



HEIDELBERG CENTER
CULTURAL HERITAGE



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Mission Statement

The HCCH is a central research institution that serves to promote the sustainable integration and long-term expansion of Heidelberg University's existing competencies in the field of material and immaterial cultural heritage. The HCCH's key tasks include analysing, documenting, cataloguing, maintaining, exhibiting and placing this cultural heritage in a lively, modern context, as well as critically engaging with this concept on a theoretical level, together with numerous non-university cooperation partners.

The aim of the HCCH is to provide an academic answer to the manifold challenges that arise with regard to research into and the preservation of the cultural heritage of mankind by establishing an inter- and transdisciplinary competence network. The aim of this network is not only to integrate the full range of disciplines and institutions represented at Heidelberg University, but also to cooperate with non-university institutions, such as research institutions, museums, archives, World Heritage Sites and heritage conservation agencies.

The educational mission of the HCCH is primarily to provide (further) education for young German and international academics in the field of cultural heritage research. It also aims to consider and analyse the theoretical foundation, history, content and application of the concept of cultural heritage, particularly from a transcultural perspective.

The HCCH is also very involved with knowledge transfer to the general public. Together with cooperation partners, it develops and tests various forms of presentation of cultural heritage within the framework of various projects. The university collections affiliated to the HCCH play an important role here.