

# darg | digital art history research group

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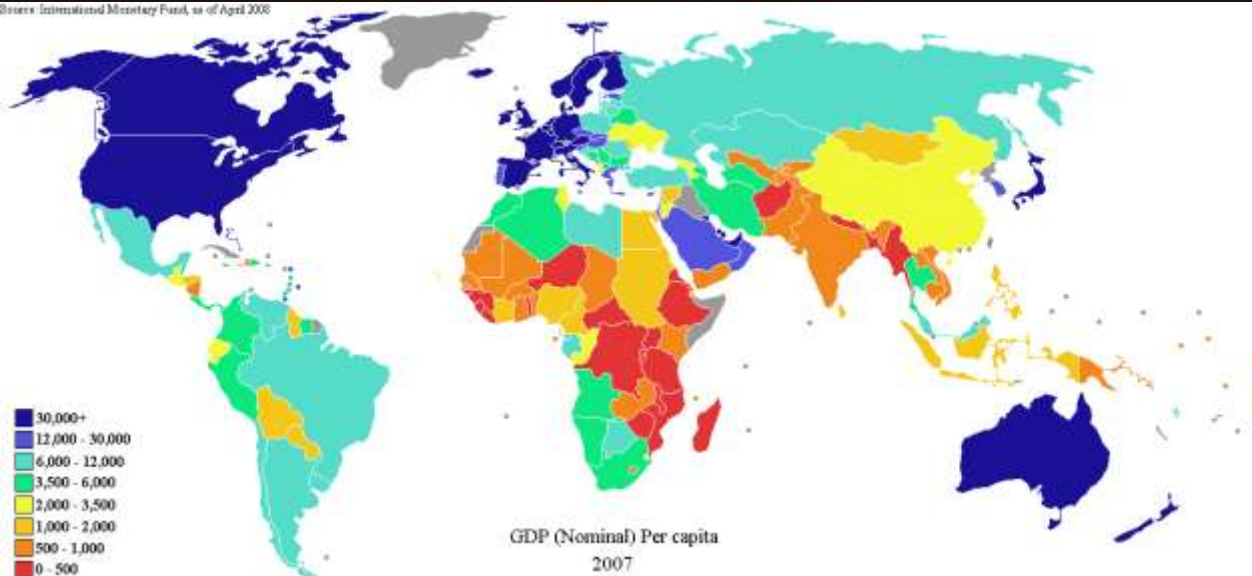
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# darg | six projects

- **SPARK Lab**
- **THEORY** | political economy of the digital turn
- **DATABASE** | Awadh visual database
- **3D MODELING** | model images
- **MOBILE APP DESIGN** | digital botanic garden
- **WEB INTERFACE DESIGN** | world history of art mashup

Emphasis on experimenting with narration, media and applied art history (knowledge mobilization) rather than computational analysis

