

Making, Sustaining, Breaking (Heidelberg, 12–14 Oct 16)

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Making, Sustaining, Breaking – The Politics Of Heritage And Culture

Annual Conference

Cluster of Excellence "Asia and Europe in a Global Context", Heidelberg University

Forum Transregionale Studien (Berlin) and the Max Weber Stiftung – Deutsche Geisteswissenschaftliche Institute im Ausland

in collaboration with the German Archaeological Institute (Berlin)

The deliberations of the conference will address some of the urgent questions that surround heritage as a political and cultural issue at a historical juncture when the idea of culture is being drawn into a field of intense contestation. While in certain intellectual circles and scholarly discussions culture is slowly but steadily being uncoupled from the nation, these impulses are at the same time being countered by moves to reinforce – even reinvent – national identities as culturally homogenous. As societies confront their transcultural pasts, the concept of a monolithic, integrative heritage is not only becoming increasingly untenable, it is turning into a site of conflict. Ruptures induced by the spatial and cultural displacements that come with modernity and contemporary globalization have in turn meant a return to notions of an ancient, untainted civilizational identity in many regions of the world. Such positions cut across the domains of politics and civil society – they include political and institutional authorities as well as scholarly practices, have at the same time found articulation in religious extremism and xenophobia embodied by fundamentalist groups, themselves a modern, transnational phenomenon. Fissures within public spheres that cut across national boundaries in an increasingly connected world have brought questions of cultural heritage to the heart of any engagement with the tangled relationship between concepts of culture and the nation-state.

read full concept on the Conference Webpage here:

<http://www.asia-europe.uni-heidelberg.de/en/newsevents/events/annual-conference/archive/annual-conference-2016.html>

PROGRAMME

Wednesday, October 12, 2016

18:00 Welcome: Barbara Mittler (Heidelberg) Alte Aula

Introduction to the Conference: Monica Juneja (Heidelberg)

Keynote address: David Freedberg (London)

Thursday, October 13, 2016

09:00 Morning Session I

Heritage dynamics. Politics of authentication and aesthetics of persuasion

Speakers:

- Mattijs van de Port (Utrecht) / Markus Balkenhol (Utrecht): Heritage Dynamics: Politics of Authentication and Aesthetics of Persuasion
- Katharina Rode (Heidelberg): National Treasures for Modern Japan – Protective Legislation, Issues of Cultural Authenticity and the Necessity for a Nationwide Cultural Consciousness
- Annalisa Buttici (Utrecht): The Making of a Transcultural Divinity. The Politics of Religious Heritage in the Gold Coast of Ghana

Chair: Birgit Meyer (Utrecht/Berlin)

10:30 Coffee Break

11:00 Morning Session II

Cultural Heritage – Beyond the Salvage Paradigm. Conceptual Formations, Methodological Approaches, Architectural Case Studies

Speakers:

- Michael Falser (Heidelberg): Cultural Heritage as Civilizing Mission and the Transcultural Pathways of Angkor Wat
- Gamini Wijesuriya (Rome): Capacity Building Activities of ICCROM: Reaching Wider Audiences and Focusing on Traditional Knowledge Systems
- Miles Glendinning (Edinburgh): Mass Housing as Cultural Heritage? The Differing Challenges of Reception and Valorisation in Eastern Asia and the West

Chair: Ralph Bodenstein (Berlin)

12:30 Lunch Break

13:30 Afternoon Session Ia

Contested Spaces and Places: Ruins of the Past and the Presence of Memories

Speakers:

- Joseph Maran / Thomas Meier (Heidelberg): Introduction
- Rafi Greenberg (Tel Aviv): Archaeology and the Creation of Antiquities
- Carsten Paludan-Müller (Oslo): Written in Stone - Written in Water

Chair: Joseph Maran (Heidelberg)

Afternoon Session Ib

Politics of Heritage Making: German Archaeology in the Eastern Mediterranean c. 1900

Speakers:

- Claudia Mächler (Heidelberg): Unexpected Monuments or how to handle with Cultural Heritage
- Reinhard Senff (Athen): The excavations at Olympia: In Search for the Ideal Greek Sanctuary

- Jennifer Pochodzalla (Heidelberg): The Mshatta Façade, Ottoman Heritage Politics and the Resistance of Osman Hamdi Bey
 - Katharina Steudtner (Berlin) / Duygu Göcmen (Berlin): 'Breaking before Making'. Early Conservation Concepts for Archaeological Sites on the West Coast of Turkey
- Chair: Diamantis Panagiotopoulos (Heidelberg)

Afternoon Session Ic

Mediating Public Heritage

Speakers:

- Patrick Wertmann (Beijing): Creating a Common National Identity in China through the Popularization of Archaeological Heritage – The Role of Media and Popular Sciences
 - Nadia von Maltzahn (Beirut): Heritage, Tourism, and National Pride: The Baalbeck Festival in Lebanon
 - Ahmed Adam (Khartoum): Measuring Extent of Economic Benefits of Archaeological Heritage Sites in Sudan – Begrawia as a Case Study
 - Harald Fuess (Heidelberg): Industrial Ruins as Cultural Heritage in Japan: Economic Growth Nostalgia in the Age of Abenomics
- Chair: Carsten Wergin (Heidelberg)

15:00 Coffee Break

15:30 Afternoon Session IIa

Heritage, Decolonization, Nation-State

Speakers:

