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This Thesis looks at issues pertaining to the safeguarding of World Heritage, with an emphasis on cultural heritage sites, in relation to UNESCO's 1972 Convention concerning the Protection and Promotion of World Cultural and Natural Heritage.

It seeks to present the specific aspects of this Convention that make it a unique and valuable normative instrument in the field of heritage protection, including its pioneering role in establishing the notion of Outstanding Universal Value and in creating an institutionalized framework for international collaboration in the field of World Heritage protection.

Moreover, this Thesis sets out to provide an assessment of the strengths and weaknesses of the Convention, as well as to examine the ideological, institutional, practical, economical, political and ethical dimensions of its implementation.

Finally, there is a discussion on the question of management of World Heritage sites, especially as regards the feasibility of linking cultural tourism to the principles of integrated management and local stakeholder participation.