# political economy of the digital turn

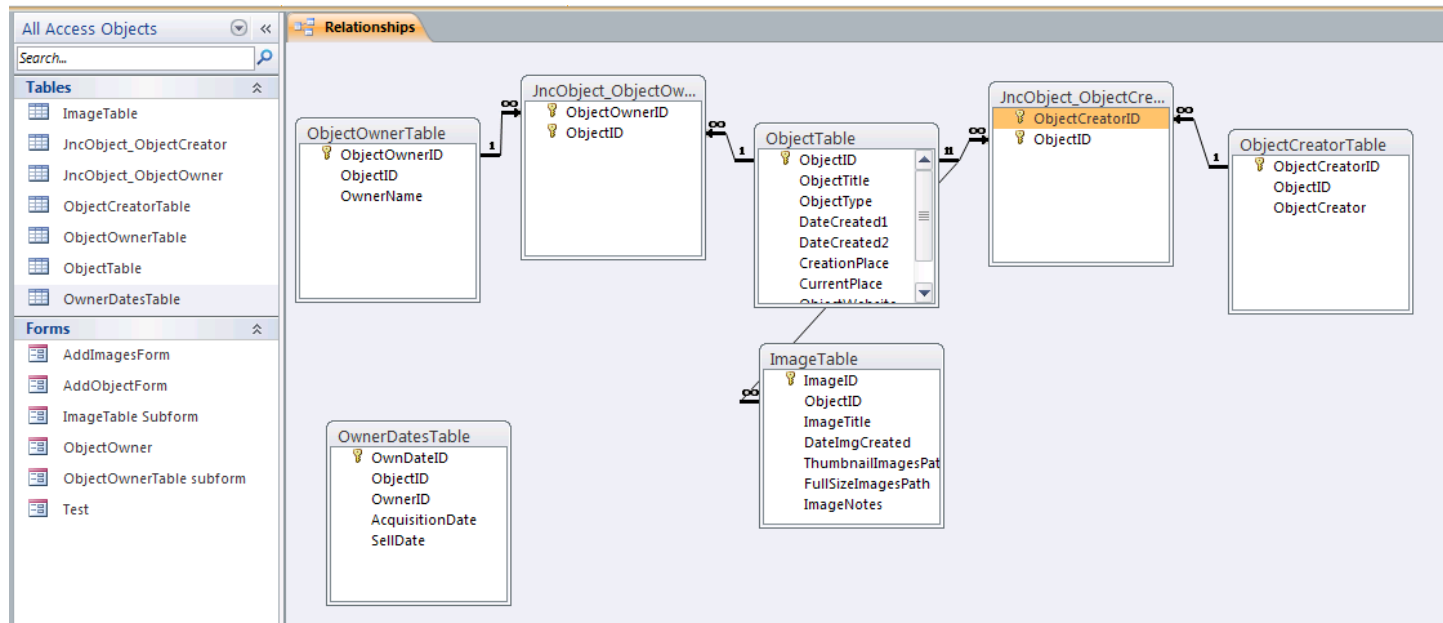


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will face a  
growing  
digital divide  
that  
privileges  
certain art  
histories over  
others

