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<p>This paper examines four different physical types of archaeological sites in Xi'an and the intangible heritage associated with the sites. Through analyzing the current protection and management pressure, conservation project and the composition of local community, the author would like to point out the relation between the oriental archaeological sites and its local communities and the role of the community in inheriting the intangible heritage related to the site. Through case study, it comes clear that the promotion of conservation of archaeological sites could increase identification of the site, which will encourage awareness of heritage for local residents, and provide the local communities' cultural function, and bring up the cultural identity and cultural belonging of the region. Meanwhile, the consciousness and responsibility for cultural heritage conservation by local communities would be a positive and fundamental power to drive and supervise the conservation. As a conclusion, The cultural heritage conservation interpretation project and intangible heritage inheritance should become a positive way to improve the relationship between the oriental archaeological sites and their local communities. But when the conservation works were carrying out, the local community would faced a process of adjustment due to physical changing of the sites, and this changing will be a positive role to the forming of the cultural identification of the local community if it is in a appropriate way.</p>	
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