

Course	CDNS 5401 Heritage Conservation I: History, Principles, and Concepts
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COURSE DESCRIPTION / INSTRUCTOR'S STATEMENT

Special Theme: The 'Heritage' of Heritage Concepts

While heritage conservation is a highly specialized field, formalized around local, national, and transnational legal and social frameworks (enacted by governments, professional advisory groups, interest groups, and non-profits), there is little agreement across disciplines as to the meanings and implications of the two constitutive terms. 'Heritage' and 'conservation' prove ambiguous when considered from the vantage point of different disciplines, languages, and knowledge systems.

This seminar focuses on the polysemic interpretations and uses of key concepts related to heritage—the heritage of heritage terminology—looking closely at how different concepts have been embedded in the field, and how they have changed meaning over time in response to political, ideological, and disciplinary expectations. Through a collaborative study of the past and present lives of terms such as memory, value, authenticity, and significance, the seminar aims to (re)position normative notions in heritage and conservation, concurrently developing the tools to research and practice ethically, collaboratively, and experimentally across disciplines. The course includes both theoretical and practical tasks in heritage conservation.

This is a blended online course.

EVALUATION

Click [here](#) to see last year's outline for examples of readings and assignments.