

# The public and private paths to heritage education in the UK and USA

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The screenshot shows the University of Essex website with a dark background. On the left, there is a portrait of Dr Paola Di Giuseppantonio Di Franco, Course Director, with her name and titles: Digital Heritage and Museums, and Disaster Heritage. The main content area lists three courses: 'POSTGRADUATE COURSE MA Heritage and Museum Studies', 'UNDERGRADUATE COURSE BA Art History, Heritage and Museum Studies', and 'BA Curating, Heritage and Human Rights'. A 'NOW IN CLEARING' badge is visible at the bottom. On the right side, there are two images of students in a museum gallery, one above the other, with a red border around the top one and a blue 'in' icon to its right.

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# Heritage and Heritage Studies

What is Heritage?

- (2) Are Heritage Studies now accepted generally as a new discipline?
- (3) What does a future heritage professional look like and what is the basic skill set that they need?
- (4) How is Heritage currently being taught?
- (5) Is there a need for a dedicated teaching programme/curriculum/course for this relatively new discipline?
- (6) What should or could this programme look like?

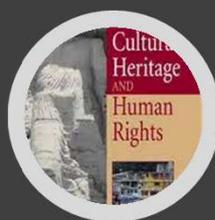
Questions based on Willems et al. 2018



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# What is Heritage?

Thought and theory have developed and expanded **from** a focus largely on **material culture** (tangible heritage) to **inclusion** and consideration of the **immaterial** and their relationship to people, landscape and environment (intangible heritage; heritage values).



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## What is heritage?

Any course in Heritage Management must invite students to reflect on the following **questions**:

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Who owns 'The Past' and who is entitled to speak for past generations?

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What is worth saving?

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What can we, or should we, forget?

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What memories can we enjoy, regret, or learn from?

**Heritage** is not simply something handed down from the past.

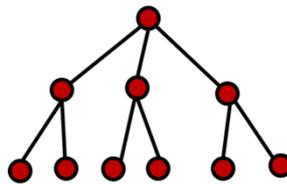
It is a **process** that must be actively constructed and maintained in the present if it is to have any sustainable future.

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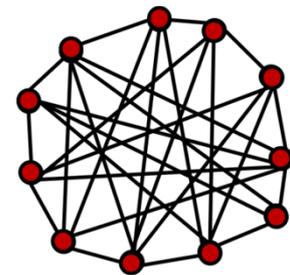
## What is heritage?

A transactional and transnational way of dealing with heritage, replace the predominant 'Western Heritage Discourse'.

Heritage is transactional, transnational and transformational

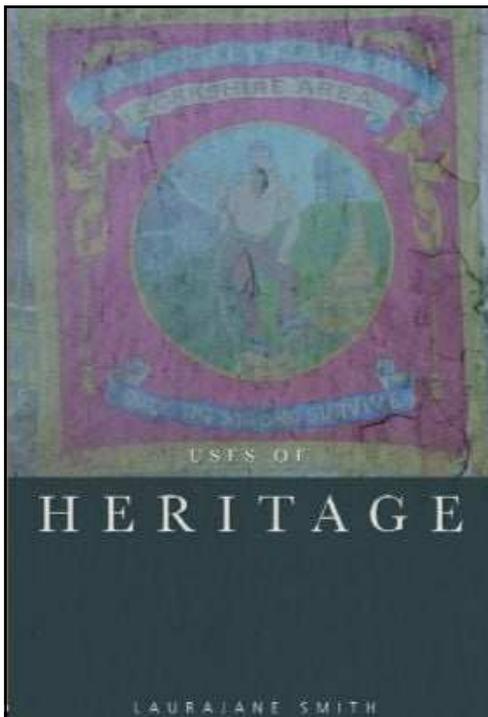


"Top-down"



"Bottom-up"

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## What is Heritage?

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**Archaeological resources are the material remains of the past** and that **heritage is what we make of the past** by ascribing certain values to it.

The dominance of archaeology and its methods and ethics in HM, nationally-based tradition and understandings, top-down approaches, and emphasis on tangible heritage is manifest in what Smith (2006) has labelled the **Authorised Heritage Discourse (AHD)**.

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## Why Heritage Education?

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Without education in heritage there will be a low awareness of the need to manage cultural heritage

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British archaeology is a **major driver** for heritage tourism which contributes approximately **£20 billion** to the UK's GDP annually

Source: Report on The impact of heritage tourism for the UK economy, Oxford Economics, 2016  
Image: DigVentures



Graeme Appleby FSA #Dig4 @stratimetrics

Place-making, well-being, history, enjoyment, discovery. That's a lot of cream teas and exits via the gift shop.