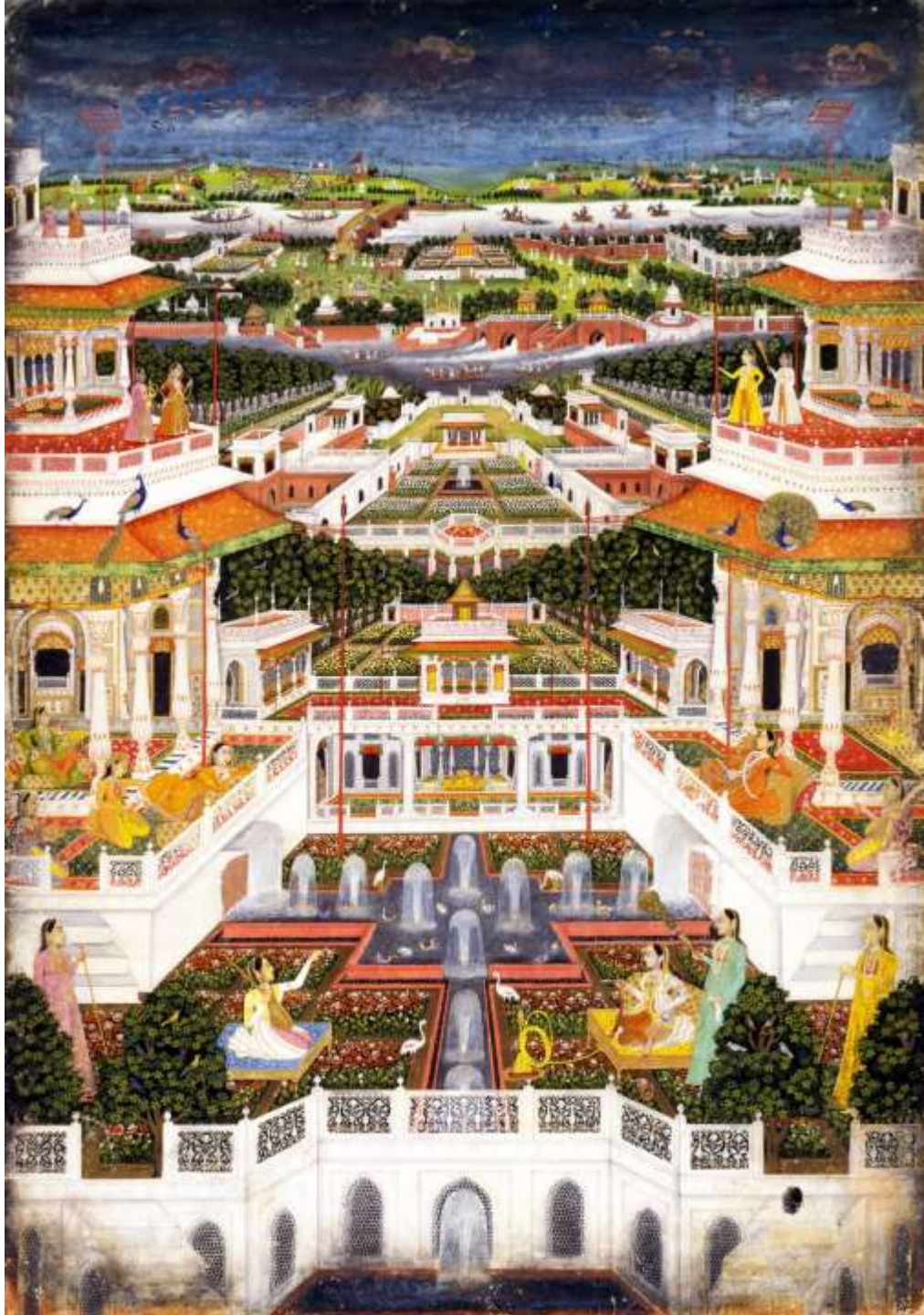
# political economy of the digital turn

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# Awadh visual database







# model images

- Creation of 3D computer models of 18<sup>th</sup> C Indian miniature paintings



