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STIGMA AS PLANNING  
MORAL BIANARIES

MAPPING  
**MORAL BOUNDARIES**  
IN LAHORE  
Pre colonial

This map illustrates the spatial organization of pre-colonial Lahore before the emergence of moral segregation and stigmatized urban boundaries. The agricultural landscape surrounding the urban core reflects the proximity of River Ravi, while smaller peripheral settlements remain dispersed outside the primary city fabric. The dense central zone represents the royal and cultural core.

Unlike the later map of moral segregation, the cultural quarter is represented here as integrated within the urban fabric rather than isolated from it.

The comparison between both maps highlights the transformation of cultural space into morally regulated and stigmatized territory through processes of urban expansion and gendered spatial control.

Mapping moral boundaries in Lahore-pre colonial  
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-  Royal Court Districts
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