@ForArchaeology

#archaeology #wellbeing #placemaking #heritage #savearchaeology #Dig4arch

8:18 AM · Jun 8, 2021 · Twitter Web App

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**Place branding** is about communicating and managing the identity and perception of a place

Local organisations in England are actively engaged in place branding

Economic benefits from the UK's GREAT national branding campaign

**£1 investment = £23 return**

Value of the UNESCO brand to the UK: **£85m** (2014/15)

Evidence from Business Improvement Districts (BIDs)

78% agree: BIDs see place branding as a part of their responsibilities

89% agree: Today's consumer is very market savvy and if a brand is constructed from scratch they are suspicious; using heritage brings credibility and authenticity to the offer... Newcastle NE1 Business Improvement District Company, 2016

51% agree: Is heritage important to... your image and identity? ...achieving your objectives?

Source: The GREAT campaign



'Over the long term, places with strong, distinctive identities are more likely to prosper than places without them'.

Robert Solow, Economist and Nobel laureate, in Economics of Uniqueness 2012

<https://historicengland.org.uk/content/heritage-counts/pub/2016/heritage-and-place-branding-pdf/>

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The screenshot shows the ALGEO website on the left and a Twitter post on the right. The website header includes the ALGEO logo and navigation tabs: HOME, ALGEO.UK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATIONS, SUBJECT COMMITTEES, ARCHAEOLOGY IN LOCAL GOVERNMENT, and CONTACT. The main content area is titled 'Archaeology in Development Management' and features a map of the UK, a search bar for contacts, and a member login section. The URL <https://www.algeo.org.uk/archaeology-development-management> is displayed at the bottom.

The Twitter post is from @ForArchaeology, dated Jun 1, 2021. The text reads: '- <0.01 % planning applications rejected for reasons including archaeology', '- Overall cost of archaeology just 0.13 % construction spending', '- Professional arch intervention at early stage PREVENTS delays, saving <£1.3 billion', and '- Archaeology can ADD value'. A link [bit.ly/3p7slQC](http://bit.ly/3p7slQC) is provided. A reply from Barb Drummond (@Barb\_Drummond) says 'Archeology gets in the way of developers. Hence cuts'. The tweet has 183 Retweets, 15 Quote Tweets, and 421 Likes.

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The central part of the slide is a blue rectangular box with white text. The text states: 'There is an increase in the number of students undertaking courses in heritage studies and a decrease in students that are doing traditional archaeology across Europe. This is certainly reflected in the proliferation of such programmes in global academia. <https://www.criticalheritagestudies.org/post-graduate-courses>'

Below the text box is a collage of images and social media posts. On the left, there is a photo of a protest with a sign that says 'NOT YOUR PROPERTY' and a yellow banner that reads 'We still need your HELP! Let's get to 50,000 signatures!'. In the center, there is a tweet from ArchaeologyChester (@ArchaeologyChet) dated Jun 18, 2021, which says: 'Heritage & Archaeology staff have indeed received notification this pm that our "at risk" status has been revoked (with as little rationale as it was instituted). We fight on in support of colleagues at risk: SOLIDARITY! THANK YOU to all who have supported us! @ChesterUcu'. To the right of the tweet is a photo of a man in a purple shirt pointing to a sign that says 'Help Save British Archaeology!'. Further right is a tweet from Clare Burke (@The\_Sherid\_Nerd) dated May 22, 2021, which says: 'Let's imagine #AWorldWithoutArchaeologists' and includes a photo of Stonehenge.

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## Crisis in Archaeology Education



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## Heritage Studies



CULTURAL HERITAGE ACADEMIC  
INTERDISCIPLINARY NETWORK



Archaeology and Heritage  
Management



What Is Heritage  
Tourism?



art  
heritage

The place of heritage within the university framework depends upon the geopolitical framework of the university influenced by its historical and cultural academic tradition.

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# MA Heritage and Museum Studies

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## BA Curating, Heritage and Human Rights

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POSTGRADUATE COURSE

# MA Heritage and Museum Studies

You will gain a critical understanding of how our **past** is preserved, displayed, used, and communicated in the **present**, for the **future**.

