

To whom does history belong? On the change of political borders and museological responsibilities

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The common history of Southern Austria and Slovenia during the Habsburg Monarchy has resulted in the situation that thousands of archaeological objects and documents from what is now Slovenia can be found in Austrian museums and archives. As part of an EU project, this material will be made available until 2014, and we would like to explore the museological dimension of this topic in a public conference: What do changing political demarcations mean for the way in which museums deal with historical remains? But what happens if these become important for the identity of a particular group or population of a region, but they are found in the institutions of another country? Where might we find constructive discussions on this topic already in progress? What practical solutions have theoretical debates provided? And what use is the term “European cultural heritage” in this context?

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Programme

Thursday, October 4th

- 09.00 - 09.15 **Welcome**
Wolfgang Muchitsch & Bettina Habsburg-Lothringen
- 09.15 - 09.45 **Introduction**
Karl Peitler & Theresa Zifko
- 09.45 - 10.45 **Object and Authenticity**
Bettina Habsburg-Lothringen
- To whom does Archaeology belong, Archeologists or the Public?**
Verena Vidrih Perko
- 10.45 - 11.00 Coffee break
- 11.00 - 12.00 **To whom belongs the cultural property? - An overview of the legal basics**
Christoph Bazil
- The responsible Gaze. Museum and Ethics**
Regina Wonisch
- 12.00 - 12.30 Discussion
- 12.30 - 14.00 Lunch break
- 14.00 - 15.00 **The Public Memory - Origins and Elements**
Tomislav Šola
- Spatial Concepts in Art, Humanities and Science**
Stephan Günzel
- 15.00 - 15.30 Coffee break
- 15.30 - 16.30 **Collective Memory and Politics of the Past, Break and Continuity**
Ljiljana Radonic
- Mobile Museums? Some Reflections on current Exhibitions on Migration and what they may tell us about Europe**
Kerstin Poehls
- 16.30-17.00 Discussion
- 17.00 optional:
- Exhibition Closing "Ans Licht gebracht/V novi luci"**
- Exhibition Opening "Betnava archeological site / Arheološko najdišče Betnava"**

Friday, October 5th

- 09.00 – 10.00 **The Pavelhaus. Museum, Meeting place, Cultural centre**
Elisabeth Arlt
- Styrians 1970-74. Steiermark : Štajerska 2009 & Inge Morath's Last Journey 2001**
Branko Lenart
- Side by Side. Poland – Germany. A 1000 Years of Art and History**
Gregor H. Lersch
- 10.00 – 10.30 Coffee break
- 10.30 – 11.30 **Monuments and public Commemorations in twentieth-century Eastern Europe**
Nikolai Vukov
- Mobility of Collections**
Mateja Kos
- Three-Countries Museum. The Museum in the German-French-Swiss Three-Countries
Region Upper Rhine Valley**
Markus Moehring
- 11.30 – 13.00 **Table Talk**
- 13.00 – 14.30 Lunch break
- 14.30 – 15.30 optional:
- Exhibition „Europe in the museum - the museum in Europe“**
Regional Museum Maribor
- 16.00 **Guided City Tour Maribor – European Capital of Culture 2012**