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ESIL Annual Conference 2025 – Berlin, Germany
Pre-Conference Workshop of the International Law of Culture Interest Group

The Future and Past of 'Progress' in Cultural Heritage Law

11 September 2025, 09:00-12:00

Free University of Berlin, Faculty of Law, Boltzmannstraße 3, Room no. 1122, ground floor

09:00 – 09:10	Introduction
09:10 – 09:45	<p>Panel 1: Heritage in the Crossfire: Rethinking Progress Through Protection</p> <p>Maddalena Cogorno (University of Florence): <i>Shielding the Past, Unfolding the Future: The Role of Peacekeepers in the Protection of Intangible Cultural Heritage</i></p> <p>Anne-Marie Carstens (University of Baltimore School of Law): <i>Collective Defense of Cultural Heritage</i></p> <p>Moderator: Sophie Starrenburg</p>
09:45 – 09:55	<i>Break</i>
09:55 – 10:45	<p>Panel 2: Non-Linear Progress: Contested Custodians, Fractured Pasts</p> <p>Lauren Bursey (London School of Economics): <i>Beyond Silos: Reimagining Cultural Heritage Law for Non-State Actors and Unified Protection</i></p> <p>Nehir Arslan (Paris 8 University Vincennes Saint-Denis): <i>Exploitation of Trauma: Usage of Dissonant Heritage for Development</i></p> <p>Emma Dhondt (University of Edinburgh/KU Leuven): <i>A Myth of Progress: Historical Perspectives on the Past and Future of Post-Conflict Properties on the World Heritage List</i></p> <p>Moderator: Andrzej Jakubowski</p>
10:45 – 11:00	<i>Break</i>

11:00 – 11:50

Panel 3: Progress at the Margins: Heritage Law's Liminal Futures

Caecilia Alexandre (Université de Montréal): *Protecting and Safeguarding Heritage in the Age of Degrowth: Between a Human-rights Based and a Decolonial Approach*

Iris Richer (Université Laval): *Childhood, Cultural Life and Technological Progress: Reflections on the Future of International Law of Culture*

Ayla do Vale Alves (University of South Australia): *International Indigenous Heritage Safeguarding: Rethinking the Scope of Legal Protection through Indigenous Worldviews*

Moderator: Sophie Starrenburg

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Final remarks and IG announcements

Convenors

Andrzej Jakubowski – Giovanni Carlo Bruno – Lucas Lixinski – Sophie Starrenburg