager/owner, their strong and weak points, as well as the sources in applicable legal regulations.

The presentation of the current position of the conservation doctrine serves to explain such issues as a heritage value analysis, underlying any actions regarding the monument. The obligations of an owner specified in the doctrine, structured into so-called leading task areas, are identified.

Having discussed the condition of the monuments of defensive architecture, the author presented the results of the studies on reference objects, designated on the basis of specific criteria. Own studies based on a defined research subject compare the three fortresses named in the title and are carried out according to specific research methods. The pattern of a heritage object management discussed in the theoretical part serves to systematise the studies and compare a full spectrum of actions and functioning of the managing entities by verifying the efficiency of the completion of each task area. Then the comparative characteristics in three categories is presented to evaluate the efficiency of management and its effectiveness in the context of adaptation to contemporary market realities.

The thesis ends with the presentation and analysis of the conclusions drawn from the studies.

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