This **MA** experience will be **transactional** and **transformational**, because **Heritage** is transactional and transformational

<https://www.criticalheritagestudies.org/post-graduate-courses>

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## Modules



**AR959, Heritage and Human Rights**  
(Compulsory)



**AR901, Digital Heritage**  
(Compulsory)

### Optional Modules:

HR963: Museums, Memorials and Memories  
 HR970: War and Memory: Remembering, Commemorating and Contesting the Past  
 HR921: The Public History Workshop  
 HR679: Our Voices, Our Pasts, Our Histories: Oral History in Practice  
 AR942: Curating, Activism and Contemporary Politics  
 AR915: Collecting Art from Latin America  
 AR941: Critique and Curating  
 BE469: Managing Across Cultures  
 CS315: Global Challenges in Interdisciplinary Perspective: Water Conflicts, Water Cultures

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## Heritage Studies in the US

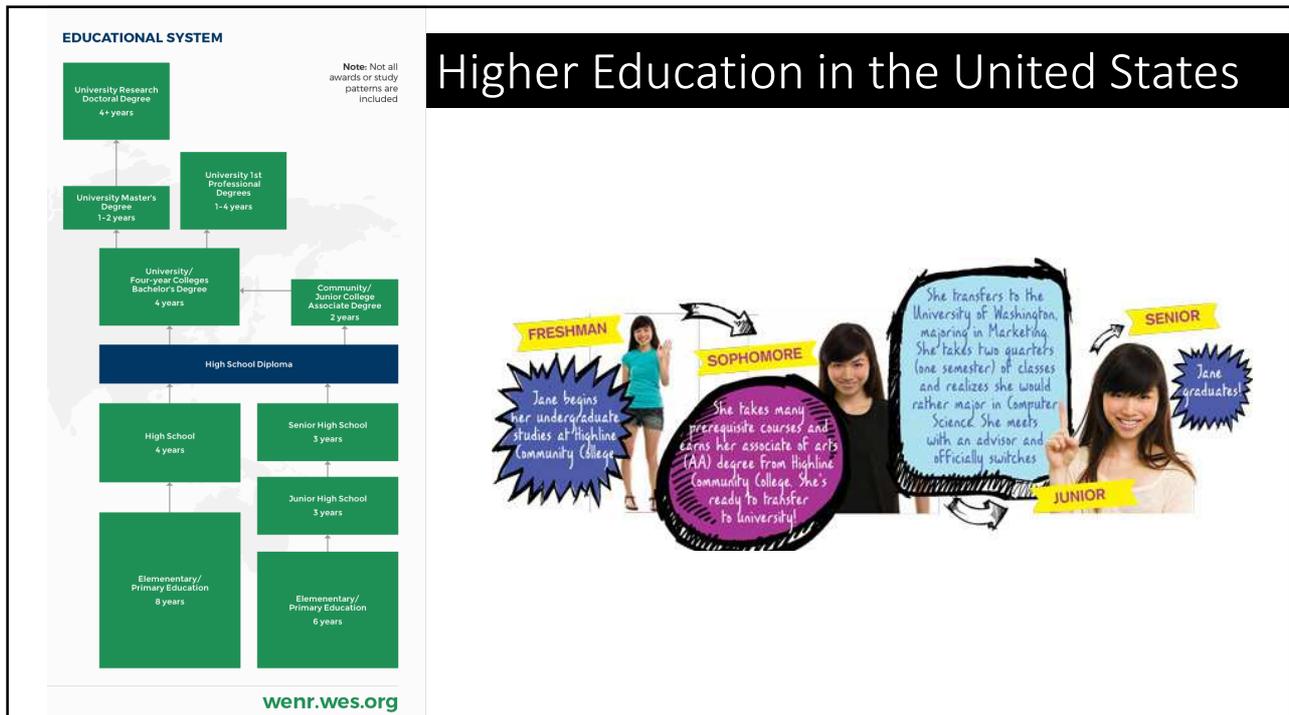
In the US, heritage is often based in anthropology departments.

Some programmes are instead associated with History and sometimes they are designed within Interdisciplinary Humanities Centers (e.g., University of California, Merced). A few are also associated with Tourism.



<https://www.archesproject.org/events-archive/>

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## Interdisciplinary teaching and transnational perspectives

What is clear to the new waves of academics working in the heritage field is that Heritage should be **transactional**, **interdisciplinary**, and therefore **independent**.

Thomas King (2002) writes of extra-disciplinarity, which goes beyond interdisciplinarity and includes not just experts from different disciplines, but all those that are involved with the management of cultural heritage in one way or the other.

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## What do heritage professionals look like?

