

ICOMOS GERMANY EPWG SPRING SCHOOL 2024

LEARNING FROM AHR TAL

climate, resilience and heritage

22-24 March - RWTH AACHEN

Under the title "Learning from Ahrtal - Climate, Resilience and Heritage", the Emerging Profession-Working Group of ICOMOS Germany is organizing its second Spring School together with RWTH Aachen University- This will take place from March 22 to 24, 2024 in Aachen and Ahrtal.

In 2021, the Ahrtal suffered severe flooding, which had a major impact on the lives of its inhabitants, the region and its cultural heritage and left them wounded. Climate science is increasingly pointing to the fact that the frequency and intensity of such storms will increase in the future. The flood also showed how vulnerable the built heritage is and how urgently the questions surrounding strengthening its resilience should be addressed and answered. It is important to address the negative consequences of climate change now in order to take timely measures for adaptation and prevention.

Using the example of the process and handling of the Nepomuk Bridge in Rech, the topic will be addressed in a three-day workshop. The aim is to give the next generation an insight into how complex and multi-layered the discourse surrounding the preservation of our heritage can be through discussion, on-site experiences in the Ahr Valley and presentations by experts. The workshop aims to raise awareness of the importance of heritage conservation and the challenges associated with the preservation of historic sites and structures due to the negative consequences of climate change. The aim is to identify and communicate best practices and strategies for the preservation of cultural heritage and to develop solutions for a future worth living.

**Applications to participate will be considered until 15th February 2024. Please see the attachment for more information and application criteria. The application link is the following:
<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScuJLFlqUoAu498FmfKUT9XkS-4mb459STGeRwLk0LvKkIKdg/viewform>**