



Global Conversations on the Return of Cultural Heritage

Join Indigenous experts, museum professionals, and human rights specialists from across the globe for a series of conversations regarding repatriation and the return of cultural heritage. One year ago, the Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (EMRIP) held a seminar to prepare a report with recommendations on the repatriation of ceremonial objects, human remains, and the intangible heritage of Indigenous peoples currently in the hands of state institutions to the United Nations Human Rights Council, which adopted it in October 2020. Based on the report's recommendations, this series will encourage dialogues amongst participants and foster communities of professional practice across the globe.

Registration is required for each session. Content will also be made available through open-source publications and other forms of dissemination after the series is completed.

Setting the Foundation

Thursday, April 29

12:00 PT/14:00 CT/15:00 ET/9:00 NZDT+1

Register at bit.ly/gc21foundation

This conversation will consider how things have changed since the expert seminar, the progress that has been made, and what remains to be done.

Panelists: Sheryl Lightfoot, University of British Columbia (Canada), Sue Rowley, Museum of Anthropology at the University of British Columbia (Canada), Te Herekiele Herewini, The Museum of New Zealand Te Papa Tongarewa (New Zealand)

Moderator: Armando Perla (Canada/El Salvador)

Indigenous Led Initiatives

Thursday May 13

10:00 PT/12:00 CT/13:00 ET/15:00 BRT/19:00 CET

Register at bit.ly/gc21initiatives

Indigenous experts will discuss repatriation initiatives led by Indigenous peoples on three continents, which include the development of repatriation guides, ethical guidelines, and community advocacy.

Panelists: Lucy Bell, Haida Nation (Canada), Amy Lonetree, Ho-Chunk Nation and UC Santa Cruz (U.S.), Lis-Mari Hjortfors, Sami parliament (Sweden)

Moderator: Tricia Logan (Canada)

Museum Dialogues

Thursday May 27

9:00 PT/11:00 CT/12:00 ET/18:00 CET/19:00 EAT

Register at bit.ly/gc21dialogues

This conversation will focus on the transcontinental dialogues within museums and between museums and communities to ensure the return of tangible and intangible heritage to the places and communities where they belong.

Panelists: Adriana Munoz, Museum of World Culture (Sweden), Anabela Carlon Flores, Yaqui People (Mexico); Purity Kiura, National Museum of Kenya (Kenya); Steve Nash, Denver Museum of Nature and Science (U.S.)

Moderator: Brooke Morgan (U.S.)

Moving Forward Together

Thursday June 10

12:00 PT/14:00 CT/15:00 ET/21:00 CET/22:00 SAST/9:00 NZDT+1

Register at bit.ly/gc21forward

This conversation will summarize previous panels and explore actions that can strengthen the work that has been done until now.

Panelists: Brandie McDonald, Museum of Us (U.S.); Te Arikirangi Mamaku, The Museum of New Zealand Te Papa Tongarewa (New Zealand); George Abungu, International Standing Committee on the Traffic of Illicit Antiquities and Okello Abungu Heritage Consultants (Kenya); Deirdre Prins-Solani, Independent expert on Intangible Heritage (South Africa)

Moderator: Cinnamon Catlin-Legutko (U.S.)

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