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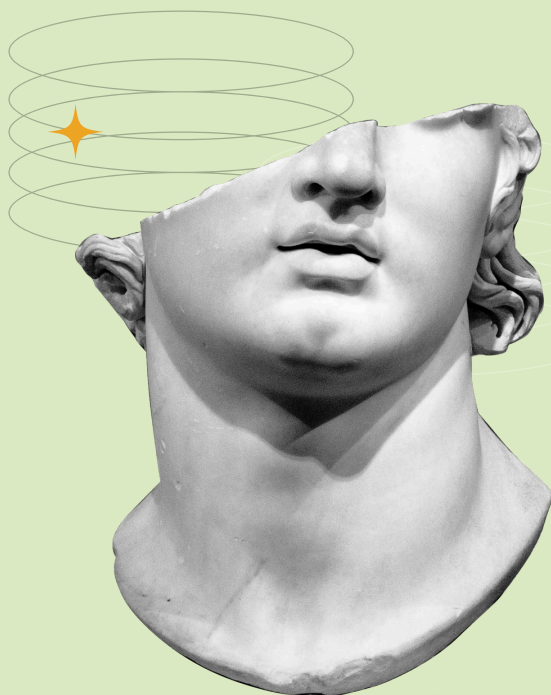
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International Conference The Fight Against Illicit Trafficking of Cultural Objects

A Coordinated Action
through Diplomacy, Law,
Technologies, and the
Carabinieri's Role

Topic of the Conference

The **illicit trade in cultural property threatens global heritage and security**, particularly in conflict zones where weak institutions enable looting and trafficking, often funding criminal or terrorist groups. International legal frameworks remain inadequate, highlighting the **vital role of diplomacy, youth engagement, and mediation** in protecting and recovering cultural assets.

Italy leads global efforts through **pioneering initiatives** like the Carabinieri TPC and the "Blue Helmets of Culture," which serve as models in heritage protection.

To advance these efforts, the **Heritage International Institute** and the **Carabinieri Arm Corps**, with the support of **Regione Lazio**, present the **international conference "The Fight Against Illicit Trafficking of Cultural Objects through Diplomacy, Law, Technologies, and the Carabinieri's Role."**

The event will **bring together experts across sectors** and feature many different sessions, offering **focused case studies** on the challenges and opportunities for action in fragile contexts.

EXHIBITION

"Recovered Treasures. Cultural Heritage Between Crime, Diplomacy and Justice"

Masterpieces recovered by the
Carabinieri Command for the Protection
of Cultural Heritage

Opening ceremony - 1st of July, 09:45-10:15



Palazzo WeGil, regione lazio
Largo Ascianghi 5, 00153, Rome

When

1st July from 8:30am to 5:15pm

2nd of July from 9:00am to 4:30pm

Where

Palazzo WeGil, Largo Ascianghi 5, 00153, Rome

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The Conference Highlights - 1st of July

09:00 - 09:45 | Institutional Greetings and Opening of the Conference

Pr. Francesco Rocca – President of Regione Lazio

Simona Renata Baldassarre – Regional Councillor for Culture, Lazio Region

Gen. D. Pietro Salsano – Commander of the Carabinieri Specialized Units Division

Prof. Gianluigi Mastandrea Bonaviri – Professor in International Diplomatic and Consular Law

Dott. Sergio Iovino – President of Heritage International Institute

Alfonsina Russo – Capo Dipartimento per la Valorizzazione del Patrimonio Culturale e Direttrice del Parco Archeologico del Colosseo

Amb. Alessandro De Pedys – General Director for Public and Cultural Diplomacy (MAECI)

12:15 - 13:45 | The International and European Frameworks Against Illicit Trafficking: Gaps, Challenges, and Perspectives

Fausto Pocar – Professor Emeritus of International Law (University of Milan)

Claudia Morini – Associate Professor of European Law (University of Salento)

Isabella Salsano – PhD candidate (University of Salento); HII Department of Heritage and Human Rights

Marina Schneider – UNIDROIT Principal Legal Officer & Treaties Depositary

Cristiana Carletti – Professor at Public International Law (Roma Tre University); Chief of the HII Department for Heritage and Development Cooperation

Moderator: **Davide Scalmani** – Heritage International Institute

16:15 - 17:15 | Illicit Trafficking, Cultural Identity, and Collective Memory: Human Rights at Stake

Andrea Socrati – Chief of the HII Unit of Accessibility and Inclusion Strategies, Responsible for accessibility and special projects of the State Tactile Museo Omero

Tina Manandhar – Professor in Traditional Architecture of Nepal, Archival Science, Numismatics (Tribhuvan University), Coordinator for HII in Nepal

Marco Ramazzotti – Professor of Archaeology (Roma La Sapienza University)

Moderator: **Laura Guercio** – Chief of the HII Unit of Human Rights, Secretary General of the Universities Network for Children In Armed Conflicts

10:30- 11:00 | Opening Keynote Speech

Davide Scalmani – Heritage International Institute

11:00 - 12:15 | Law Enforcement and the Fight Against Illicit Trafficking: The Role of Specialized Units

Francesco Gargaro – Gen. D., Chief of the Carabinieri Command for the Protection of Cultural Heritage

Giovanni Conzo – Deputy prosecutor, Rome Public Prosecutor's Office

Luigi Mancuso – Ten. Col. CC Direttore 1^a Sezione Unità Nazionale Europol SCIP – Direzione Centrale della Polizia Criminale.