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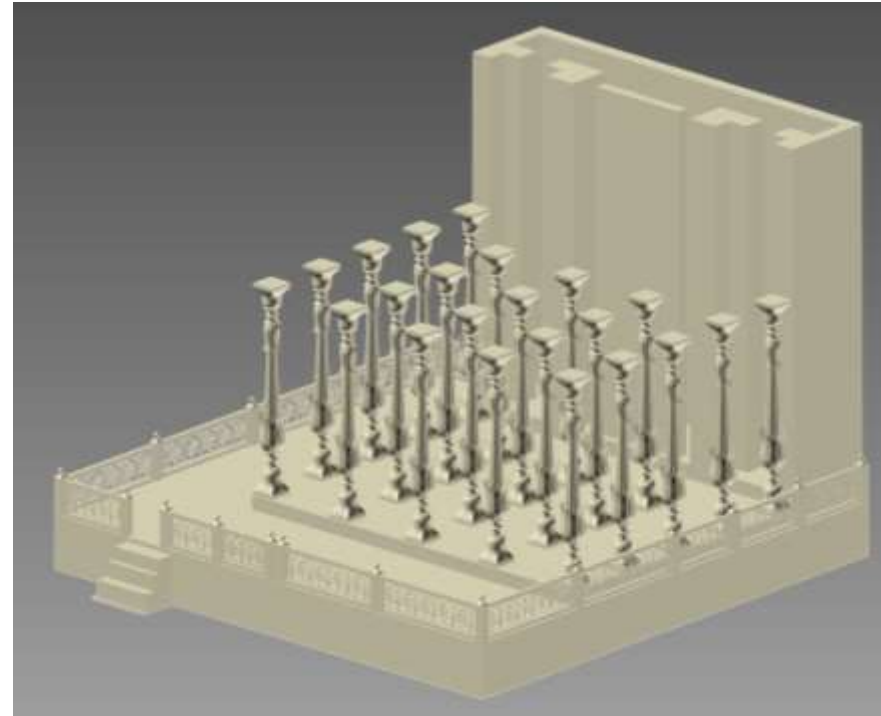
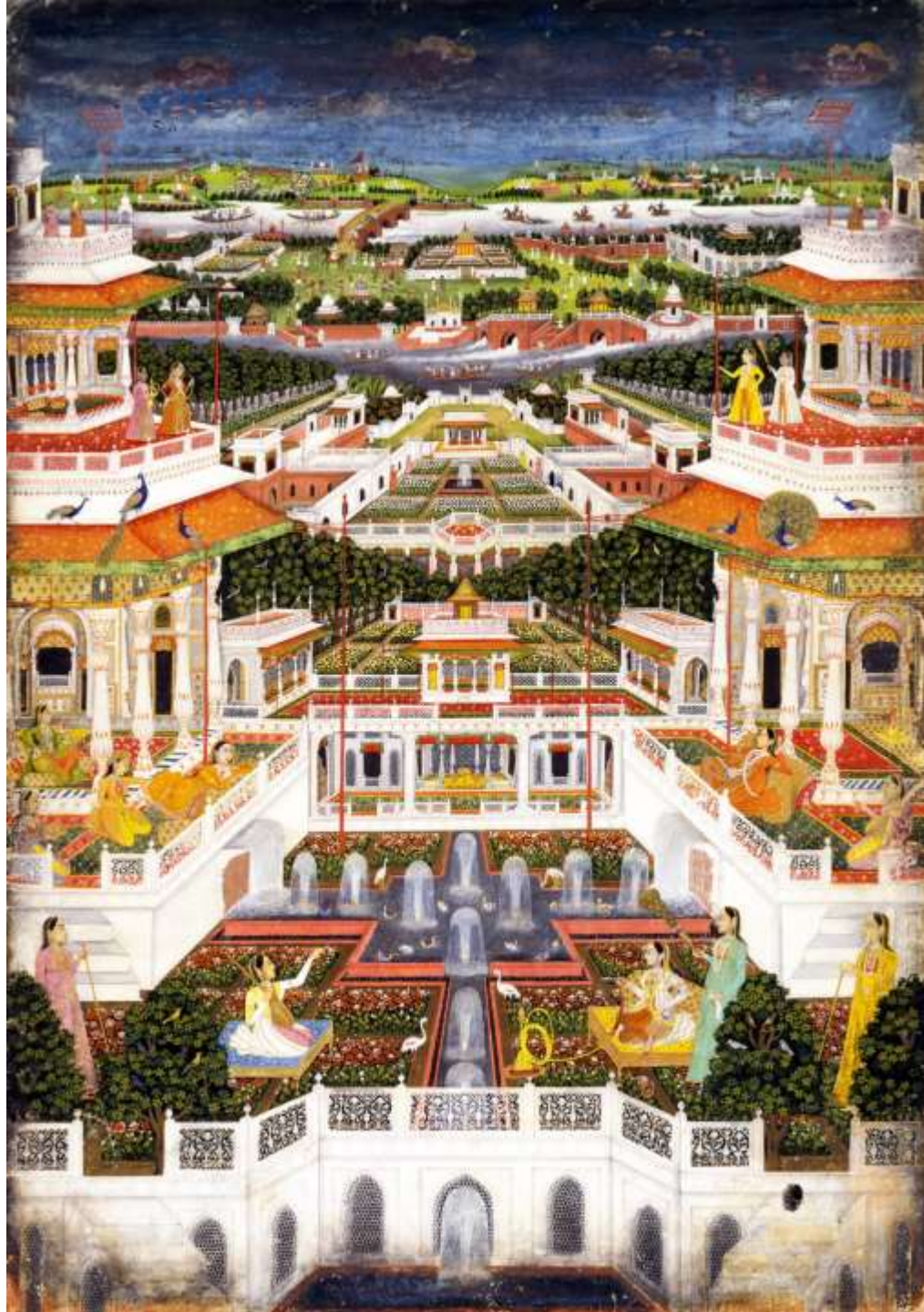
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We develop talent  
We build knowledge

