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Wir laden ein

zu einem Vortrag von

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über

An Epigraphical Tour of the Upper Indus in Northern Pakistan



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Approximately 5000 graffiti inscriptions in Indian, Iranian and other languages and writing systems in the Upper Indus region of northern Pakistan demonstrate patterns of mobility and exchange in this high mountain desert environment, which was a multilingual crossroad. This presentation will place preliminary results of field research using various digital imaging techniques of photogrammetry, 3D laser scanning, and aerial drone photography and video at the site of Shatial Bridge, an important node with over 1000 Iranian and Indian inscriptions located in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province, in the context of other Upper Indus sites with concentrations of inscriptions and anepigraphic rock drawings (petroglyphs). Connections may also be drawn to rock sculptures and epigraphical materials in neighbouring regions, including the Swat valley.

Image: Shatial Bridge Stone 34 with Brāhmī, Kharoṣṭhī and Sogdian inscriptions and ‘trptych’ of Śibi Jātaka, Stūpa, and shrine structure, along with members of SSHRC PDG project for Upper Indus Petroglyphs and Inscriptions in Northern Pakistan from Lahore University of Management Sciences (LUMS), Wilfrid Laurier University (WLU), and Directorate of Archaeology and Museums – Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (DOAM-KP)