

## **The human factor as a threat to cultural sites: Petra, a Case Study**

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### **Abstract**

This paper tries to shed some light on the factors currently threatening the world heritage site of Petra including review of the natural factors previously identified by scholars such as earthquakes, wind and precipitation. The main focus of this paper, however, is the human factor which has been neglected by previous researches, although such a factor could be consider as the most dangerous factor. In this paper the author tries to define human misbehaviors and mistakes conducted by both local community and visitors and evaluate its negative impact on the sites and its sustainability, followed by suggestions and solutions to overcome such behaviors and decline its negative impacts.

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