



International Conference

Cultural Property Protection
in the 21st Century:

Meeting Requirements across the Forces



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National Defence Academy
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of the 1954 Hague Convention



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Protection of
Cultural Property in
the Event of Armed Conflict

PROGRAMME

**Monday,
11 November**

09:30 to 18:30

Sala Terrena,
National Defence Academy
(Stiftgasse 2a, 1070 Vienna)

Introducing the significance of cultural property and cultural heritage for societies and humanity as well as its implications and benefits for armed forces in a broad and comprehensive perspective.

Considering cultural property protection according to the 1954 Hague Convention as a crucial element in military missions and operations, conflict management and reconciliation, when dealing with issues such as the destruction of cultural property as a military and war strategy, the manipulation of cultural property for political purposes or cultural heritage as an element in peacebuilding processes.

08:30 to 09:30

Arrival and check-in

09:30 to 10:30

Moderator: **Brigadier General Peter HAROLD**,
President of the Austrian Society for Cultural Property Protection

Welcome Ceremony

- ▶ **Lieutenant General Erich CSITKOVITS**, Commandant of the National Defence Academy and Director of Training of the Austrian Armed Forces
- ▶ **General Rudolf STRIEDINGER**,
Chief of Defence Staff, Austrian Armed Forces
- ▶ **Arnold KAMMEL**, Secretary General, Federal Ministry of Defence
- ▶ Ensemble of the Guard music
- ▶ **Ernesto OTTONE RAMÍREZ**,
UNESCO Assistant Director-General for Culture – *video message*
- ▶ **Klaudia TANNER**,
Federal Minister of Defence of Austria – *video message*

10:30 to 11:30

Group photo & coffee break

11:30 to 13:30

Session 1: The significance of cultural property for societies

From Mnemosyne to Legacy – and back (Culture and Human Existence)
Scientific-artistic performance

- ▶ **Paul ERTL**, Head of the Department for Conduct and Cohesion of the Forces, National Defence Academy
- ▶ **Günther FLECK**, Clinical & Health Psychologist
- ▶ **Oswin SCHNEIDER**, Musician and Composer

Tangible & Intangible Heritage: Pillars of Cultural Resilience and Continuity

- ▶ **Karl HABSBURG-LOTHRINGEN**, President of Blue Shield Austria

Lebanon's heritage destruction: The Wars on Conventions and History
Video message

- ▶ **Joanne FARCHAKH BAJJALY**,
Archaeologist, Journalist and Founder of the Lebanese NGO "Biladi"

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13:30 to 14:30

Lunch break

14:30 to 16:00

Session 2:

The significance of cultural property for armed forces

“A New Relational Ethics” for Heritage:

What Future for its Peacebuilding Potential?

- ▶ **Dacia VIEJO-ROSE**, Associate Professor in Heritage and the Politics of the Past, Department of Archaeology at the University of Cambridge

Cultural Property Protection – The Benefit for Soldiers

- ▶ **Laurie RUSH**, United States Army Archaeologist and Cultural Resources Manager, Fort Drum

Discussion

16:00 to 16:30

Coffee break

16:30 to 18:30

Impulse

The Hague Convention and its Protocols at the Centre of the Protection of Cultural Property in the Event of Armed Conflict – Legal Obligations and Contemporary Challenges

- ▶ **Astrid REISINGER CORACINI**, Lecturer at the Department of International Law and International Relations at the University of Vienna

The Austrian Cultural Property Protection List and its digitalisation

- ▶ **Christoph HÜTTERER**, Department for Digitalization and Knowledge Transfer, Federal Monuments Authority Austria

Panel discussion

***Is the 1954 Hague Convention outdated in the 21st century?
Recent developments in Cultural Property Protection***

Moderator: Brigadier General Peter HAROLD,

President of the Austrian Society for Cultural Property Protection

- ▶ **Anna SIDORENKO**, Head of Cultural Heritage Protection Treaties Unit, UNESCO Secretariat of the 1954 Hague Convention
- ▶ **Cameron WALTER**, Head of Heritage Crime Task Force and Customs Adviser, OSCE
- ▶ **Alfio GULLOTTA**, Policy Officer for Cultural Heritage at the European External Action Service (EEAS)
- ▶ **Dominik HORN**, Former Member of NATO Human Security
- ▶ **Astrid REISINGER CORACINI**, Legal expert

18:30 to 19:30

Evening buffet



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**Tuesday,
12 November**

09:00 to 16:00

Sala Terrena,
National Defence Academy

Focusing on the implementation of cultural property protection within armed forces on a strategic, tactical and operational level.

Referring to measures, opportunities and challenges for the inclusion of cultural property protection in military education and training as well as reflecting upon certain training requirements and cultural property protection in military missions and operations.

