

# The Legal Dimension of Provenance Research: International, Comparative, Indigenous

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2:00 pm – 3:30 pm EST

Via Zoom

## Speakers' bio notes:

**Dr Afolasade A. Adewumi** is a Reader in the Department of Jurisprudence and International Law at the University of Ibadan. She is a member of international and national organizations on heritage matters. She served as an international heritage expert to Malawi at the National Workshop on First Aid to Cultural Heritage in Times of Crisis between 6 and 10 February 2017. She has been a member of the Steering Committee for the Drafting of the White Papers on Cultural Heritage – International Law Association – 150 YEARS – PARIS 2023. She has widely published in learned journals and textbook editorials. She is the Nigerian expert member for ICOMOS in the International Scientific Committee on Legal, Administrative and Financial Issues (ICLAFI).

**Dr Evelien Campfens** is a lawyer specialized in art and cultural heritage law, currently based at the [University of Amsterdam](#). Before switching to academia, she was director of the Dutch Restitutions Committee for Nazi looted art (2001-2015). Apart from her academic work she consults museums and organisations (e.g., the European Parliament on [Cross-border claims to looted art](#) and [Protection of cultural heritage in Ukraine](#)). Evelien sits in the Ethical Committee of the Dutch Museum Association and is member of the International Law Association Cultural Heritage Committee.

**Dr Tess Davis** is a lawyer and archaeologist by training, and Executive Director of the Antiquities Coalition. Davis oversees the organization's work to fight cultural racketeering worldwide, as well as its award-winning think tank. She writes and speaks widely on these issues, having been published in top newspapers and scholarly journals. She teaches cultural property law at Johns Hopkins University and is a Term Member of the Council on Foreign Relations. In 2015, the Royal Government of Cambodia knighted Davis for her work to recover the country's plundered treasures, awarding her the rank of Commander in the Royal Order of the Sahametrei.

**Dr Rebecca Tsosie** is a Regents Professor at the James E. Rogers College of Law at the University of Arizona. Professor Tsosie, who is of Yaqui descent, is a faculty member for the Indigenous Peoples' Law and Policy Program at the University of Arizona, and she is widely known for her work in the fields of Federal Indian law and Indigenous Peoples' human rights. She has published widely on sovereignty, self-determination, cultural pluralism, environmental policy, cultural rights and cultural heritage. Professor Tsosie serves as a Supreme Court Justice for the Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation and as an Associate Judge on the San Carlos Tribal Court of Appeals.

Moderators: **Andrzej Jakubowski** and **Lucas Lixinski**