

“Environmental Humanities”

“Culture, Ecology & Design: Stories and Ecological Futures in Architecture & Urban Systems”

Duration : 19th - 23rd January 2026

Time : 10.30 am – 01.45 pm.

Preamble:

Culture, Ecology & Design: Environmental humanities through, Stories and Ecological Futures in Architecture & Urban Systems is a five-day interdisciplinary teachers' training program designed to broaden the intellectual and pedagogical horizons of the architecture profession. The program invites participants to engage deeply with the cultural, ecological, and social dimensions of the built environment.

Bringing together faculty and experts from Architecture, Landscape Architecture, conservation, urban planning, ecology, and allied fields, the program offers a meaningful platform for dialogue and reflection. Through lectures, participants will explore how cultural narratives, community values, and ecological knowledge can enrich architectural education and practice.

The program is envisioned as a collaborative and human-centred learning experience, one that encourages educators to think beyond disciplinary boundaries and cultivate a more empathetic, inclusive, and environmentally responsible design approach. By the end of the five days, participants will carry forward new perspectives, teaching strategies, and research insights that support resilient and culturally grounded futures for our cities and landscapes.

Objectives of the Program

- To understand Environmental Humanities & Site Understanding as a framework for cultural sites through ecological, historical, and narrative perspectives.
- To enable participants to identify, document, and interpret community values, lived experiences, and intangible cultural practices associated with the site.
- To strengthen understanding of heritage significance, conservation ethics, and methods for integrating heritage values into architectural and urban pedagogy.
- To equip faculty with interdisciplinary mapping tools and interpretive methods that support sensitive, context-responsive, and sustainable design interventions.
- To foster a culture of research by providing a platform for academicians to present their work, exchange insights, and build collaborative networks across disciplines.

Key Takeaways

Participants will gain a deeper understanding of how cultural narratives, ecological processes, and environmental histories shape the identity of a site. The program will strengthen their ability to identify heritage significance and apply conservation-oriented thinking in teaching and design work. Faculty will also develop interdisciplinary mapping and analytical skills that can be directly incorporated into academic studios. Overall, the training will inspire new research directions and foster collaborations across architecture, conservation, landscape, and allied disciplines.

Experts



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Registration Details:

Registration fees: Rs.1,500/- (Rupees One thousand five hundred only).

Colleges may nominate faculty under CTP

Link to register

<https://forms.gle/Ao4XS2JH9E7PZRseA>

Link for online payment

<https://eazypay.icicibank.com/eazypayLink?P1=K00kQYjNFb8LZHkyuUDx6Q==>

Link for Nomination form under CTP 2023-2024 and 2024-2025

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1NUWCckxuXdABP44kxCETJmRUnWIRIHKK/view?usp=drive_link

Deadline for registration: 17th January 2026, @5.30 PM.

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