

# Museums and Difficult Heritage

16-18 June 2011 Helsinki, Finland

## Programme

### Thursday, 16 June Helsinki Congress Paasitorni

**09.00 Registration**

**09.30 Welcoming Speeches**

Jari Harju, Chair, ICMAH  
Tiina Merisalo, Museum Director, Helsinki City Museum  
Philippos Mazarakis-Ainian, Chair, IAMH

**10.00 Theme 1  
Museums Reflecting and Shaping Community**

Moderator  
Maria De Waele  
Ghent City Museum, Belgium

#### **Keynote Speech**

Marie-Paule Jungblut  
Luxemburg City Museum, Luxembourg  
How Historical Museums Negotiate a Difficult Cultural Heritage?

**11.00 Coffee Break**

**11.30 Session 1  
Finding Your Public**

Nina Archabal & Andrea Kajer  
Minnesota Historical Society, USA  
Minnesota's Un-Civil War: U.S.-Dakota War of 1862

Kalle Kallio  
The Finnish Labour Museum, Finland  
Labour Heritage: Marginal and Mainstream

Irene van Renselaar  
Museum Rotterdam, Netherland  
Difficulties in Contemporary Heritage Projects: Community Participation and (Re)Presentation of Contemporary Urban Culture.

**13.00 Lunch**

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**14.00 Session 2**  
**Challenges for Museum Professionals**

Moderator (Sessions 2 & 3)  
Renée Kistemaker  
Amsterdam Museum, Netherland

Rainey Tisdale  
Boston, USA  
The American Revolution in Boston: A Blessing and a Curse

Tõnu Pedaru  
Tallinn City Museum, Estonia  
Exposing the Soviet Period – Just the Agitprop or Something More?

Marjo Poutanen  
Vantaa City Museum, Finland  
Rainbow Finland – A Colourful Exhibition Process

**15.30 Coffee Break**

**16.00 Session 3**  
**Public Reactions**

Sally Yerkovich  
Seton Hall University, USA  
Reflecting Upon Hide/Seek

Pinja Haukkavaara  
University of Helsinki, Finland  
Watch out, Gypsies! – Can a Museum Exhibition Break down Prejudices?

Esther Solomon  
University of Ioannina, Greece  
“Entangled” Archaeological Objects: A Debate on the Significance of Museum Practice

**17.30 Departure to Helsinki City Museum, Sofiankatu 4**  
**Evening reception**

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## Friday, 17 June Helsinki Congress Paasitorni

**09.15 ICMAH General Assembly**  
(For ICMAH members only)

**09.30 Registration**

**10.00 Theme 2**  
**Museums Dealing with Conflicting Issues**

Moderator  
Minna Sarantola-Weiss  
Helsinki City Museum, Finland

### Keynote Speech

Jan Löfström  
University of Helsinki, Finland  
Reparations for Historical Injustices – Implications for Museums when Dealing with the Issue of Difficult Heritage

**11.00 Coffee Break**

**11.30 Session 4**  
**Remember and Repair**

Simone Erpel  
German Historical Museum, Germany  
Perpetrators on Display. Nazi dictatorship and WWII Perpetrators in Exhibitions.

Paulo Abrão & Marcelo D. Torelly  
Amnesty Commission, Brazilian Federal Republic Ministry of Justice, Brazil  
Dictatorship Victims and Memorialization in Brazil: Concepts and Challenges in the Process of Building the Political Amnesty Memorial

Margaret Anderson  
History South Australia, Australia  
Museums, Conflicted Memory and Remembrance in Contemporary Multicultural Societies

**13.00 Lunch**

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**14.00 Session 5**  
**Maintaining or Challenging Status Quo?**

Moderator (Sessions 5 & 6)  
Cristina Lleras  
Museo Nacional de Colombia, Colombia

Alexandra Bounia  
University of the Aegean, Greece  
Heritage and/in Conflict: Historical Museums in Cyprus

Gennaro Postiglione & Michela Bassanelli  
DPA-Politecnico di Milano, Italy  
Difficult Heritage in Conflict Archaeological Landscape

**15.30 Coffee Break**

**16.00 Session 6**  
**Looking for New Solutions**

Susanna Eskola & Tiina Naukkarinen  
The Finnish Museum of the Deaf, Finland  
Deaf Heritage – Where Is the Difficulty?

Katerina Mavromichali  
State Museum of Contemporary Art-Costakis Collection, Greece  
National and Global Heritage: A Way Forward

Bongani Ndhlovu  
Iziko Museums, South Africa  
Using the Past to Forge a Future: Challenges of Uniting a Nation against Skeletal Odds

**17.30 Departure to Suomenlinna Sea Fortress**  
**Dinner at the restaurant Mastovaja**

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## Saturday, 18 June Excursion Day

**09.30** **Departure by bus**, in front of the Museum of Contemporary Art Kiasma,  
Mannerheiminaukio 2

**WeeGee Exhibition Center, Espoo**

Espoo City Museum

Helinä Rautavaara Museum

EMMA Espoo Museum of Modern Art

**Lunch**

**Arabia Museum and Factory**

**Coffee break**

**Vanhakaupunki (Old Town) district and archaeological site**

(NB: Only in decent weather!)

**18.00** **Back in the centre**, in front of the Museum of Contemporary Art Kiasma,  
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