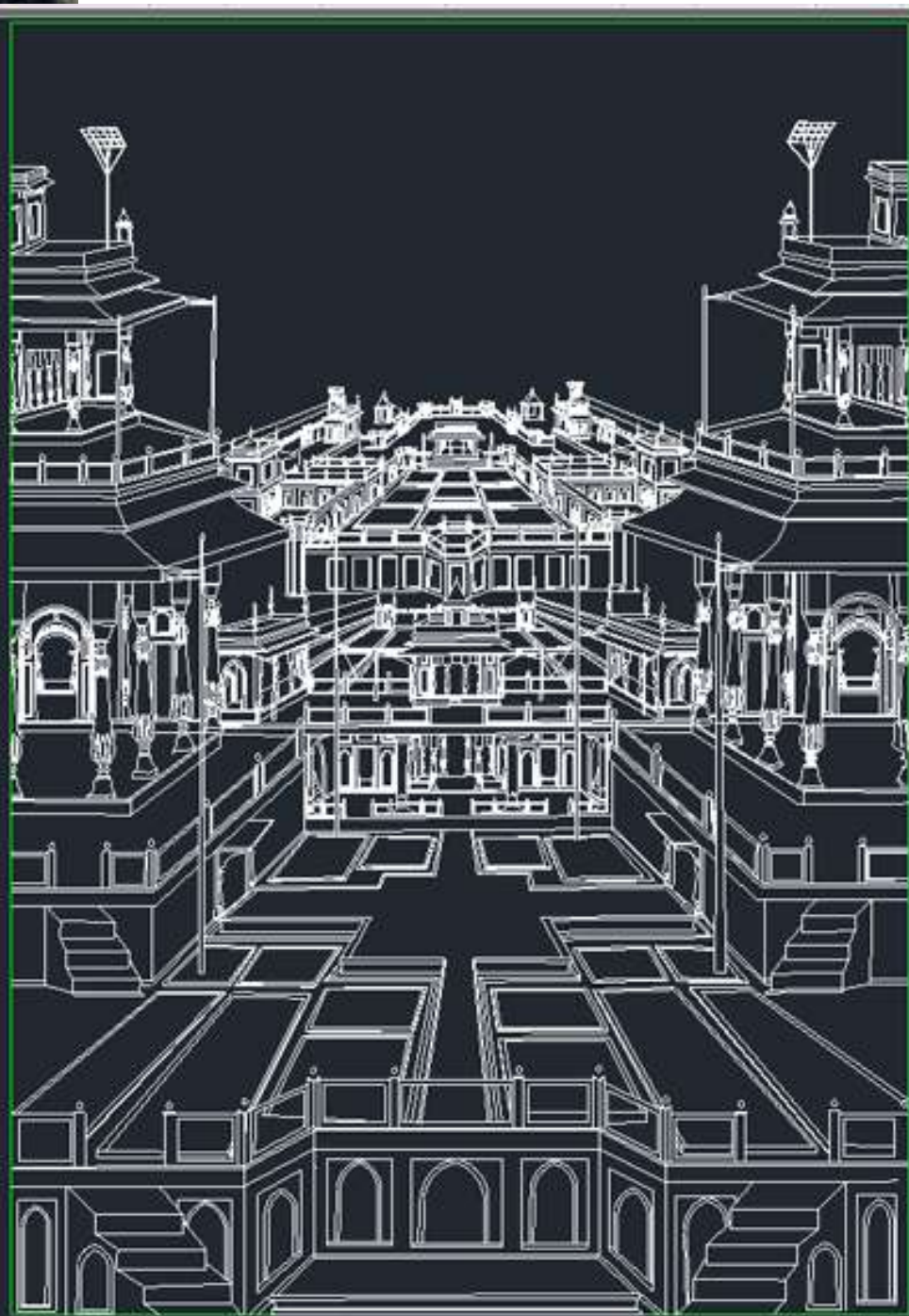
Nous cultivons le talent  
Nous bâtissons le savoir



