

## Goals

The conference on the 50th anniversary of the World Heritage Convention and the presentation of the book “50 Years World Heritage Convention: Shared Responsibility - Conflict & Reconciliation” addresses questions that have arisen in the 50 years of implementation of the Convention. They are dealt with in 6 conflict areas. At the same time, we are looking ahead into the future implementation of the Convention and the involvement of civil society as a crucial actor for its success. Today, the ongoing war against Ukraine, the killing of people and the destruction of their physical and intangible heritage and culture require a reaction from the international World Heritage community, since the World Heritage Convention is an instrument for international cooperation and peace, promoting the conservation of outstanding cultural and natural heritage as the heritage of humanity.

## Concept

The conference will allow physical and online participation in order to bring together a wide range of stakeholders. Organizations, institutions, networks and individuals interested in the implementation of the World Heritage Convention are invited to join and take part in the event. The book is available in open access which will contribute to communicate the values of the World Heritage Convention globally.

The open access link to the book: [link.springer.com/book/10.1007/978-3-031-05660-4](https://link.springer.com/book/10.1007/978-3-031-05660-4)

Link to the book series Heritage Studies: [www.springer.com/series/15419](https://www.springer.com/series/15419)



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## 50 Years World Heritage Convention - Times of Peace, Conflict and War

## International Conference on the Future of the World Heritage Convention

Concept and Programme

Venue: Europasaal at the Federal Foreign Office and Online

Registration Link:  
[registration.ihs.online-live-event.de](https://registration.ihs.online-live-event.de)

## 50 YEARS WORLD HERITAGE CONVENTION: TIMES OF PEACE, CONFLICT AND WAR

### Programme

4 November 2022, 10:45 - 18:30 (CET)

Venue: Federal Foreign Office, Berlin and online

10:45 – 11:00 Warm up and introduction to the programme by the moderator  
**Dr. Ping Kong**, Heritage & Education gGmbH

#### 11:00 – 11:30 Welcome Speeches

11:00 – 11:10 Welcome and background information by **Prof. Dr. Marie-Theres Albert, Head of the Institute Heritage Studies (IHS)**

11:10 – 11:20 Welcome by **Ms. Jennifer Morgan, State Secretary and Special Envoy for International Climate Action, Federal Foreign Office**

11:20 – 11:30 Welcome by **Mr. Lazare Eloundou Assomo, Director of the UNESCO World Heritage Centre**

#### 11:30 – 11:50 Keynote

11:30 – 11:50 Keynote by **Dr. Birgitta Ringbeck, Head of World Heritage Coordinating Body (1/2012 - 10/2022), Federal Foreign Office:**  
The World Heritage Convention and its Peace Mandate

#### 11:50 – 13:00 Visions from the Civil Society – 50 Years of World Heritage - What has been achieved - What has not been achieved - What has to be done in the face of this war?

Moderation: **Prof. Dr. Friedrich Schipper, Executive President, Blue Shield Austria**

11:50 – 12:00 Introduction into the session by the moderator **Prof. Dr. Friedrich Schipper, Executive President, Blue Shield Austria**

12:00 – 12:20 Presentation by **Mr. Joseph King, Senior Director, Office of the Director-General, ICCROM:**  
The intergovernmental and technical view – How gaps can be filled

#### 12:20 – 13:00 Round Table: Protection of World Heritage in a Changing World

- **Prof. Dr. Christina Cameron, founding member of Our World Heritage:**  
How to strengthen the protection of World Heritage as a common resource
- **Mr. Uli Gräbener, Vice-Chair of World Heritage Watch (WHW):**  
Why World Heritage protection needs civil society and how it can be encouraged
- **Ms. Constanze Fuhrmann, Head of the Unit “Environment and Cultural Heritage”, German Federal Environmental Foundation (DBU):**  
Sustainability, a guiding principle for the protection of World Heritage – What can foundations contribute to the protection of heritage
- **Ms. Khrystyna Ahner, International Association of World Heritage Professionals (IAWHP) e.V. in Ukraine:** What do we need to do?

- **Dr. Matthias Ripp, Organization World Heritage Cities (OWHC), Secretary General OWHC:** Cities in peace and conflicts – How can reality be improved?

#### 13:00 – 13:30 Break

#### 13:30 – 14:45 Ways Out – Conflicts and Conflict-solving Strategies

13:30 – 13:50 **Prof. Dr. Peter Stone, UNESCO Chair in Cultural Property Protection and Peace, President of Blue Shield International**  
World Heritage Sites: Targets in conflict? Ambassadors for peace?

13:50 – 14:10 **Adam Markham, Acting Director for Climate & Energy, Union of Concerned Scientists (UCS):** World Heritage & Climate Change - What needs to be done?

14:10 – 14:40 **Questions** from the audience

#### 14:45 – 16:00 Round Table – Sharing New Visions - The Future of the World Heritage Convention

Moderation: **Dr. Roland Bernecker, Visiting Professor in Cultural Management at Brandenburg University of Technology**

#### 14:45 – 15:35 Round Table: The Future – Discussion with Former, Current & Future Experts

- **Dr. Mechtild Rössler**, Former Director of the World Heritage Centre
- **Dr. Birgitta Ringbeck**, Head of the World Heritage Coordinating Body (1/2012 - 10/2022), Federal Foreign Office
- **Mr. Lazare Eloundou Assomo**, Director of the World Heritage Centre
- **Mr. Joseph King**, Senior Director, Office of the Director-General, ICCROM
- **Ms. Elisabeth Korinth**, Officer at the Senate Department for Culture and Europe, Vice President at Blue Shield Germany
- **Mr. Juan Carlos Barrientos García**, Coordinator of the Educational Programme of European Heritage Volunteers & PhD candidate at DFG Research Group, Bauhaus University of Weimar and Technical University of Berlin

15:35 – 15:50 **Questions** from the audience

15:50 – 16:00 Summary by **Prof. Dr. Marie-Theres Albert, Head of the Institute Heritage Studies (IHS)**

#### 16:00 – 18:30 Closing Event – Ceremony and Exploring the World Heritage Site Museum Island

16:00 – 17:30 **Reception and handing-over of the book “50 Years World Heritage Convention: Shared Responsibility – Conflict and Reconciliation”**

17:30 – 18:30 **Guided tours** at the World Heritage Site Museum Island, Berlin