Conference Programme

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

28 – 29 January 2021
at Leiden University

Organised by Dr Inge van Hulle & Dr Diana M. Natermann
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’


11:45 – 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


13:45 – 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. EnduringColoniality 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


13:30 – 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. Naterman