



The Department of History

HISTORY WORKSHOP

TUESDAYS 12:30-1:30 PM via ZOOM



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SPEAKER BIO

Vimalin Rujivacharakul is Associate Professor of History of Art and Architecture at the University of Delaware and is the University's Visiting Professor (2018-2021) at Tsinghua University in Beijing.

Her research combines the history of art and architecture with intellectual history.

She is the chief editor and contributor of *Architectural-ized Asia* and is working with colleagues at Tsinghua University on the revitalization of abandoned heritage sites.

Renowned as one of the most elegant and best-preserved archaeological sites in Afghanistan, the Stupa of Guldarra has become an icon of the Buddhist past. But little is known about the monument, including its age, construction date, and why it was abandoned. Its physical elements suggest variable dates of construction, proposing multiple timelines. Many have said that an object can tell its own story. But when the object is telling many stories simultaneously, which one should we prioritize? And why does that matter?