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Program — Specialist Conference

# 20 Years Washington Principles: Roadmap for the Future

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Haus der Kulturen der Welt, Berlin

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## A Message of Welcome

Coming to terms with the legacy of Nazi art theft and studying the fates of the mostly Jewish victims continue to be extremely important tasks for our entire society. When I took office in December 2013, I made these tasks a priority of my cultural policy and promoted the founding of the German Lost Art Foundation to serve as a central point of contact for implementing the 1998 *Washington Principles*.

Twenty years after the conference in Washington which formulated those principles, it is now time not only to take stock but also to draw up a roadmap for our action in the future. It continues to be crucial to investigate the provenance of artworks in order to do justice to the tragic fates associated with them. Provenance research also adds to our knowledge of the National Socialist terror regime. Extremist trends today demonstrate how important it is to remain aware of the impact of totalitarian rule. We must not slacken our efforts to research and study and to share what we learn with coming generations.

I am very grateful that the conference »20 Years *Washington Principles*: Roadmap for the Future« has taken on this task. I hope this conference inspires lively discussions which offer new perspectives on this matter which is so important to all of us.

**Monika Grütters, MP**  
**Minister of State for Culture and the Media**



## Opening Remarks

The *Washington Conference* of 1998, together with the *Principles* that were adopted as a result, is one of the most significant events involving cultural policy of the 20th century. It put the almost forgotten topic of the Nazi art theft and looting of cultural goods back on the agenda, particularly in Germany, and provided the basis for provenance research in a contemporary context.

For the German Lost Art Foundation, it is both an honor and a challenge to host this international conference marking the 20th anniversary of the *Washington Conference* and its *Principles*. An honor, because hosting the conference illustrates the crucial role that the Foundation plays in stimulating, funding, and coordinating provenance research. A challenge, because it is important not only to look back at the past and take stock but also to define tasks and goals for the future. Provenance research must be further intensified, professionalized, and professional networks further promoted. The Foundation made a significant contribution to international networking in 2017 with its fall conference entitled »Theft and Trade. The French Art Market Under German Occupation (1940–1944)«.

Reaching »just and fair solutions« in the spirit of the *Washington Principles* is and remains the goal. Furthermore, it is more important than ever to ask how provenance research results should be communicated as a contribution towards meeting the obligations of social responsibility. The conference will also focus intensively on this topic.

**Gilbert Lupfer**  
Executive Board (honorary)  
German Lost Art Foundation

## PROGRAM

Hosted by Cilly Kugelmann and Shelly Kupferberg

## November 26, 2018

9:30 a.m. Registration

10:30 Welcome Coffee

### Welcome

11:00 Bernd Scherer, Haus der Kulturen der Welt

11:05 Monika Grütters, MP,  
Minister of State for Culture and the Media

11:20 H. E. Richard A. Grenell Ambassador of  
the United States of America

### Introduction

11:30 **Keynote Speech:**  
**Twenty Years of the *Washington Principles*  
on Nazi-Confiscated Art: Joint Mission,  
Common Goals, but Still No Conclusion.**  
Ambassador Ronald S. Lauder,  
President of the World Jewish Congress,  
Chairman of the Commission for Art Recovery

11:50 ***Washington Principles* 1998 to 2018.  
Where Are We Today?**  
Ambassador Stuart Eizenstat

12:10 p.m. **20 Years *Washington Principles*:  
Taking Stock**  
Gilbert Lupfer,  
German Lost Art Foundation

## I

### 20 Years After Washington - An Evaluation

12:25 p.m.	Provenance Research in Different Types of Collections <a href="#">Bénédicte Savoy</a>
12:50	Discussion
1:00	Lunch Break
2:30	Germany's Coming to Terms with the Past and the <i>Washington Principles</i> <a href="#">Magnus Brechtken</a>
2:55	Discussion
3:10	1998 to 2018 – National Developments <b>Panel Discussion:</b> Jan Bank (NL), Tony Baumgartner (GB), Christoph Bazil (AT), James Bindenagel (USA), Michael Franz (DE), Uwe Hartmann (DE), Isabelle le Masne de Chermont (FR)
4:10	Coffee Break

