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Architect, urban planner, professor of Architectural Design and Dean of the School of Architecture, University of Udine, Italy. His areas of expertise are earthen architecture, sustainable design and preservation. By participating in the '80s, the programme of cooperation with the Faculty of Architecture of Algiers-EPAU, studies the Saharan oasis and settlements net and develops first projects and researches on earthen architecture. In 1985 he joined the CRATerre and as a member of that group he is awarded in 1990, of 'Habitat Scroll of Honour of' UNCHS-HABITAT' for the activities developed in the field of earthen architecture. Since 2002 he serves as consultant to UNESCO - WHC and he is also a member of the International Scientific Committee of Earthen Architectural Heritage ISCEAH-ICOMOS. During the decade 1995-2005 as "Visiting Lecturer and Design Critic" has worked extensively first at the Aga Khan Program of Islamic Architecture (AKPIA) of MIT and later at the Graduate School of Design of Harvard University. Since 2008 is Scientific Counsellor of the UNESCO-WHEAP (World Heritage Earthen Architecture Programme). programme promoting the conservation of earthen architecture sites worldwide, inscribed on the World Heritage List. Bertagnin contributed to pilot projects on earthen architectural sites identifying best practices and setting examples for the dissemination of appropriate techniques in earthen architecture conservation. Bertagnin also contributed to several educational programmes and rehabilitation projects of earthen architecture heritages in Algeria, Benin, Egypt, Ethiopia, Hungary, Italy, Kenya, Mali, Morocco, Nigeria, Saharaoui Territories, Syria, Spain, Tunisia and Ladakh (India). For UNESCO/WHC has published in 2014 the Conservation manual of the city of Timbuktu (Mali).