

Reimagining the past through the sea

The unfolding futures of architectural history and heritage

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What if we were able to rethink the typologies, chronologies, and geographies of architectural histories? What if we fundamentally rethought conventional ideas about centre and periphery in the flows of culture, expertise and technology? And what if we upended the relationship between architecture, land and the nation in the politics of heritage? Could such questions help us rethink the ways in which architecture histories and heritage are taught and conceptualised?

This presentation poses such questions against the backdrop of fast changing geopolitical developments in our region. It does so by jumping in the water. It considers what happens when we turn to oceans and seas to understand architectural pasts and their heritage discourses today. Strategic and commercial forces are driving funds and interest in the maritime across Eurasia and Africa. Such developments pose fascinating questions about the future of architectural histories and the place they might find in today's shifting tides of connectivity.

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