Tiziano Coiro – Coordinator Works of Art Unit at INTERPOL

Moderator: **Gianpietro Romano** – Ten. Col. CC Specialized Units Division

14:45 - 16:15 | Cultural Diplomacy and International Cooperation: A Multi-Stakeholder Perspective

Welcoming remarks by: **H.E. Ambassador Niccolò Fontana** – Ambassador of Italy in Baghdad

H.E. Saywan Sabir Mustafa Barzani – Ambassador of the Republic of Iraq to the Italian Republic

Lorenzo D'Ascia – State Attorney in service with the general Office of the State

Giuseppina Bonaviri – Psychiatric physician, PhD in Experimental and Clinical Neuroscience; Chief Executive Officer of Area Vasta Smart

Saveria Mobrìci – Criminal Lawyer and President of the Military Criminal Law Chamber

Moderator: **Marxiano Melotti** – Professor of Sociology of Tourism and Cultural Heritage (Unicusano)



The Conference Highlights - 2nd of July

09:30 - 09:50 | Opening of the Second Day

On. Edmondo Cirielli – Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation

Dr. Massimo Osanna – General Director of Museums of the Ministry of Culture

9:50 - 10:20 | Opening Keynote Speech

Nora Weller – Division of Archaeology (University of Cambridge)

12:00 - 13:45 | Illicit Trafficking in Times of War and Post Conflict: Heritage Under Attack and the Struggle for Justice:

Welcoming remarks by: **H.E. Luna Ahmed Rajab** – Assistant Minister of Culture for Heritage and Antiquities of the Syrian Arab Republic

Gianluigi Mastandrea Bonaviri – Professor in International Diplomatic and Consular Law

Rana Kharouf – Professor at the Sciences Po., Paris School for International Affairs; HII Academic Board

Ahmed Al Fatlawi – Professor of International Law (University of Kufa); HII Academic Board

Luca Fratini – Coordinator for Women, Peace and Security, Youth, Peace and Security and Mediation Policies, Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation

Alberto Oddenino – Professor in International Law (University of Turin) and Deputy Director of the CPP Master and **Ludovico Carofano** – PhD Student (Sant'Anna School of Advanced Studies); Heritage International Institute

Elsa Urtivzere – Museums and collections Project Manager, ALIPH Foundation

Moderator: **Hani El Debuch** – Academic Board HII

16:15 - 16:30 | Closing Remarks and Future Perspectives

Sergio Iovino – Chief Executive Officer of the Heritage International Institute

Prof. Gianluigi Mastandrea Bonaviri – Professor in International Diplomatic and Consular Law



10:30 - 12:00 | Illicit Trafficking in the Digital Age: Emerging Technologies, Black Markets, and New Frontiers of Protection

Gianluca Vitagliano – Gen. B. Chief of the Carabinieri Cryptovalue Command

Salvatore Rapicavoli – Magg. Section Chief of Carabinieri SED (Data Elaboration Section RACIS – Command of Scientific Investigations)

Giuliana Calcani – Professor of Ancient Art History (Roma Tre University)

Emanuele Bellini – Professor of Information Processing Systems (Roma Tre University)

Emiliano Degl'Innocenti – National Research Council, DARIAH-IT National Coordinator

Moderator: Valentina Gastaldo – Professor in Administrative Law (University of Parma); Chief of HII Department of Heritage and Informatics Affairs, New Technologies and Artificial Intelligence

14:45 - 16:15 | Special Session: Illicit Trafficking in Somalia – A Case Study on Fragility, Conflict, and Cultural Loss

Welcoming remarks by: **H.E. Pier Mario Daccò Coppi** – Ambassador of Italy in Mogadishu

H.E. Minister Dauud Aways – Minister for Information, Culture & Tourism of the Federal Republic of Somalia

H.E. Farah Sheikh Abdulqadir – Minister of Education, Culture & Higher Education of the Federal Republic of Somalia

Sonkor Geyre – Chairman of Institute Security Analysis and Federalism; Former DG Ministry of Defense Somalia

Prof. Hassan Osman Ga'al – Rector of Somali National University (SNU)

Prof. Mohamud Hamid Mohamed – Chancellor of the Puntland State University (PSU)

Gianluca Frinchillucci – Chief of the HII Department for Heritage and Exploration History and Director of the "Silvio Zavatti" Polar Geographic Institute in Fermo

Moderator: Flavia Orsati – Historian of Arts; HII Academic Board