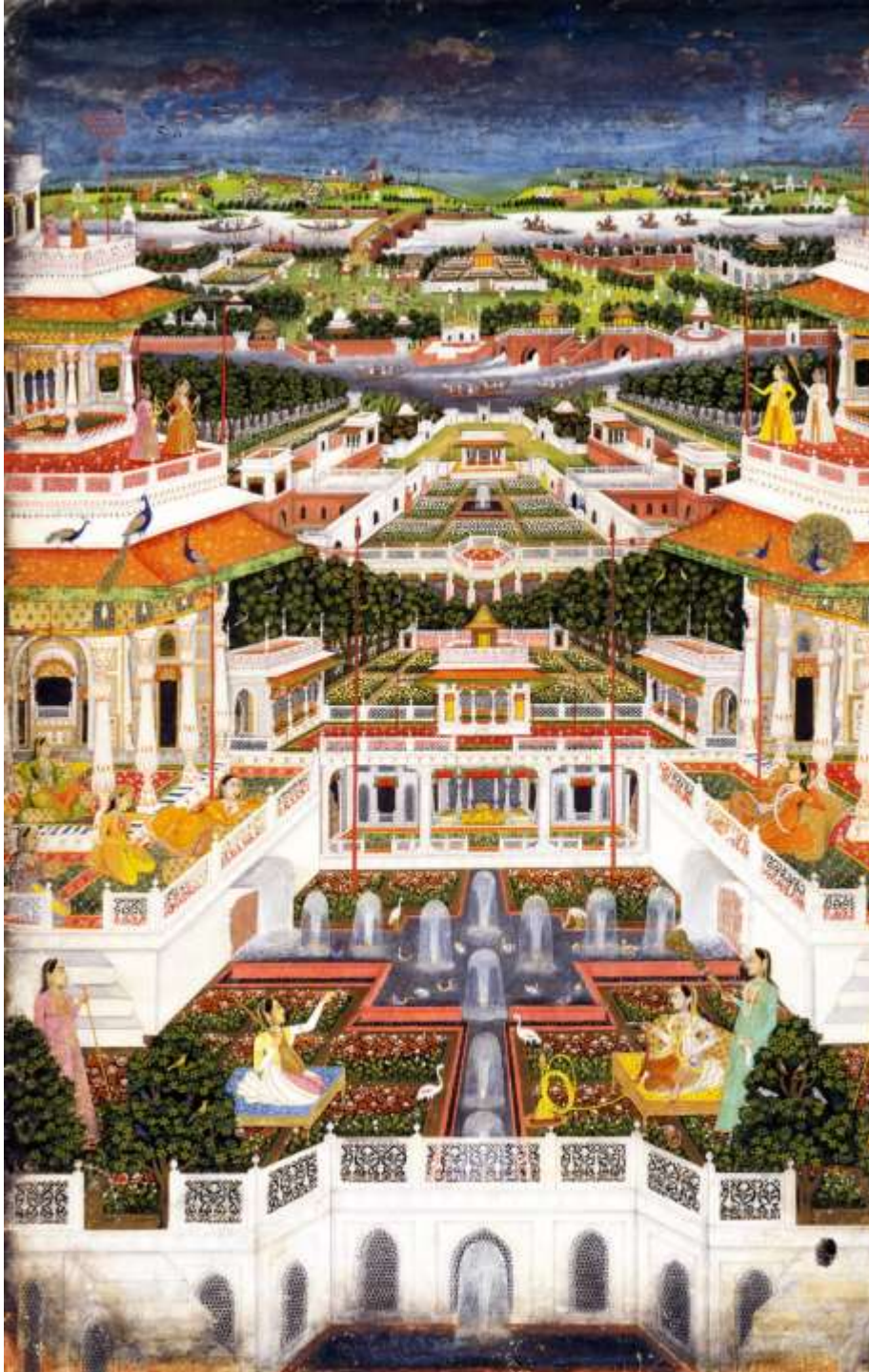
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- 3D Modeling as a form of rigorous interpretive observation and knowledge generation
- Generates new knowledge about spatial representation through comparison between physical architecture and its representations
- Reconstruct textile history