## II

### Just and Fair Solutions

4:40 p. m.	Development and Potential of the Advisory Commission A Conversation with Hans-Jürgen Papier and Agnes Peresztegi
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### 5:10 The Descendants' Perspective: Just and Fair Solutions

Almost Lost: One Family's Experience with Restitution, Reunion and Reconciliation.  
[Becki Cohn-Vargas, Anneke de Rudder](#)

The Mosse Art Restitution Project:  
A Collaborative Approach.  
[Roger Strauch](#)

Just a Children's Book? Walter Lachmann and the Restitution of a Children's Book to a Holocaust Survivor.  
[Annette Gerlach](#)

Belated Compensation. Arthur Goldschmidt's Almanac Collection in the Herzogin Anna Amalia Bibliothek in Weimar.  
[Jürgen Weber](#)

Siegfried Lämmle's Legacy:  
A Story of Restitution and Reconnection.  
[Nina and Rex McGehee](#)

### 6:25 The Range of Just and Fair Solutions **Panel Discussion:** Colette Avital, Wesley Fisher, Hermann Simon

### 6:55 Discussion

### Evening Program

### 7:30–9:00 Get Together with Drinks and Snacks

# November 27, 2018

9:00 a.m     Registration

9:30            Welcome Coffee

## Welcome

10:00          H. E. Ambassador Anne-Marie Descôtes, France

10:10          Minister Avraham Nir-Feldklein,  
Embassy of the State of Israel

## III

## Prospects and Progress

10:20 a. m.    (Digital) Working Culture:  
Between Ambition and Reality  
Leonhard Weidinger

10:35          20th Anniversary of the *Washington Principles*:  
What Have We Learnt and Are these Lessons  
Transferable?  
Hermann Parzinger

10:50          Provenance Research:  
The Diversity within a Federal State  
Bernhard Maaz

11:05          The Gurlitt Affair between Jerusalem and Berlin:  
In the Spirit of Doing the Right Thing.  
Shlomit Steinberg

11:20          PREP – Building a Provenance Research Network  
Jane Milosch

11:35          Provenance and Restitution as Subjects  
of Academia  
**Panel Discussion:** Meike Hoffmann, Gesa Jeuthe,  
Antoinette Maget Dominicé, Ulrike Saß,  
Matthias Weller, Christoph Zuschlag  
Hosted by Stephanie Tasch

12:20 p.m.    Discussion

12:45           Lunch Break

## IV

## Education and Responsibility

2:15 p. m.    *Washington Principles* 2018:  
Perspectives of Young People from Europe  
A Cooperation with the EUSTORY Next Generation  
Summit 2018 of the Körber Foundation

2:35            Communication as a Mission!

»Looking for Owners«.  
France-Israel: One Project, Two Approaches  
Laurence Sigal

»Herkunft verpflichtet!«  
Communicating Provenance Research at  
the Landesmuseum Oldenburg  
Rainer Stamm

The Met Collection Online:  
Transparency and Accessibility  
Christel Force

3:20            Discussion

3:35            What Remains of the Shoah?  
New Forms of Remembrance Culture  
Rüdiger Mahlo

3:55            On the Eve of Departure: Objects, Families, Stories  
Edmund de Waal

4:15            Discussion

Conference Conclusions

4:35	<b>Conclusions of an Observer</b> Ellinor Landmann, Journalist, Swiss Radio and Television (SRF)
4:55	<b>Washington Principles: Breaking New Ground with Transparency and Communication</b> Gilbert Lupfer, German Lost Art Foundation

November 28, 2018

WORKSHOPS

These workshops are intended to facilitate expert exchange on selected topics and are limited to 50 participants each. Online registration is required. The working language is English. There will be no translation.

Schedule:

8:30 a.m.	Registration
9:30 – 12:30	<b>Workshop A: »Curating Provenance Research«</b> <b>Workshop B: »Provenance Research and Data Protection Laws«</b>
12:30 p.m.	Registration
1:30 – 4:30	<b>Workshop C: »Provenance Research in Education«</b> <b>Workshop D: »Genealogy and Heir Search«</b>

A. Curating Provenance Research

The *Washington Principles* are closely linked to the recognition of injustice and suffering. Cultural institutions can play a crucial role in the culture of remembrance. The workshop dedicates itself to the visibility of stories behind looted objects and their provenance. In a Best-Practice-Slam, eight exemplary exhibitions will be put forward and their execution further discussed in small groups in the form of a Provenance Café. Thereby key issues will be addressed such as displaying provenance marks on cultural objects and visualizing networks, communicating complex issues in exhibitions through text or the use of new media.

