The International Research Seminar “Heritage Conservation in Postcolonial Pakistan” is going to explore the often critically endangered, forgotten, and/or ideologically revived cultural and “natural” heritage of postcolonial Pakistan. The main idea is to explore the discourses and narratives surrounding particular sites through physical and embodied in-situ experience. Further, we will listen to lectures by experts, network with students, and talk to local custodians as well as everyday visitors.

Conditions:

The International Research Seminar is going to take place from 1-17 March and will be conducted as a regular class with the possibility to gain 6 CP – 2 CP for active participation, 2 for a thematic on-site presentation, and 2 CP for a final essay/report. We will have 15 mandatory teaching units, like a regular class of 30 SWS. Transport, boarding and lodging will be generously covered by the Flagship Initiative “Cultural Heritage” of Heidelberg University.

Pre-condition for Participation in the International Research Seminar

- You are a student of Heidelberg University
- You feel mentally, socially, and bodily fit to spend two weeks along with other students in Pakistan
- You have an interest in heritage conservation and/or an interest in the region
- You have some knowledge of Urdu, Hindi, or any other regional language or you are planning to learn it during the WS 22/23. Exemptions from mandatory language expertise can be made if a thematic specialization applies.
- You will enroll in the class “West Punjab: Heritage, Memorialization, and Ethnography”, held during the WS 2022 (Tuesday, 11.15-12.45, Start: 18th October), which serves as a thematic preparation for the International Research Seminar.

If all these factors apply to you, kindly send a two-pages motivation letter until 30 September to: philipp.zehmisch@sai.uni-heidelberg.de