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LUC NOPPEN is professor at the Université du Québec à Montréal's (UQAM) Département d'études urbaines et touristiques and chairholder of the Canada Research Chair on Urban Heritage at l'École des sciences de la gestion and Director of UQAM's Institut du patrimoine. Renowned architectural historian and Quebec architectural conservation specialist, he has to his credit more than thirty books and over three hundred articles, reports, and scientific communications.

Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada, recipient of several merit awards for his contribution to the knowledge of architecture and built heritage, including the Gérard-Morisset Prix du Québec in 1999, Luc Noppen has over thirty years of teaching and research experience in the fields of architectural history, heritage, and museology. He is also member of the Centre interuniversitaire de recherches sur les lettres, les arts et les traditions (interuniversity research centre on humanities, arts, and traditions—Université Laval/UQAM).

An integrated approach of the built landscape, extensive knowledge of the Québec architectural history, and search for concrete solutions are characteristic of Luc Noppen's work. This has led him to participate in several planning and development projects in various historic environments, including the restoration / reinsertion of the Hazeur / Smith houses in Place-Royale (Québec) and the rehabilitation of the mills site in the regional park of Île-de-la-Visitation (Montréal). He received excellence awards for both of these projects.

Luc Noppen has been working on the Quebec religious heritage for more than 30 years, starting with the characterization of religious architecture in the early 1970; he then participated in the conservation and rehabilitation of this heritage, particularly threatened by church closings. With his colleague, Lucie K. Morisset, he has co-signed in 2005 *Les églises du Québec, un patrimoine à réinventer* (Reinventing the Quebec Churches Heritage) (Presses de l'Université du Québec), and organized the October 2005 international symposium « Quel avenir pour quelles églises ? / What future for which churches? », held at UQAM; the proceedings just came off the press (Presses de l'Université du Québec)