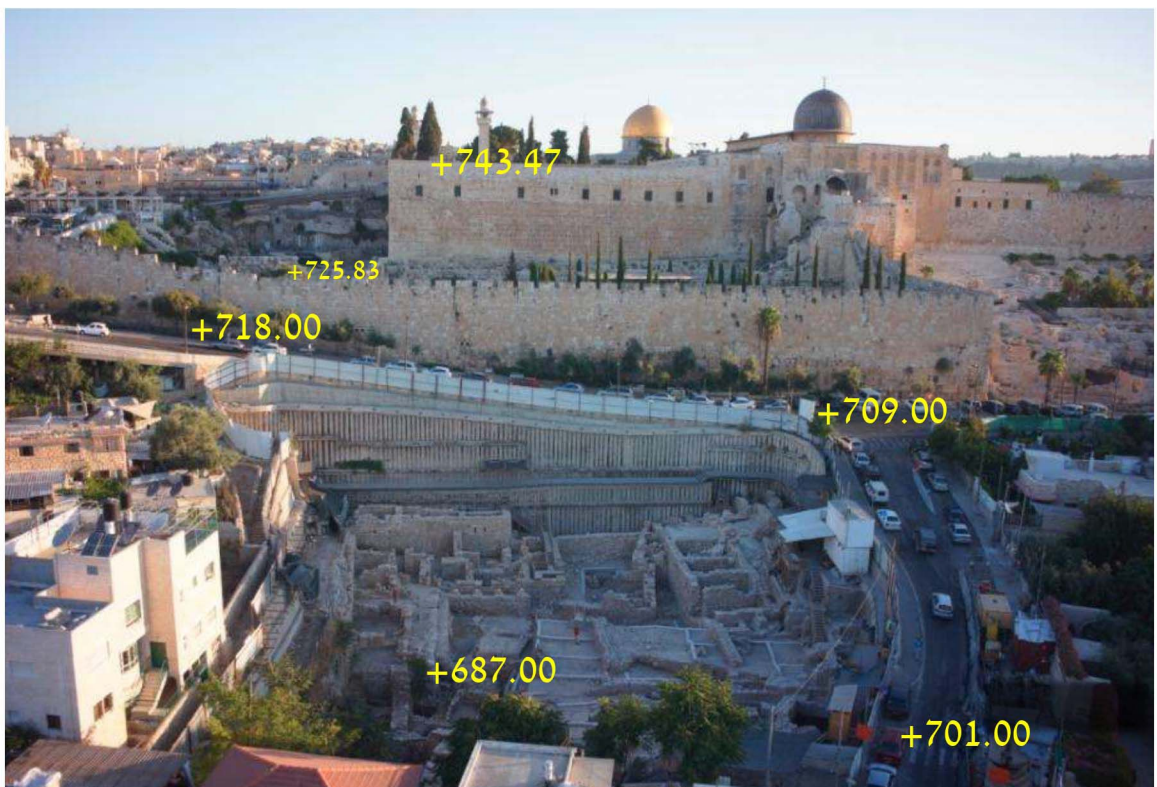


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“The Western Wall Tunnels” and “The City of David” are two archeological sites that have been rapidly developed in recent years to accommodate an exponential growth of visitors. This development requires considerable mediation between archeology and architecture, or rather, between the materials of the past and their perception and use in the present. The result is a new set of spaces that preservationists and architects laboriously produce in the archeological digs of Jerusalem, under Palestinian residences, in order to accommodate a new web of inter-connected visitor centers. The talk demonstrates how the evolving relationship between their archeological material, their architectural form, and their cultural and political content is necessary for a more robust development—the intersection of these underground centers with the urban space of the present city and the methods of evaluating its monuments.

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