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2024 ESIL Research Forum on “Revisiting Interactions between Legal Orders”

Unpacking the Meaning(s) of “Restitution” in International Law of Culture

Pre-Forum Workshop, ESIL Interest Group on International Law of Culture
16 April 2024

10:00 AM Nicosia (09:00 AM Rome) – 02:00 PM Nicosia (01:00 PM Rome)

Provisional Programme

9.00-09.10 – Introduction IG Co-Conveners

9.10-10.00 – General questions

- *Anusha Madhusudhan and Eva Keita (International Court of Justice)* – "Rethinking the legal framework for restitution of cultural heritage under international law"
- *Mario Pasquale Amoroso (University of Trento)* – "Repairing the environmental consequences of armed conflict: Ecosystem restoration as natural heritage restitution"

Q&A First round

10.00-11.50 – Country perspectives

- *Lauren Gowler (Queen Mary University of London)* – "A Journey of Reconciliation: Lessons from Indigenous Repatriation Efforts in Canada"
- *Lauren Bursey (London School of Economics and Political Science)* – "The evolution of cultural restitution through transnational legal process theory and the New York District Attorney"
- *Alice Lopes Fabris (Free University of Brussels)* – "The Restitution Of Indigenous Peoples' Sacred Sites: The Case Of Sagihengu And Kamukuwaká Sites (Brazil)"
- *Maria Silina (Ruhr University Bochum/University of Quebec in Montreal)* – "Restitution practices in the USSR: concepts and perspectives"
- *Eléonore Thole (University of Amsterdam)* – "Twice Saved or Twice Looted? The Russian Trophy Art Law in the context of the Washington Principles"

Q&A Second round

11.50-12.40 – A Focus on the future

- *Valeria Casillo (University of Naples Federico II)* – "A Museum Without Objects: Can Digital Returns of Colonial Archives Suffice?"
- *Ankit Malhotra (Supreme Court of India)* – "Beyond Restitution: The Challenges and Implications of Repatriating Colonial Artifacts to Contexts Lacking Preservation Capabilities"

Q&A Third round

12.40-01:00 – Conclusion IG Co-Conveners

The link to join the workshop online is provided to ESIL members.