**Hosted by** Sophie Leschik Scientific Staff Provenance Research, German Lost Art Foundation  
Maria Obenaus Personal Assistant to the Honorary Executive Board, German Lost Art Foundation

B. Provenance Research and Data Protection Laws

Not only since the discovery of the Gurlitt art trove in Munich has transparency been considered the highest principle of provenance research. Descendants of Shoah victims rightly call for the open communication of provenance research results, but demand from academics, policymakers and the public for information and exchange is also immense. How could networks and research databases possibly operate without exchanging the necessary data? At the same time, intellectual property and personal rights obtain; the EU General Data Protection Regulation (EU-GDPR) came into effect in May 2018 and defines the fundamental right of living natural persons to informational self-determination with regard to the processing of their personal data, while postmortem confidentiality applies to the deceased. After an introduction, working groups will examine practical aspects by evaluating representative research reports and discussing the requirements for research databases.

**Hosted by** Andrea Baresel-Brand Head Lost Art and Documentation, German Lost Art Foundation  
Matthias Weller Alfried Krupp von Bohlen und Halbach-Professorship, Civil law, art and cultural property protection law, University of Bonn

## C. Provenance Research in Education

The public transmission of the results of provenance research through education programs and cultural-learning approaches is one of the key topics of the conference. This important task of cultural and societal dialogue regarding provenance research is a new responsibility for museums, libraries, and archives. The workshop focuses on innovative and participatory education formats. A peer-to-peer exchange of insights gained through first-hand experience with innovative new approaches in the field is the goal. The discussion will also focus on the question of what role new concepts in education programs can play regarding a new approach to remembrance when the personal history and testimonials of survivors will no longer be available in the future. The viewpoints and ideas of young people who have participated in pilot projects will be part of the workshop and may generate ideas for innovative education projects in this emerging field.

**Hosted by** [Maria Obenaus](#) Personal Assistant to the Honorary Executive Board, German Lost Art Foundation  
[Freya Paschen](#) Head Department for Communication and Public Relations, German Lost Art Foundation

## D. Genealogy and Heir Search

To conduct an heir search, genealogical investigation is a necessary precondition. But what are, in fact, the tools and methods, the resources and strategies – and how can they be used best? In this workshop, genealogists, provenance researchers, and other practitioners will share their knowledge and insights. In addition to receiving a general overview, participants will also work in small groups and, guided by the experts, will apply some of the presented methods. What actually does work well? What does remain tricky in the end? And, at what point is additional help definitely needed? The workshop will attempt to provide answers while also leaving room for exchange of participants' experiences.

**Hosted by** [Mathias Deinert](#) Scientific Staff Provenance Research, German Lost Art Foundation  
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## Speakers and Hosts

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## Registration – First Come, First Served

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### Registration Period: August 20 – October 12, 2018

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Attending the conference and workshops is free of charge. However, the number of places is limited, so participation is only possible by registering online in advance. Due to data-protection compliance, all participants (including accompanying persons) need to register online. Once you have registered successfully, you will receive a confirmation email. You will need to carry a printed copy of this confirmation email as proof of identity, both at the conference and at the supporting events.

Further information about the conference and online registration at [www.20-years-washington-principles.org](http://www.20-years-washington-principles.org)

### Data-Protection

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By registering for and participating in the conference, you accept that the organizer has permission to take photographs, footage and audio/video recordings during the event, and may use these recordings in connection with the conference for publicity and documentation purposes in both analog and digital form (in accordance with Section 22 of the Law on the Protection of Copyright in Works of Art and Photographs – KunstUrhG). The organizer collects, processes and uses your personal data as part of carrying out the statutory obligation of the German Lost Art Foundation.

