

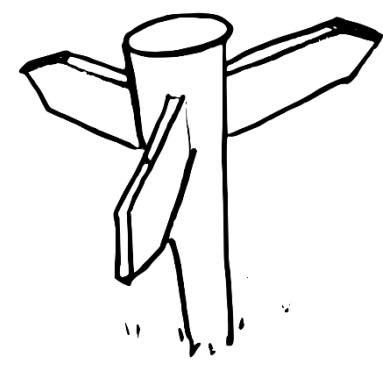
## Rethinking Smart Cities as Smart and Sustainable Valleys



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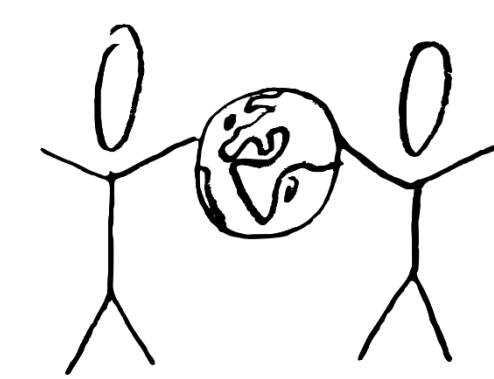
### (2) *What & how?* - short description and relation to SD

The Winter School was established to enable communication about sustainable development between students, scientists, urban planners and interested citizens in India and Germany. The event brings interdisciplinary expertise together to discuss the potential of different theoretical approaches to support a more sustainable development within the three major themes Water Management, Urban Planning and Cultural Heritage.



### (1) *Where?* – location and (institutional) context

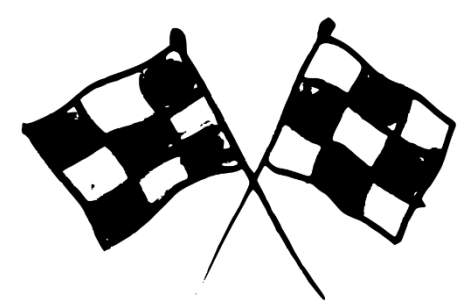
The Winter School takes place online. Involved are different Universities from Germany and India just like University of Heidelberg, University of Tübingen or the Anant National University. Other actors involved are the DAAD program just like city officials from Dehradun and Tübingen which are the focus areas for the project. The project is interdisciplinary and transdisciplinary.



### (3) *Who?* – Actors

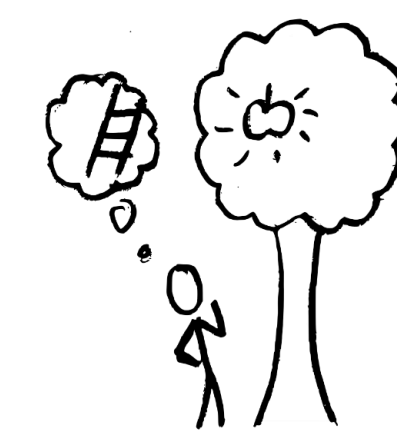
The Winter School is taught by the Professor of Anthropology Karin Polit from the University of Tuebingen as well as Dr Lokesh Ohri who has a doctorate in Anthropology from the University of Heidelberg.

Involved in the Winter School faculty or as guests are people from the practical side as well as scientists from different subjects just like Anthropology, Political Science, Architectural Conservation, Industrial Design and Geology and Water System from India and Germany.



### (4) *Goals?* – goals to be reached

The Winter School plans to create a new form of professional and cultural exchange and learning by presenting and discussing concrete developments in sustainable urban planning in the two cities of Tübingen and Dehradun from an anthropological perspective and with interdisciplinary expertise. The aim is to initiate and promote discussions on the possibilities of sustainable infrastructure. In all their diversity, the cities of Dehradun and Tübingen have a lot in common.



### (5) *Ways beyond?* – potentials and transfer opportunities

By now the Winter School focusses only on Germany and India. Within the future the program can be opened worldwide and also the major themes could be expanded.



### (6) *But!?* – challenges and/ or critical aspects

The concept is a very good idea in my opinion. Still, the context is based on Intercultural Communication which can lead to problems concerning misunderstandings.



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