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# International Research Seminar: Heritage Conservation in Postcolonial Pakistan

Time Period: 1-17 March 2023

Location: Different areas in Pakistan such as Lahore, Salt Range, Islamabad, Margallah Hills



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:  
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