### Conference Languages and Translation

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The conference languages are German and English. Simultaneous interpretation will be offered on November 26 and 27, 2018. On November 28, no translation will be offered. Please note that you will need to provide an ID card or driver's license if you wish to borrow a receiver and headphones.

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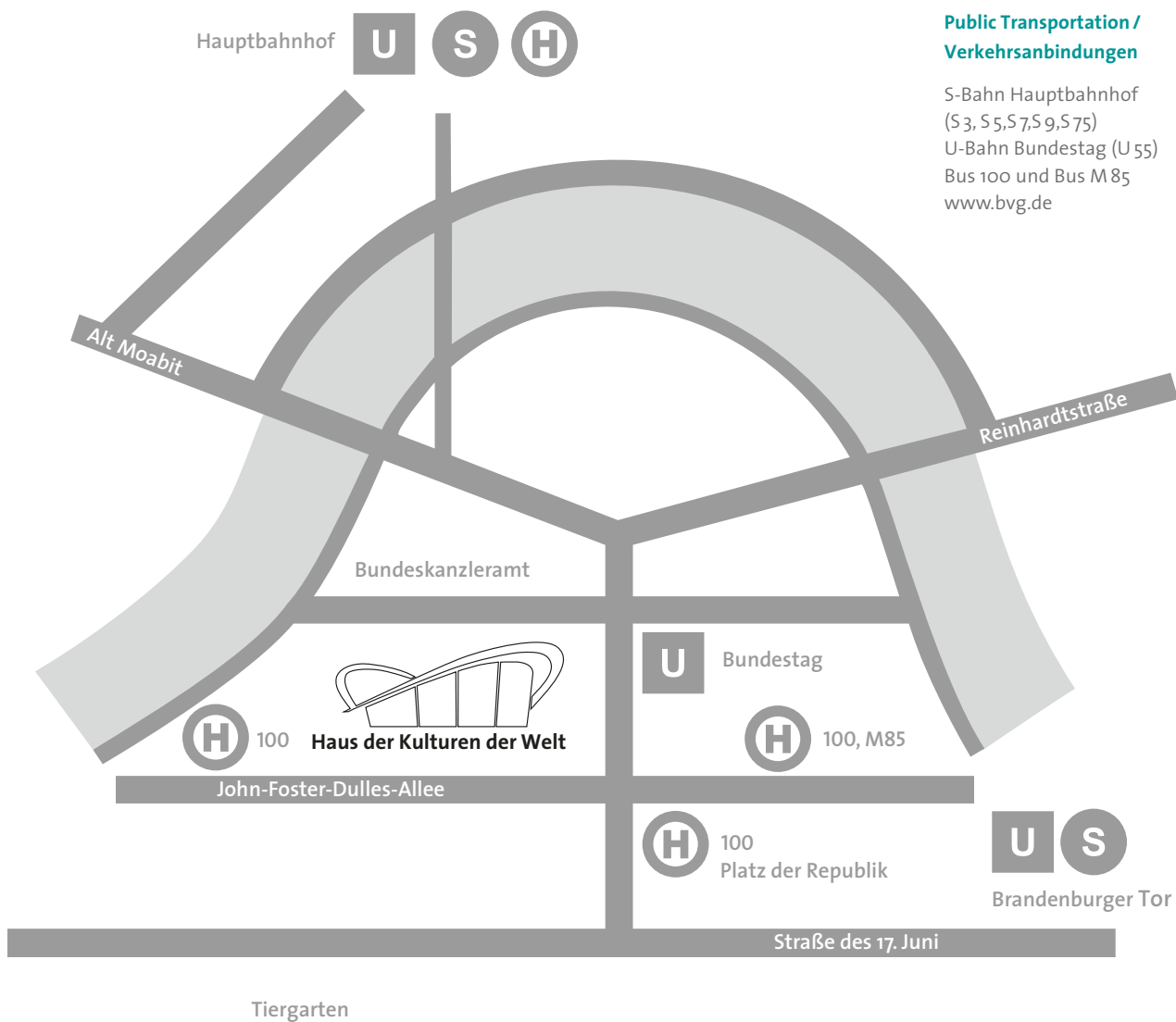
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### Conference Organization

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## Conference Location/Veranstaltungsort

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