

Conference Programme

Imperial Artefacts: History, Law and the Looting of Cultural Property



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at Leiden University

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DAY 1

- 09:15 – 09:30 Welcome words: **Inge van Hulle & Diana M. Natermann**
09:30 – 10:30 Keynote: **Prof. Dr. Jürgen Zimmerer** – *Looting, restitution, reconciliation* (09:30 Germany)
10:30 – 10:45 *Coffee break*

1. Diplomacy, Identity and Restitution – Panel Chair: Diana Natermann

- 10:45 – 11:15 **Annalisa Bolin** (10:45 Sweden), 'Power and Possibility: The Return of Rwanda's Stolen Bones'
11:15 – 11:45 **Sahra Rausch** (11:15 Germany), 'An Affective De-Memorization? Debates over Colonial Amnesia regarding the Repatriation of Human Remains from Colonial Contexts in France and Germany'
11:45 – 12:15 **Lars Müller** (11:45 Germany), 'Delaying, Evading, Rejecting. Western Reactions to Sri Lankan Demands for Restitution around 1980'
12:15 – 13:15 *Lunch Break*

2. Multi-disciplinary Perspectives on Colonial Violence and Restitution – Panel Chair: TBA

- 13:15 – 13:45 **Rotem Giladi** (13:15 Israel), 'Reading Between Categories: Corpora, Culture, Property and the Laws of War'
13:45 – 14:15 **Jan Huesgen** (13:45 Germany), 'The Enemy on Display – Suits of Armour in Military Museums'
14:15 – 14:45 **Ivan Obadić, Robert Mrljic & Miran Marelja** (14:15 Croatia, Belgium), 'War, spoils and return of cultural property: framing of restitution law at the Congress of Vienna in 1815'
14:45 – 15:15 *Coffee Break*

3. Law and Restitution: Past & Present – Panel Chair: TBA

- 15:15 – 15:45 **Afolasade A. Adewumi** (15:15 Nigeria), 'Does Utilitarianism Merge the Dichotomy Between the Nationalist and

- Internationalist Conception of Cultural Property in the Quest for Restitution?
- 15:45 – 16:15 **Arianna Visconti** (15:45 Italy), 'A Paradox in Law: Italy's Ambivalent Approach to Restitution Claims'
- 16:15 – 16:45 **Marie-Sophie de Clippele & Bert Demarsin** (16:15 Belgium), 'Rights, wrongs and remedies - Working towards colonial heritage repatriation legislation for Belgium'
- 16:45 – 17:00 *Coffee Break*

4. Heritage, Discourse and the Representation of Cultural Artefacts – Panel Chair: TBA

- 17:00 – 17:30 **Kokou Amazede** (16:00 Togo), Acquisition methods of colonial objects and the traditional perception of the museum in German Togo
- 17:30 – 18:00 **Janne Lahti** (18:30 Finland), 'Mesa Verde and Finland: Stolen Artefacts, Contested Discourses, and Nordic Colonial Legacies'
- 18:00 – 18:30 **Donna Yates** (18:00 The Netherlands) & **Brieanah Gouveia** (07:00 Hawaii), 'Provenance narratives of colonial exploitation as value enhancers on the Oceanic art market'

DAY 2

- 09:15 – 10:15 Keynote: **Junior Prof. Dr. Matthias Goldmann**, (09:15 Germany) '*Germany and the Herero and Nama: Will restitution ever happen?*'
- 10:15 – 10:30 *Coffee break*

1. Enduring Coloniality and Cultural Heritage – Panel Chair: TBA

- 10:30 – 11:00 **Iain Sandford and Ada Siqueira** (20:30 Sydney, Australia), 'The Destruction of the Juukan Gorge Caves: A Study on the Role of International Law in Protecting Cultural Heritage in Times of Peace'
- 11:00 – 11:30 **Norman Aselmeyer** (11:00 Germany), Intangible Heritage: The Man-Eaters of Tsavo and their Global (After)Lives

11:30 – 12:00 **Marcelo Marques Miranda & Jully Acuña Suárez** (11:30 The Netherlands), ‘Repatriation as a means, not as an end’

12:00 – 13:00 *Lunch Break*

2. International Legal History and Restitution Debates – Panel Chair: Inge van Hulle

13:00 – 13:30 **Tomás Irish** (12:00 UK), “‘The Danger of Arbitrary Decisions’”: The Paris Peace Conference and Cultural Reparations after the First World War’

13:30 – 14:00 **Sebastian Willert** (13:30 Germany), ‘A German Excavation for the Ottoman Imperial Museum? The Scramble for Objects between Berlin and Istanbul at Tell Halaf, 1911–1914’

14:00 – 14:30 **Florian Wagner** (14:00 Germany): ‘Colonialist Notions of Property: How European Lawyers Legitimized Dispossession (1880s-1950s)’

14:30 – 15:00 *Coffee Break*

3. Restitution, Heritage, and Human Rights – Panel Chair: TBA

15:00 – 15:30 **Evelien Campfens** (15:00 The Netherlands), ‘Whose cultural objects? Introducing ‘heritage title’ in a human rights law approach’

15:30 – 16:00 **Jihane Chedouki** (15:30 Morocco): ‘From a moral function to a utilitarian function: the transformation of ancient objects and monuments in the Arab world in the 19-20th centuries’

16:00 – 16:30 **Gretchen Allen** (15:00 Ireland), ‘A Way for the Giant’s Cause: an examination of Irish indigenous rights in the case of Charles Byrne’

16:30 – 17:00 **Caroline Drieënhuizen & Fenneke Sysling** (16:30 The Netherlands), ‘Java Man: restitution claims at the natural history museum’

17:00 *Closing remarks: Inge van Hulle & Diana M. Natermann*



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