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CULTURAL PROPERTY PROTECTION

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

**Hungarian National Museum,
Conference Hall
Budapest,
17/18 November 2025**

Organizers: Hungarian National Museum (HNM),
Ludovika University of Public Service (NKE)

Partners: AURORA (Horizon Europe),

Organizers: Dr. Lujza Varga head of department
(HNM), Pol Colonel Dr. Sándor Kovács (NKE)

Venue: Múzeum krt. 14-16, Budapest 1088



PRELIMINARY PROGRAMME

1ST DAY

Moderator: **Ret. Fire Brigadier Lt. Col Prof. Dr. Ágoston Restás**
(Ludovika University)

- 10.00–10.40 Greetings: **Dr. habil Gábor Zsigmond** (president, Hungarian National Museum Public Collection Centre)
Prof. Dr. Gergely Deli (rector, Ludovika University of Public Service)
Máté Vincze (Deputy State Secretary for Public Collections and Cultural Development)
Gábor Schultz (director, NKÖV Nonprofit Zrt.)
- 10.40–11.00 **Ret. Lt. Col Tim Purbrick** (Military Cultural Property Protection Consultant): Establishing a Military Cultural Property Protection Capability.
- 11.00–11.20 **Prof. Dr. Peter Strasser** (University of Krems): Violations of cultural property regulations and the erosion of international law – ‘the law of the strongest’ or are alternative solutions possible?
- 11.20–11.40 Coffee break

SECTION 2

- 11.40–12.00 **Dr. Christos Tsirogiannis** (Head of Illicit Antiquities Research at the UNESCO Chair on Threats to Cultural Heritage, Ionian University, Greece): Latest developments regarding illicit antiquities
- 12.00–12.20 **Orfeas-Konstantinos Sotiriou** (FRONTEX, the European Border and Coast Guard Agency): FRONTEX Operations Policies and Projects Sector: Tackling the Illicit Trafficking of Cultural Goods Phenomenon
- 12.20–12.40 **Dr. Frederik Rosén** (Nodric Center for Cultural Heritage in Armed Conflicts): The divide between Russian and euro-Atlantic approaches to heritage and implications to our sectors
- 12.40–13.00 **Dr. Dante Abate** (Erathostenes Centre of Excellence): AI tools in Cultural Property Protection
- 13.00–13.20 **Mark Dunkley** (Cranfield University): Human Security responses to Cultural Property Protection
- 13.20–14.30 Lunch break

SECTION 3

- 14.30–14.50 **Lt. Colonel Dr. László Baksa** (Ludovika University): Peace Operations and the Protection of Cultural Property in armed conflicts.
- 14.50–15.10 **Emma Cunliffe** (Blue Shield International): Blue Shield - Approaches to Military Cultural Property Protection Training

- 15.10–15.30 **Dr. Laurie Rush** (Secretary, USCBS): Cultural Property and Military Intelligence
- 15.30–15.50 **Major Ankie Petersen** (Royal Netherlands Army): Culture in Hybrid Warfare - military training and knowledge development in the Netherlands
- 15.50–16.10 **Commandant Timothée Le Berre** (Légion étrangère): A French approach in the military protection of cultural property: French army curator on the battlefield
- 16.10–16.20 Closing remarks
- 16.30–18.00 Museum visit
- 18.00–21.00 Gala dinner

2ND DAY

Moderator:

Pol. Maj. Dr. Violetta Rottler (Ludovika University)

- 09.10–9.30 Greetings: **Pol. Brig. Tibor Lakatos** (Deputy Director-General, Defence Administration Office)
Péter Kovács (Director General, Hungary Helps Agency)
- 09.30–9.50 **Elena Mamani** (Cultural Heritage Without Borders Albania): Build local capacity and law enforcement cooperation to combat illicit trafficking of Albanian cultural heritage
- 09.50–10.10 **Dr. Lujza Varga** (HNMPCC Hungarian National Museum): Establishing a network for CPP – The Hungarian National Museum's model
- 10.10–10.30 **Dr. Krisztina Hudák** (University of Pécs): Teaching archeological and cultural heritage protection in university education as a basis for advancement
- 10.30–10.50 Coffee break

SECTION 2

- 10.50–11.10 **Dr. Zágon Csaba** (Ludovika University): Cultural Property in the Crosshairs – Illicit Art Trade Supply Chains and International Law Enforcement Responses
- 11.10–11.30 **Cameron Walter** (OSCE Heritage Crime Task Force): The OSCE Heritage Crime Task Force - Global Law Enforcement Coordination in the Fight Against Heritage Trafficking
- 11.30–11.50 **Prof. Dr. Ádám Szabó** (HNMPCC Hungarian National Museum – Ludovika University): Artwork knowledge in public service

- 11.50–12.10 **Dr. Zsolt Sári** (ICOM Hungary): Fight against illicit trafficking of cultural goods: monitoring and preventive measures to secure museums and document collections. A Project of ICOM

- 12.10–13.10 Lunch break

SECTION 3

Book launch: From Risk to Response: How the Heritage Sector Addresses Illicit Trafficking. AURORA project

- 13.10–14.05 Cases studies of illicit trafficking – good practices from the AURORA book
Amra Ćebić, Center Against Trafficking in Works of Art Bosnia and Herzegovina; International Gallery of Portraits Aleksandra Stefanov, Museum of Vojvodina, Serbia
Anna Lenchuk, Art History and Archaeology, Sorbonne University
Lucian-Cristian Ratoiu, Department of Optoelectronic Methods and Techniques for Artwork Restoration & Conservation, National Institute of Research and Development for Optoelectronics - INOE 2000, Măgurele "Reflections on the Illicit Trafficking of Cultural Property in the Recent History of Romania"
- 14.05–14.50 Panel discussion on the AURORA book
Aida Vežić, Balkan Museum Network
Jove Pargovski, National Institute of Culture and Museum Bitola
Dr. Lujza Varga, HNMPCC Hungarian National Museum
Azra Bečević Šarenkapa, National Museum of Bosnia and Herzegovina (tbc.)
Nataliya Chukhray (tbc.)

- 14.50–15.10 Coffee break

SECTION 4

- 15.10–16.10 **Panel discussion on the export-import of cultural property**
Inspectorate of Cultural Goods (Ministry of Construction and Transport),
National Tax and Customs Administration,
Art Crime Subunit (Hungarian National Bureau of Investigation),
HNMPCC Hungarian National Museum,
Museum of Fine Arts
- 16.10–16.20 Closing remarks

We reserve the right to make changes to the programme.