

Abstract

This research paper proposal outlines an anthropological investigation into the cultural dynamics and social implications of modern pilgrimage practices among diverse communities. Focusing on pilgrimage sites in both urban and rural settings, this study aims to explore the multifaceted dimensions of contemporary pilgrimage, examining the motivations, rituals, and communal significance associated with these journeys. Utilizing a combination of ethnographic methods, participant observation, and in-depth interviews, the research seeks to unravel the ways in which pilgrimage intersects with cultural identity, religious beliefs, and broader social structures. By shedding light on the lived experiences of pilgrims and the transformative aspects of their journeys, this research aims to contribute to a nuanced understanding of the role of pilgrimage in shaping individual and collective identities in the contemporary globalized world. This proposal lays the groundwork for a comprehensive anthropological inquiry that addresses the complexities and nuances inherent in modern pilgrimage practices across different cultural contexts.