

Iraqi Cultural Heritage Conference



Welcoming Address

Session 1 (9:30 AM) - Value of Cultural Heritage

Moderated by Tobin Hartnell, AUIS

Speakers:

- Gyorgy Busztin, Deputy-Secretary of UN Assistance Mission Iraq - Building a Positive Future through Cultural Heritage
- Mala Awat, Director of the Erbil Directorate of Antiquities - Cultural Heritage in the KRG
- Kamal Rashid Rahim, Director of the Sulaimani Directorate of Antiquities - The Future of Cultural Heritage in Sulaimani
- Ahmad Kamel Mohammed, Director of Iraqi Museum in Baghdad - The Significance of Reopening the Iraqi Museum
- Iqbal Kadhim Aajeel, Director of the Nasriyah Museum - Provincial Museums and Cultural Heritage: A Closer Look at Nasriyah Museum

Musical Interlude - Hajar Zahawy

Session 2 (11:30) - Destruction of Cultural Heritage

Moderated by Tobin Hartnell, AUIS

Speakers:

- Axel Plathe, Director of UNESCO, Iraq - UNESCO's Mission to Protect Cultural Heritage in Iraq
- Hussein Dhaher, Head of Archaeology at Mosul University - The Crisis in Mosul
- Bilal Wahab, Assistant Professor, AUIS - Funding ISIS with the Illicit Trade in Antiquities
- Marie Labrosse, Lecturer, AUIS - Preserving Archives Against a Future of Conflict
- Muayad Said Damerji, Former Director of Iraqi State Board of Antiquities and Heritage - Managing Cultural Heritage During Sanctions



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Session 3 (1:15 PM) - Future Strategies

Moderated by Christine van den Toorn, Director, Institute of Regional and International Studies (IRIS)

Speakers:

- Simone Mühl, Assistant Professor, Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität - Rescue Excavations and Cultural Heritage Management
- Jessica Giraud, Research Fellow, Institut Français Proche Orient, Head of French Mission to Sulaimani - The Potential of Remote Sensing in Cultural Heritage Management
- Tobin Hartnell, Assistant Professor at AUIS - The Future of Archaeology at AUIS
- Kozad Ahmed, Head of Archaeology at University of Sulaimani - Investigating the History of Ancient Kurdistan
- Mustafa Ahmed, Research Fellow, Institut Français Proche Orient - Syrian Culture in Crisis

AUIS is hosting its first annual symposium on Iraqi Cultural Heritage at a pivotal time. ISIS is systematically destroying the cultural heritage of northern Iraq; however, the recent openings of the Baghdad and Nasriyah Museums highlight the positive role cultural heritage can play as an alternative to ISIS. This year's symposium, "Iraqi Cultural Heritage in Crisis: Strategies for the Future", will convene prominent scholars, policy makers, government officials, cultural professionals, and journalists from the Kurdistan Region, Iraq, and beyond to discuss the complex and pressing issues relating to cultural heritage in the region. As Cultural Heritage Management requires local, regional, national, and international collaboration to be successful; this symposium will provide a regular platform for addressing these issues and build ever-closer collaboration between the most important stakeholders around the world. To achieve this goal, we are hosting a number of distinguished speakers from the region, Europe, and America to speak at the symposium.





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Iraqi Cultural Heritage in Crisis: Strategies for the Future



April 26, 2015 - AUIS Conference Hall

Session 1: 9:30 - 11:00 AM

From Mesopotamia to Iraq: Valuing the Past for Iraq's Future

An inter-regional perspective on Iraq's and Kurdistan's historic sites and antiquities. Speakers are coming from all over Iraq and overseas.

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April 26, 2015 - AUIS Conference Hall

Session 3: 1:30 – 3:00 PM

The Future of Cultural Heritage Management in Iraq

A look at modern strategies for finding, managing and preserving cultural heritage of all types. Speakers are coming from all over Iraq and overseas.

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Session 2: 11:15 – 12:45 PM

Destruction and Sale of Iraqi and Kurdish Civilization

A detailed look at the destruction and sale of cultural heritage of all types.

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