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Organised by ICOM Europe, ICOM Africa, ICOM Arab, Italian Ministry of Culture DIVA, ICOM Italy, ICOFOM, SUSTAIN, ICOM COMMS, AVICOM, INTERCOM, ICOM WGD

The conference wants to exchange views about the better ways of considering African museum heritage in European museums by comparing concepts of museum and heritage in European and African thought and practice.

It will include two in-depth conceptual sessions with four keynote speakers, two from Europe and two from Africa, followed by two panel discussions. This session will be followed by three panels of comparative experiences between European and African museologists and museum professionals, summarised in a final discussion of reports and posters.

PRELIMINARY PROGRAMME

SEPTEMBER, THURDAY 25th, 2025. Rome, National Library of Rome, Viale Castro Pretorio, 105

Session I – The concept of heritage in African and European thought and practice 09.00 a.m. | Registration

09.30 a.m. | Keynote speaker

Giuliana Ericani presents:

Dominique **Poulot**, "The evolution of European heritage, from the veneration of monuments to the archaeology of civilisations"

10.15 a.m. | Keynote speaker: Jean-Paul **Kougoudou** presents: Alain **Godonou**, title to be defined

11.00 - 11.30 a.m. | Coffee break

11.30 a.m. - 01.30 p.m. | Roundtable and debate

Coordinator: Anite Hermannstädter

Participants:

- Dominique Poulot
- Alain Goudonou
- JC Niala
- Njabulo Chipangura

01.30 - 02.30 p.m. | Lunch break

Session II - The concept of museum in African and European thought and practice

02.30 p.m. | Keynote speaker

Alexandre Chevalier presents:

Placide Mumumbele, title to be defined

03.15 p.m. | Keynote speaker

Juliette Raoul-Duval presents:

Daniele Jalla, "L'Europa e lo spirito del museo"

04.00 - 04.15 p.m. | Coffee break

04.15 - 06.30 p.m. | Roundtable and debate

Coordinator: Noemi Etienne

Participants:

- Placide Mumumbele
- Daniele Jalla
- Didier Houenoude
- Perrice Nkombwe

06.30 -07.30 p.m. | Michael H. **Faber**, AVICOM chair, Availability and usability of externally produced ethnographic documentary films in the affected societies and their cultural institutions (with showing)

SEPTEMBER, FRIDAY 26th, 2025. Rome, National Library of Rome, Viale Castro Pretorio, 105

Heritage and Museums in Africa and Europe

09.30- 10.30 a.m. | Panel 1

Sofia **Bollo**, "Heritage and museum. Musealisation, conservation, digital, restoration, research, study and cataloguing"

Marion **Bertin**, "Mémoire des personnes, mémoire coloniale: les collections de restes humains originaires du Congo conservées dans des musées en Belgique"

Remy **Jadinon**, "Managing sound archives at the Africa Museum in Tervuren (Belgium): challenges and experiences"

Monica **Titton**, "Colonial Fashion in the Archive: Object Biographies and the Musealization of Fashion Artifacts from Eritrea, Libya and Somalia in Italy's Former Colonial Museum"

10.30 - 11.00 a.m. | Coffee break

11.00 - 12.00 a.m. | Panel 2

Lana Karaja, "Museum displays. New readings and new interpretations"

Andrea **Viliani**, "Decolonizing a museum through, not against, its heritage: historical past, critical present, and hypothetical future of the Museum of Civilizations"

Amani **Abeid**, Maike **Schimanowski**, Jocelyne **Stahl**, Kristin **Weber-Sinn**, "(Re) Presentation of Cultural Belongings within the Exhibition Historia za Tanzania - Geschichte (n) Tanzanias - Histories of Tanzania in the Humboldt Forum"

Maria Figueira, Elisabete Pereira, "Facing colonial legacies in Portuguese museums"

Kaela Banda, "Decolonising exhibition: case studies from Museums in Zambia"

12.00 - 01.00 p.m. | Panel 3

Mario Antas, "Heritage. Museums. Collections. The communities' role"

Mohamadou Moustafa **Dieye**, "The role des communautés dans les dévelopment des musées anticoloniaux en Afriques"

Jerome **Evanno**, "Résonances d'un patrimoine vivant; la Kora entre restitution active et muséologie communautaire en Cote d'Ivoire"

Mustafa M. **Hussein**, "Reclaiming the past, rebuilding Identity: the role of the Somaliland National Museum in Post-Colonial Heritage Preservation"

01.00 - 02.30 p.m. | Lunch break

02.30 - 03.30 p.m. | Posters presentation (Elke **Kellner**)

03.30 - 06.30 p.m. | Final roundtable

Coordinators: Giuliana Ericani, Jean-Paul Kougoudou

Participants:

- Terry Nyambe
- Ayoko Mensah
- Rasoarifetra Bako Nirina
- Raphael Schwere

SEPTEMBER, SATURDAY 27th, 2025

10.00 a.m. - 01.00 p.m. | Visit to the Museo delle Civiltà, Rome

REGISTRATION FORM