# The Partnership

# digital botanic garden



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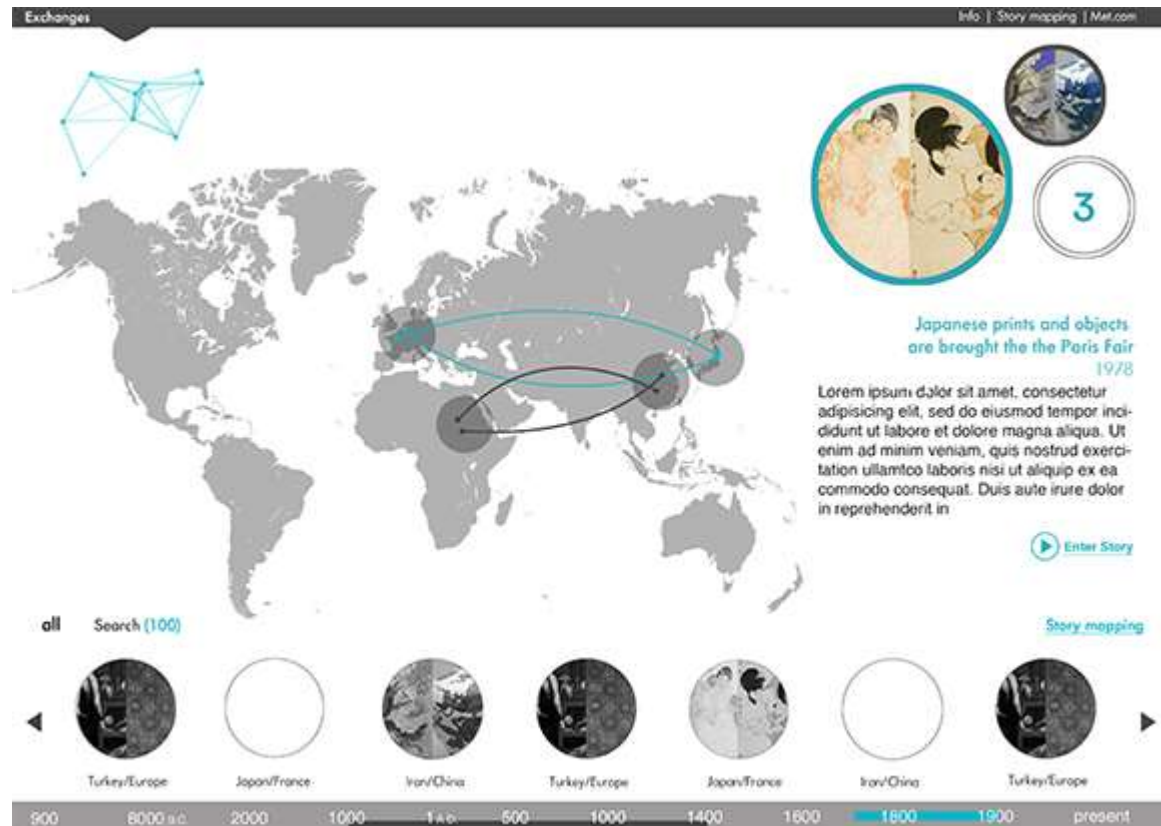
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# WHAM – world history of art mashup



- Design of web interface to convey world art history narratives

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