

**Tentative Program**  
**20<sup>th</sup> IALS Conference, 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> October, 2023**  
**Heidelberg University, Germany**

<b>Thursday</b>	
2–3 p.m.	Registration
3–6	Heidelberg City Tour
6:30 p.m.	Registration & Ice Breaker
<b>Friday</b>	
8:30–9 a.m.	Tea
9–9:20 a.m.	Opening
9:20—10:40 a.m.	<p><b>CLIMATE CHANGE</b>  <b>Sonam Wangchok</b>            Climate Rituals: Traditional Response for Climate Change Adaptations in Ladakh  <b>Tsering Dolma, Kunzes Dolma, Amita Rawa, O.P. Chaurasia &amp; Tsering Stobdan</b>            Passive Solar Ladakh Greenhouse: Addressing the Challenge of Hidden Hunger in Ladakh  <b>Palden Dhondup</b>            Sustainable Development the only future for Ladakh :Effects and possible strategies  <b>Disket Angmo, Dechen Dolkar, Puntsok Namgyal, Padma Rigzin, Stanzin Mingur, Kausar Haider &amp; Nancy Chin</b>            Climate Change and Resilience in Ladakh: A Photovoice Project</p>
10:40–11:00 a.m.	Tea Break
11:00–1:00 p.m.	<p><b>HEALTH, GENDER &amp; HUMAN SECURITY</b>  <b>Rinchen Angmo &amp; Farhana Yasmeen</b>            Impact of COVID-19 in Ladakh  <b>Kacho Akbar Khan</b>            Examining the robustness of the immune system of the people of Ladakh  <b>Barbara Gerke</b>            “Our loved-ones are being burnt alive!” — Buddhism, Medicine, Pandemic Deaths and new Hospice Movements in Ladakh, India  <b>Calum Blaikie</b>            Sowa Rigpa from the margins to the mainstream  <b>Adina Ara</b>            Impact of Higher Degree of Market Integration on Economic Security and Social Capital: Empirical Evidence from Pastoral-Nomadic Community of Changthang, Ladakh  <b>Farana Salam</b>            Construction of gender through folktales: a study of Ladakh</p>
1:00–1:40 p.m.	Lunch Break
1:40-3:00 p.m.	<p><b>CRITICAL DEVELOPMENT IN URBAN SPACES AND WATER</b>  <b>Altaf Hussain, Susanne Schmidt &amp; Marcus Nüsser</b>            Urban Dynamics in the Mountain Town of Kargil, Ladakh in the Indian Trans-Himalaya  <b>Judith Müller, Juliane Dame &amp; Marcus Nüsser</b>            The urban mountain waterscape of Leh  <b>Kunzang Angmo</b>            Concepts of Water in Ladakh Himalaya: A Case Study of Socio-Environmental Challenges and Adaptation Strategies  <b>Mohd Soheb, Peter Bastian, Marcus Nüsser &amp; Susanne Schmidt</b>            Visible and invisible water resources of Ladakh - A case study from Stok valley  <b>Dagmar Brombierstäudl, Susanne Schmidt &amp; Marcus Nüsser</b>            Aufeis in the Upper Indus Basin – Compilation of the first inventory based on satellite imagery</p>
3–10 p.m.	Social Program & Dinner

## Saturday

8:30–9 a.m.	Coffee
9:00–11:00 a.m.	<b>HISTORY &amp; HERITAGE</b> <b>Quentin Devers, Tashi Ldawa Thsangspa, Viraf Mehta &amp; Sonam Choldan Gasha</b> The petroglyphs of Ladakh: revival of a beautifully rich history <b>Stanzin Tsetan</b> A Study to Unearth the Ancient Iconography and Significance of a 2500-Year-Old Monastery; Phugthar Galdan Zangpoling <b>Mohd Sadiq Hardassi</b> The influence of Bonism in Ladakh <b>John Harrison</b> Conservation of Architectural Heritage in Ladakh <b>Lobzang Samdup</b> Heritage sites in Nubra Valley <b>Phunstog Angmo</b> Dogra Subjugation and Colonial Intervention: Ladakh in the 19th Century: An Epochal Phase
11:00–11:20 a.m.	Tea Break
11:20–1:20 p.m.	<b>NEGOTIATING IDENTITY AND CHANGE</b> <b>Martijn van Beek</b> Tulku, Soldier, Spy? The Curious Case of the Tibetan Tulku of Thikse <b>Abhimanyu Pandey</b> Spiti as a 'tribal area': interrogating local control and apprehensions around development in Ladakh's Himachali neighbour <b>Kesang Thakur</b> 'We need unity like the Ladakhis': The Desires to be alive in Lahaul. <b>Proletina Robova &amp; Aleksandar Bogdanov</b> Purity in the Age of Pollution: Perceptions of Change among the Brogpa of Ladakh <b>Mukhtar Ahmad Zahid</b> Migration and Ancient belief of Shin Dard People of Karkit-Drass Ladakh <b>Sara Geyskens</b> Buddhist Nunneries Around Leh: Created and Destroyed by Modernity?
1:20–2:00 p.m.	Lunch Break
2:00–3:40 p.m.	<b>SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT</b> <b>Blaise Humbert-Droz</b> Sustainability of Ladakh's Ecosystems and Livelihoods: Challenges and New Opportunities <b>Deachan Chuskit, Nazia Parveen, Swati &amp; O P Chaurasia</b> Poultry Rearing: A Challenge and an opportunity in High-Altitude of Leh-Ladakh region <b>Mohammad Asim</b> Exploring the intersection of traditional knowledge systems and sustainable development goals in Ladakh's high mountain Balti community: An analysis of interdisciplinary dialogue and its potential for promoting sustainable development. <b>Sophie Day</b> Rendering futures
3:40–4:00 p.m.	Tea Break
4:00–4:40 p.m.	<b>DECREE LETTERS &amp; PHOTOGRAPHY AS HISTORICAL ARCHIVES</b> <b>Hugh Rayner</b> Early Photography in the Western Himalaya. 1850 - 1920 <b>Michaela Appel</b> Two German Perspectives on Ladakh from the Early 20th Century <b>Marcus Nüsser</b> Repeat Photography <b>Lobsang Chuki</b> The Research Status and Significance of Decree Letters in Ladakh Oral roots to Digital Branches: The Evolution of Ladakhi Musical Tradition
5:00–7:30 p.m.	Business Meeting
7:30 p.m.	Conference Dinner
<b>Sunday</b>	
9:30 p.m.	Optional: Visit of the BUGA