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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**

09:00 – 09:10	<b>Introduction</b>
09:10 – 09:40	<p><b>Panel 1: Heritage in the Crossfire: Rethinking Progress Through Protection</b></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: Andrzej Jakubowski</p>
09:40 – 10:30	<p><b>Panel 2: Non-Linear Progress: Contested Custodians, Fractured Pasts</b></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>
10:30 – 10:45	<b>Break</b>

10:45 – 11:15	<p><b>Panel 3: From the Past, in the Present, for the Future? Critiques of Narratives of Progress</b></p> <p>Jessica Wiseman (European University Institute): <i>Protection, Power, and Possession: A Critical History of Heritage Protection in International Law</i></p> <p>Caecilia Alexandre (Université de Montréal): <i>Protecting and Safeguarding Heritage in the Age of Degrowth: Between a Human-rights Based and a Decolonial Approach</i></p> <p>Moderator: Sophie Starrenburg</p>
11:15 – 11:45	<p><b>Panel 4: Progress at the Margins: Heritage Law's Liminal Futures</b></p> <p>Iris Richer (Université Laval): <i>Childhood, Cultural Life and Technological Progress: Reflections on the Future of International Law of Culture</i></p> <p>Ayla do Vale Alves (University of South Australia): <i>International Indigenous Heritage Safeguarding: Rethinking the Scope of Legal Protection through Indigenous Worldviews</i></p> <p>Moderator: Sophie Starrenburg</p>
11:45-12:00	<p><b>Final remarks and IG announcements</b></p>

Convenors

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