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Academic

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Practitioner (Heritage Management Organisations, Museums, Tourism Industry, Digital, Cultural and Creative Sector)

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Policy maker and legislator (at national or international level)

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## Who Manages CH in the UK?

### Museums

- Curators
- Conservators
- Outreach and education programmes
- Digital Specialists

### National Agencies:

- -English Heritage
- -Historic Scotland
- -Cadw (Wales)
- -Northern Ireland Environmental Agency
- -Royal Commissions on Ancient and Historic Monuments (Scotland and Wales)

### Non governmental Agencies:

- -National Trust and National Trust for Scotland

### Local government officials

### Charitable Trusts

### Companies

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## Historic England (English Heritage)

### **Statutory List of Buildings of Special Architectural or Historic Interest:**

Listing criteria for the protection of monuments:

The primary listing criteria considered by the English Heritage listing inspectors are those of artistic merit or aesthetic quality, both of which are subjective and culturally charged measures of significance.

The monuments need to have national significance.

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## Historic England (English Heritage)

### **Statutory List of Buildings of Special Architectural or Historic Interest:**

- Grade I buildings are of exceptional interest
- Grade II\* buildings are particularly important buildings of more than special interest
- Grade II buildings are of special interest

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## Historic England (English Heritage)

### English Heritage's Statement of Social Inclusion Goals. 2000:

'One of the primary objectives is to acknowledge, respect and celebrate the cultural diversity of England's heritage in all our activities'.

Do the English Heritage and National Trust policies respect and celebrate the cultural diversity?

What about the heritage of minorities?

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## Local Listing

Local listing is a concept that is designed to ensure that the historic and architectural interest of buildings that are of local importance, but do not meet the criteria for being nationally listed is taken account of during planning process.

Locally listed buildings do not enjoy the statutory protection granted to nationally-listed buildings, but the interest of the building will be at least considered during the planning process.



Local Heritage Listing Toolkit

A Guide for communities on how to develop a Local Heritage List

April 2018

- ③ TAKE A LOOK AT THE CONSERVATION AND PLANNING PAGES OF YOUR COUNCIL'S WEBSITE!
- ③ CHECK ALSO HE'S GOOD PRACTICE GUIDE FOR LOCAL HERITAGE LISTINGS

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# What is the Role of Creative Industries

## Museums (preservation, outreach, education)

- Curators
- Conservators
- Outreach and education programmes
- Digital Specialists

## National Agencies:

- -National Register of Historic Places (NRHP)
- -National Park Services (NPS)
- -United States Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS)
- -United States Forest Service (USFS)
- -National Association of State Park Directors
- National Trails System

## Non governmental Agencies:

- -National Trust for Historic Preservation
- National Forest Foundation

## Charitable Trusts

## Companies

## WHAT IS THE NHPA? NATIONAL HISTORIC PRESERVATION ACT



The National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA), passed in 1966, helps protect American archaeological sites, historic buildings, and other cultural resources. It established the National Register of Historic Places, a list of historically significant properties in the United States. It directs federal agencies to take our history into account when it faces potential loss or damage from development. It also provides opportunities for local communities to voice concerns.

For a federal development project (called an undertaking), it is sometimes necessary for the federal agency to conduct a historic preservation review of the affected land. This is called a **Section 106 review**. The purpose of the review is to determine if the undertaking will harm historically significant resources. Those are resources that meet the eligibility criteria for the National Register of Historic Places.

States and territories in the United States have State Historic Preservation Offices (SHPOs) and Tribal Historic Preservation Offices (THPOs). SHPOs and THPOs advise and track agencies' compliance with the NHPA and Section 106 within their borders. The Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (ACHP) advises at the national level.

## COMMON MISCONCEPTIONS



**MYTH** Federal historic designations restrict local property rights

**FACT** Historic designations do not change property rights based on federal law

Historic properties, on the National Register of Historic Places or not, always belong to the landowner or property owner. Some local zoning laws or homeowner association rules may involve restrictions on private property, but not federal historic preservation laws.



**MYTH** Compliance with the law is too burdensome and causes delays

**FACT** The process is flexible and delays are rare

The NHPA is intentionally flexible, emphasizing good-faith efforts and negotiation rather than mandating particular outcomes. SHPOs usually have 30 days to respond to a review, and that deadline is almost always met.



**MYTH** Protecting historic properties is economically precious

**FACT** Protecting historic properties leads to economic growth

Based on state studies, historic preservation increases heritage tourism, property values, and employment for the local area. In 2016, Federal Historic Preservation Tax program projects alone created over 108,500 jobs.

