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BEYOND THE STONES

Living in Brazilian World Heritage Sites



In the frame of **Rehabilitation of Urban Heritage in the Cities of Iraq** Project funded by the DAAD, part of activities between the Middle East Cooperation Unit- in Brandenburg University of Technology (BTU), The University Baghdad, and the University of Sulaimani, we are pleased to invite you to this online lecture.

The Lecture: The presentation targets two UNESCO World Heritage sites in Brazil, inquiring which kind of urbanity can emerge in urban settings that, by definition, should not change. Taking a theoretical stand point that permeates colonial material culture and affect - understood as the agency and creativity, observing social and cultural dynamics while engaging with materiality - the proposed research aims at unravelling the nexus between world heritage politics, heritage management and the dimension of inhabited spaces in world heritage site, unravelling the meanings so these sites within the discussion of inheritance that permeates heritage studies, an issue that has to be critically problematized when it comes to colonial heritage, particularly in the contexts I intend to approach, Rio de Janeiro and Salvador, highly contested spaces of colonial architecture and urbanism that are permeated by important Afro-Brazilian heritage. I propose to engage into building critical perspectives on an Afro-Brazilian urbanity, articulating an understanding of macro-

processes related to development discourses and practices - such as the UNESCO agenda for World Heritage sites based on so-called universal values - to micro-narratives that can reveal existing affect and life beyond the listed stones.

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