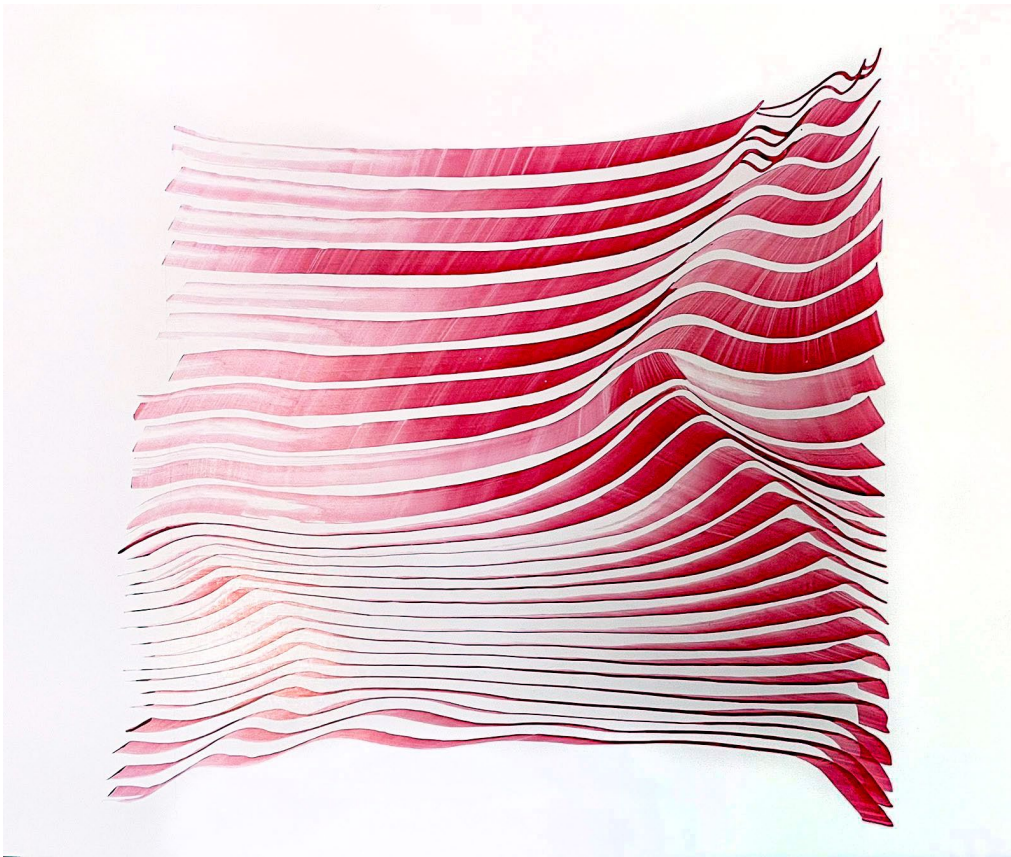


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**62-525/62-725: Urban Nature, Architecture and the Modern South Asian City**

**Units: 9**

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This course examines the historic and ongoing processes of colonial and capitalist enclosure, extraction and exploitation that have shaped urban environments in South Asia from the mid-19th century onwards. As a critical nexus of the global climate crisis, South Asia provides urgent and exemplary case studies to interrogate the historical, political, ecological and cultural dimensions of urban, architectural and landscape transformation. Drawing on literature from architecture history, urban studies, political ecology and environmental justice, and through close reading, analytical writing and dialogue, this seminar will examine how urban nature is enrolled in and reconfigured by processes of colonialism; caste, class and gender politics; and extractive development — while shaping everyday life, cultural norms and spatial politics. The course also foregrounds scholarly literature and activist perspectives from across South Asia challenging the destructive processes of capitalist urbanization to envision alternative imaginaries of the environment and shape new ecological and spatial futures.

