



SFB 1070 · RessourcenKulturen. Soziokulturelle Dynamiken im Umgang mit Ressourcen

# RESOURCECULTURES DIALOGUE

**24 October 2024 | 18:00 c.t. | Lecture | Ernst v. Sieglin Hörsaal (Castle)**

## **Heritage under Fire. The European Discourses of Heritage Preservation in the Middle East between WWI and Now**

Zoya Masoud (BEYONDREST – Forum Transregionale Studien) and Dr. Sebastian Willert (Dubnow Institute)

An important consideration in heritage protection is the selective preservation of historical artifacts and architectural monuments. In the Middle East, colonial definitions of heritage and the practice of its preservation are still present. We emphasize the role of wars as catalysts in shaping disciplinary and social discourses about the past. By juxtaposing snapshots of such topographies of monument preservation during World War I and the recent war in Syria, we examine the modalities of preserving the past under fire and discuss them as resources for the construction of memory and identity(ies).

**25 October 2024 | 9:00 c.t. | Workshop | Hölderlinstraße 12**

## **Challenges of Researching Wartime Monument Protection**

Zoya Masoud and Dr. Sebastian Willert

The workshop delves into the various articulations of heritage in relation to safeguarding, identity and memory constructions. Reflecting on established narratives and oral history, we will discuss (historical) source materials from different archives and interviews. We will focus on methodologies and challenges related to conducting research in such nuanced interdisciplinary contexts.