Welcome to *Cultural Heritage in Transformation*!

Dear participants,

Thank you all for joining our course! We are excited to have the opportunity to exchange knowledge and ideas with you during the following weeks!

The course starts on **September 27, 2021**. It lasts for five weeks and is instructor-paced. While the course is open to everyone, participants have the opportunity to join the verified track until **October 18, 2021** to earn a verified certificate.

During the course, we will provide you with the skills to define, explore, conserve, utilize and manage cultural heritage. Furthermore, you will be introduced to various methodologies and thematic approaches relevant to these skills using the City of Aachen as an example. Through case studies drawn from Aachen and beyond, you will explore examples at a range of spatial scales; from landscape and city scale to individual buildings and artifacts.

GETTING STARTED

If this is your first edX course, please go ahead and view the course **'edX Demo 101'** to find out how to best navigate through an edX course.

Before you start the course, please view the **course syllabus** to get a better understanding of the content and scope of the course.
To get help with the course, click the Discussion tab and post a question. To get help with a technical problem, click Help to send a message to edX Student Support.

DISCUSSION FORUM

At the end of each week, you will be asked to participate in a discussion forum sharing your knowledge and ideas about a specific topic. You will be asked questions regarding this topic and will be expected to respond to these questions.

Furthermore, you are provided with access to additional forums for general questions and technical issues. Our course team will regularly check these and try to respond to your questions as soon as possible. If you face technical problems, feel free to contact edX support.

For more detailed information about the discussion section, please view our **forum guidelines.**

GRADING AND CERTIFICATES

If you would like to earn a certificate for this course, it is mandatory for you to join the verified track and complete the following:

- **Revision questions:** After watching the lecture videos in the respective weeks you will be asked to answer a series of revision questions. Please note that every subsection contains graded questions as well as ungraded ones.
- **Three-step-assignment:** The assignment will be conducted as a cultural heritage case study which will be undertaken on a step by step basis. You will be asked to select a case study city with which you are already familiar and where the cultural heritage is under threat. After receiving the contents of the weeks 3, 4 and 5, you will be asked to apply the knowledge that you have attained to your chosen case study. Your assignments will be evaluated through a peer review procedure by three other participants (whilst, at the same time, you will be asked to evaluate other assignments).

Please note that all graded content is only available for verified users.
Your final grade will be constituted by the following: 15% revision questions, 85% three-step-assignment.

To obtain a certificate you are required to have at least 60% of the total points.

There is no weekly deadline for each week's tasks. You will be eligible for a certificate as long as you complete all the tasks by **October 31, 2021**.

Please note that the deadline for the upgrade to the verified track is **October 18, 2021**!

Enjoy the course!

The Course Team