[ow.ly/UZ9y50heb0L](http://ow.ly/UZ9y50heb0L)

## National Register Listings

• **Criterion A, "Event"**, the property must make a contribution to the major pattern of American History.

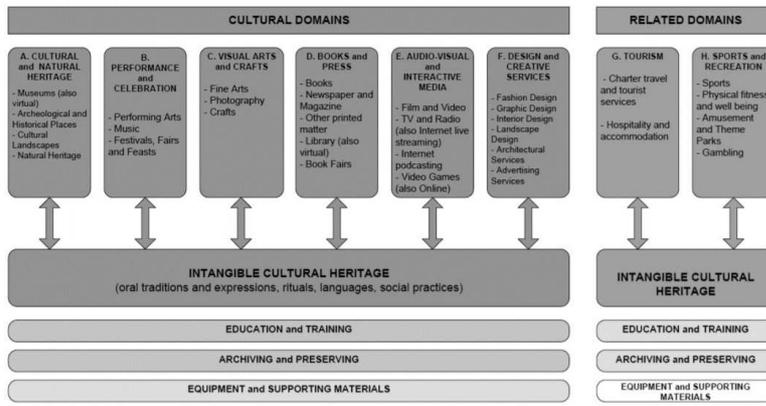
• **Criterion B, "Person"**, is associated with significant people of the American past.

• **Criterion C, "Design/Construction"**, concerns the distinctive characteristics of the building by its architecture and construction, including having great artistic value or being the work of a master.

• **Criterion D, "Information potential"**, is satisfied if the property has yielded or may be likely to yield information important to prehistory or history.

# Working for the Digital, Cultural and Creative Sector

What do we mean by Cultural and Creative Industries?



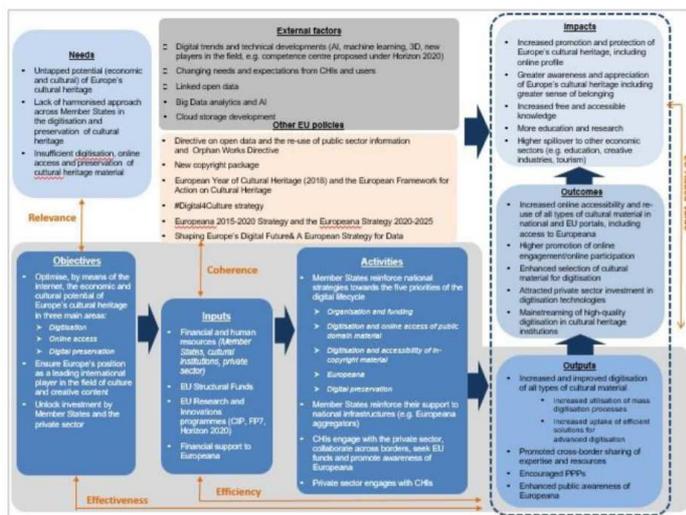
Those sectors of organized activity that have as their main objective the production or reproduction, the promotion, distribution or commercialization of goods, services and activities of content derived from cultural, artistic or heritage origins.

<https://en.unesco.org/creativity/sites/creativity/files/digital-library/What%20Do%20We%20Mean%20by%20CCI.PDF>

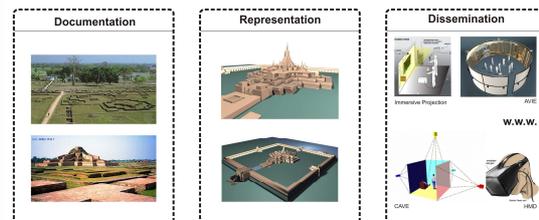
Framework for cultural statistics domains

UNESCO encourages the use of UNESCO's Framework for Cultural Statistics developed by the Institute for Statistics as a starting point (see above illustration). The proposed definition is broad. The cultural and creative industries are:

# Digital Heritage



COMMISSION STAFF WORKING DOCUMENT  
EVALUATION  
of the  
Commission Recommendation of 27 October 2011 on the  
digitisation and online accessibility of cultural material and digital preservation  
(SWD(2021) 16 final)



[https://hafiz2010.files.wordpress.com/2010/03/figure\\_012.jpg](https://hafiz2010.files.wordpress.com/2010/03/figure_012.jpg)

## Transnational Heritage Perspective

Transnational heritage' considers the growing role of multinational companies, institutions, and development organisations (including development banks) and their influence on Heritage Management.



BLUE SHIELD  
International



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