Optional Programme:
17:30 to 18:30

Museum of Military History
(Arsenal 1, 1030 Vienna)

09:00 to 11:00

Moderator: Raffaella WOLLER, Center for Cultural Property Protection, University for Continuing Education Krems

Session 3: The implementation of cultural property protection within armed forces and during armed conflict – education, training, requirements, lessons learned

Cultural Heritage Protection (and its training) in the EU

- ▶ **Alfio GULLOTTA**, Policy Officer for Cultural Heritage at the European External Action Service (EEAS)

Cultural Heritage Crime in Wartime and Beyond

- ▶ **Manfred PINNEGGER**, Security/Risk Manager for Cultural Institutions, Austrian Contingent Commander in the EUAM Ukraine Mission

Learning to Adapt:

Recent Blue Shield Experiences across the Range of Military Operations

- ▶ **Michael DELACRUZ**,
Director of Operations at Blue Shield International

Cultural Property Protection in the Austrian Armed Forces – on a strategic, tactical and field level

- ▶ **Jürgen JÄGER**, Deputy Head of Operations Division, Directorate 1
- ▶ **Hermann LEITZINGER**, Civil-military Cooperations (CIMIC) Officer in the CIMIC Unit of the Austrian Armed Forces International Centre (AUTINT)
- ▶ **Josef EITLER**, Archaeologist and
Austrian Liaison Officer Military Cultural Property Protection

11:00 to 11:30

Coffee break

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11:30 to 13:00

Session 4: Training incentives in different armed forces and CPP-exercises in the area of civil-military cooperation

- ▶ **Captain Ankie PETERSEN**,
Liaison Officer on Cultural Property Protection
in the Royal Dutch Armed Forces
- ▶ **Second-Lieutenant Maria REINSTEIN**,
Civil-military Cooperations (CIMIC) Officer
in the Estonian Defence Forces Headquarter
- ▶ **Captain Timothy FAGG**,
Head of Projects at Portsmouth Historic Quarter
- ▶ **Anna KAISER**,
Head of the Center for Cultural Property Protection at the
University for Continuing Education Krems

Discussion

13:00 to 14:00

Lunch break

14:00 to 16:00

Panel discussion

Cultural Property Protection within armed forces and during armed conflict – challenges & opportunities

Moderator: Anna KAISER, Center for Cultural Property Protection,
University for Continuing Education Krems

- ▶ **Brigadier General Youssef HAYDAR**,
Commander of the Independent Works Regiment of the
Lebanese Armed Forces
- ▶ **Lieutenant Colonel Giuseppe MARSEGLIA**,
Officer Group Commander of Carabinieri for Cultural Heritage Protection
North-Central Italy, Monza
- ▶ **Captain Timothy LE BERRE**,
Curator of the French Foreign Legion Museum and French Army
Representative for Cultural Property Protection Development
- ▶ **Laurie RUSH**, United States Army Archaeologist and
Cultural Resources Manager, Fort Drum
- ▶ **Colonel Saliou NGOM**,
Senegalese Armed Forces, Director of Archives and Historical Heritage

16:00 to 17:00

Cold appetizer

17:30 to 19:00

Optional programme:

Visit to the Museum of Military History, Vienna

17:00 Shuttle from National Defence Academy to venue

19:00 Shuttle from venue to accommodation



PROGRAMME

**Wednesday,
13 November**

09:00 to 13:00

Sala Terrena,
National Defence Academy

Exploring international developments in cultural property protection including the fight against illicit trafficking and the impact of political and ideological issues.

Discussing new technologies, in particular the intersection of artificial intelligence and military technologies for the protection of cultural heritage.

09:00 to 10:30

Moderator: Paul ERTL, National Defence Academy

Session 5: International measures against cultural heritage exploitation

INTERPOL's combating of illicit trafficking in Cultural Property

- ▶ **Tiziano COIRO**,
Coordinator of the Works of Art Unit in the General Secretariat of INTERPOL

West African Cultural Heritage in the effect of political-ideological issues

- ▶ **Hamady GAYE**,
Head of the department for the preservation and conservation of collections at the central library of Cheikh Anta Diop University in Dakar, Senegal

Discussion

10:30 to 11:00

Coffee break

11:00 to 12:00

Panel discussion

Future perspectives in Cultural Property Protection – Artificial Intelligence & New Technologies

Moderator: Anna PUHR, Austrian National Defence Academy, Deputy Secretary General of Blue Shield Austria

- ▶ **Michelle DE GRUCHY**,
United Nations Satellite Centre (UNOSAT)
- ▶ **Damian KOROPECKYJ**,
Director of Operations for the CURIA Lab Conflict Observatory project
- ▶ **Timotheus SCHLESS**,
Adviser and Developer for the Whiteflag Foundation, Signals Officer in the Royal Netherlands Air Force

12:00 to 13:00

Closing Ceremony

- ▶ **Nicole GRUBER**, Researcher and Lecturer for Cultural Property Protection at the Austrian National Defence Academy
- ▶ **Anna SIDORENKO**, UNESCO Secretariat Hague Convention 1954
- ▶ Ensemble of the Guard music

13:00 to 13:30

Snacks & departure