



'(Dis)Claiming Pasts: Ownership, Responsibility and Contestation'

14-15 December 2017

Location: KANTL, Koningstraat 18, 9000 Ghent, Belgium

Programme

14 December

08:30-09:00: Registration

09:00-09:15: Welcome address and introduction by organisers

09:15-10:15: Keynote lecture by Prof. Robert Meister

Intertemporal Justice

10:15-10:45: Coffee break

10:45-12:30: Panel 1: Juridical and Theoretical Perspectives

Chair: Berber Bevernage

Ulad Belavusau *Memory Laws in European Perspective*

Nanor Kebranian *The Juridical Performative*

Eric Heinze *Theorising Law and Historical Memory: Denialism and the Pre-conditions of Human Rights*

12:30-13:30: Lunch

13:30-15:15: Panel 2: Cultural Property I

Chair: Katie Digan

Evelien Campfens *Whose cultural heritage? The Bangwa Queen: A Human Rights Law Approach to Repatriation Claims Concerning Indigenous Cultural Heritage*

Jos Van Beurden *Decolonisation of Colonial Collections by Belgium and the Netherlands*

Kenan Van de Mieroop *The Post-Racial Era and Historical Present*

15:15-15:45: Coffee break



15:45-17:30: Panel 3: Memory and History in the Public Sphere

Chair: Eva Willems

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| Dienke Hondius | <i>Recognising Slavery Heritage: Recent Development in Historical Research and the Politics of Memory Around Locations in Amsterdam and New York</i> |
| Lars Deile | <i>'Bitte stehen lassen': Urban Planning, Politics and History in Postwar Germany. The Potsdam Case</i> |
| Dietlinde Wouters | <i>Epistemic Authority and Truth Commissions: The cases of Argentina, Chile, El Salvador and South Africa</i> |

19:00: Conference dinner

15 December

09:15-10:15: Keynote lecture by prof. George Nicholas

Understanding the Harm when (Indigenous) Heritage is Appropriated

10:15-10:45: Coffee break

10:45-13:00: Panel 3: Identity and the Past

Chair: Rafael Verbuyst

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| Felicitas Becker | <i>Muslim Reformist Preachers in East-Africa</i> |
| Inge Brinckman | <i>Self-realisation, History and the State in Mau Mau Autobiographies</i> |
| Yessim Yaprak Yildiz | <i>(Dis)avowal of State Violence: Confessions of State Officials on Mass Atrocities against Kurds in Turkey</i> |
| Egon Bauwelinck | <i>The Antinomy of the Historian and the Descendant. A Case of Dreyfusard Racism</i> |

13:00-14:00: Lunch

14:00-15:45: Panel 4: Cultural Property II

Chair: Egon Bauwelinck

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| Vincent Négri and Isabelle Schulte-Tenckhoff | <i>Saujana and Taonga: Two Ways of (Dis)Claiming the Past with Regard to Cultural Heritage</i> |
| Nimalka Passanha | <i>Safe Havens: A Political Agenda Shrouded in an Apolitical Culturally Internationalist Narrative</i> |



Irina Tarsis

*It's Complicated: Russian or Ukrainian? Assessing a Century of
Contested Ukrainian Cultural Property*

15:45-16:15: Coffee break

16:15-17:15: Keynote lecture by Dr. Amy Hinterberger

Repatriating Blood: Ethics, Property and Ownership in Biomedical Research

17:15-17:30: Break

17:30-18:30: Closing roundtable discussion

Stephan Parmentier, Susan Legêne, Berber Bevernage

18:30: City walk

This conference is organized by the research group Thinking About the Past (TAPAS): Berber Bevernage, Katie Digan, Rafael Verbuyst, Eva Willems

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