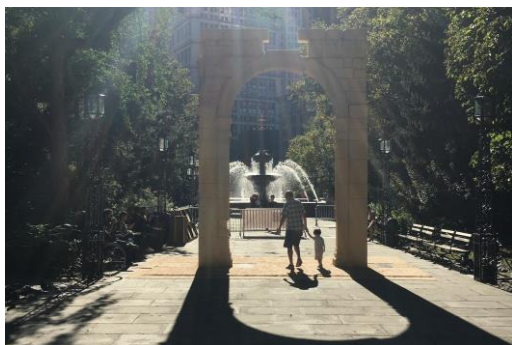


The History of the Future

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It is impossible to overstate the influence of cultural heritage on the present and future of humanity. The connections between people and their history lie at the very heart of concepts as fundamental as identity, community, and citizenship. And the significance of these connections is evident not only in the positive effects of high levels of cultural awareness, but in the use of cultural censorship or misrepresentation by those who seek to impose their own world-view by force.



Technology is transforming the world of cultural heritage: it is taking our ability to see into the past to new heights, it is revolutionizing our ability to preserve both tangible and intangible heritage, and it is expanding beyond all recognition the means by which people are able to engage with their own history and that of peoples around the world. In this talk, we shall explore the significance of this technological revolution and consider its implications for the present and future of world history.

