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## Fieldwork in Desert: Possibility of Inter-Disciplinary Research on Yellow Sand-Stone

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This session is aimed to present the research outcome of Anthropological fieldwork in Thar Desert, the barren area around North-Western India, and to grope the possibility of inter-disciplinary research on the relationship between human 'rocks'. In this area, all the scattered fortresses, houses of the people, shrines of Goddesses, the monuments of the dead, and even the commodities of daily life are made of Yellow Sand-Stone quarried around. This restricted materiality has created the specific mode of life, so to say 'culture of rocks'. To reveal the life world of the people in Thar Desert, wholistic approach is needed consisting of several inter-diciplinary domains such as Geology, Archaeology, Architect and so on.

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