CDNS 4403 / 5403 Heritage Conservation & Sustainability

Thursdays, Sept.5-Dec.5, 2019, 11:35 am to 2:25 am, DT 1216

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Connecting natural/cultural heritage
Sustaining and assessing heritage places
Community and land-based stewardship

Resilient cities/landscapes in changing climates
Modern heritage and sustainable rehabilitation
Economics, tourism and local strategies

How are historic places evolving in response to changing ideas of how we care for the land and important places? Can heritage conservation contribute more to the circular economy, to resource scarcity, and to environmental justice? What are new contexts for heritage and roles for conservation in climate adaptation and resilience? How can Indigenous ideas of reciprocity and human environmental relations inform processes and practices for meaningful change? This advanced seminar explores a shift in heritage conservation discourse that embraces related objectives of environmental, sociocultural, and economic sustainability. Through readings discussion and analysis of Canadian and international research, policy and projects, the course introduces theory, principles and practices that help bridge diverging ideals.

Student assessment includes: in-depth case study of a project, policy or organization: a terminology-based assignment; a notebook on weekly readings; and a quiz on core concepts. See student case studies from earlier years: http://sustainableheritagecasestudies.ca