- William Carruthers (London): Field Notes: Archaeology, Heritage and the Decolonising Nation-State
 - Sadiha Boonstra (London): Changing Wayang Scenes. The Politics of Heritage Formation in Colonial and Postcolonial Indonesia
 - Umut Azak (Istanbul): Canonization of the Suppressed Iconography: Shaping the Memory of the Single-Party Period during the AKP Period in Turkey
 - Nikolas Drosos (Columbia): Reconstructing Old Warsaw / Constructing Socialism
- Chair: Philipp Stockhammer (München/Heidelberg)

Afternoon Session IIb

Ex Oriente Lux? Classical Music in the Hands of Chinese Musicians—Crisis, Challenge, Chance?
Roundtable-Discussion: Inga Mai Groote, Annette Hornbacher, Hsin-yi Li, Barbara Mittler, Dorothea Redepenning

Chair: Barbara Mittler (Heidelberg)

Afternoon Session IIc

Archives of Heritage

Speakers:

- Garima Dhabhai (Yale/Delhi): Excavating the City: Metro Rail Construction and Imagination of 'Past' in Contemporary Jaipur
- Banu Karaca (Berlin): Lost, not Found?: Missing Provenance, 'Lost' Artworks, and the Making of

Heritage in Turkey

- Biri Kudzai (Zimbabwe): 'Written Creeds in the Heart': Challenges of African Oral Cultures in Negotiating Contemporary Ethical Challenges in Zimbabwe
 - Susanne Marten-Finnis (Portsmouth): Custodians of the Jewish Textual Tradition. The Heritage of a People Apart Curation and Retrieval
 - Saumya Agarwal (Heidelberg): Conflicting Modernities: Preserving the Wall Paintings of Shekhawati
- Chair: Hannah Baader (Florenz/Berlin)

18:00 Keynote Speech: Sinan Antoon (New York/Berlin)

Chair: Georges Khalil (Berlin)

Friday, October 14, 2016

09:00 Morning Session I

"Stunde Null" - Capacity Building and the Politics of Archeology in Times of Crisis

Speakers:

- Frederike Fless (Berlin): tba
 - Claudia Bührig (Berlin) / Frank Andraschko (Hamburg): Sustainable Development for Heritage and Nature Protection. Transfer and Communication of Cultural and Natural Heritage for Children and Young Adults
 - Hanna Sonbol (Kairo): tba
- Chair: Georges Khalil (Berlin)

10:30 Coffee Break

11:00 Morning Session II

Models of Native Participation versus Claims of Repatriation. Options and Potentials in the Making of the Humboldt Forum Berlin

Speakers:

- Viola König (Berlin): Models of Native Participation versus Claims of Repatriation. Options and Potentials in the Making of the Humboldt Forum Berlin
 - Susanne Leeb (Lüneburg): The Temporality of Heritage
 - Comment: Henry Keazor (Heidelberg)
- Chair: Monica Juneja (Heidelberg)

12:30 Lunch Break

13:30 Afternoon Session Ia

Rupture, Past, Mediation

Speakers:

- Omar Al-Ghazzi (Sheffield): The Mediation of Al-Andalus in 2013 and the Arab Transnational Crisis of Meaning-Making
- Helena Nassif (Marburg): Fictional Paradise: Moral Representations of the Damascene Courtyard House
- Ana Milošević (Leuven): National Reconciliation or Rupture with the Past: De-Communisation of

Yugoslav Memories in Serbian Politics

- Katrin Stoll (Warschau): On the Culturalization of Political and Social Issues

Chair: Daniel König (Heidelberg)

Afternoon Session Ib

Selective Amnesia. Exploring and Exploiting Istanbul's Past

Speakers:

- Martin Bachmann (Istanbul) / Katja Piesker (Berlin): Introduction

- Martin Bachmann (Istanbul) / Richard Wittmann (Istanbul): First Case Study

- Katja Piesker (Berlin) / Karin Schuitema (Istanbul): Second Case Study

- Discussants: Banu Karaca (Berlin) / Irem Maro Kiris (Istanbul)

Chair: Katja Piesker (Berlin)

Afternoon Session Ic

Heritage in Times of Crisis: Transcultural Approaches to Reconstruction and Revaluation in Post-Earthquake Nepal

Speakers:

- Dina Bangdel (Doha): Conservation or Ritual Renewal: Contested Spaces of Shantipur's Early 20th Century Wall Paintings in Post-Earthquake Nepal

- Katharina Weiler (Heidelberg): Patan Darbar Square: Restoration and Rebuilding of Cultural Heritage after the Earthquake of 2015

- Axel Michaels / Manik Bajracharya (Heidelberg): Historical Approaches to Heritage Pre/Restoration in Post-Earthquake Kathmandu

- Roundtable-Discussion: Manik Bajracharya, Dina Bangdel, Marlene Harles, Axel Michaels, Sheelasha Rajbhandari, Davide Torri, Katharina Weiler

Chair: Christiane Brosius (Heidelberg)

15:00 Coffee Break

15:30 Afternoon Session II

Concluding Roundtable-Discussion

- Speakers: Birgit Meyer (Utrecht), Markus Hilgert (Berlin), Rudolf Wagner (Heidelberg), Aloka Parasher-Sen (Hyderabad), Hannah Baader (Berlin)

Chair: Philipp von Rummel (Berlin)

Reference:

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