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CONCEPT NOTE

Cultural Property Protection and NATO: Experiences, Practices and Trends

9 February 2023

The aim of the conference is to assess the implications for Allies and NATO of the growing international concern for the protection of cultural property in armed conflicts.

NATO remains dedicated to continuing its efforts in the field of Cultural Property Protection. Over the last decade, NATO has made progress in addressing the crosscutting challenges related to cultural property in operations and missions, including under its Protection of Civilians Policy and comprehensive approach to crisis management. At the Madrid Summit, Heads of State and Government endorsed the NATO Human Security Approach and Guiding Principles, which covers, among others areas, Cultural Property Protection. Key to this commitment will be the development of a policy for Cultural Property Protection in support of implementation of the 1954 Hague Convention for the Protection of Cultural Property in the Event of Armed Conflict and its Protocols in NATO's operations and missions.

The conference will also address new trends in Cultural Property Protection, *inter alia*, the exploitation of objects, places, and landscapes of significant cultural value as tools of influence, domination and information warfare. Also relevant is the issue of how NATO may play a role in the protection and prevention efforts related to Cultural Property Protection, and how its considerations are integrated into preparations, planning and conduct of its operations and missions.

The conference will gather a broad range of military and civilian practitioners, experts and national representatives and it will serve as a scoping discussion for supporting NATO's effort in drafting a dedicated policy on Cultural Property Protection.



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Programme

This conference explores recent experiences, practices, and trends of relevance to NATO's work with strengthening and formalizing Cultural Property Protection as a key NATO effort.

PLENARY

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| 09:30 - 09:50 | Welcome Coffee |
| 09:50 - 10:00 | Family Picture |
| 10:00 - 10:15 | Welcome and Introductory Remarks – NATO DSG Mr Mircea Geoană |
| 10:15 - 10:30 | Framing speech for discussion on CPP – NATO SGSR Ms Irene Fellin |
| 10:30 - 12:00 | Panel 1: NATO and Cultural Property Protection: Experiences: Successes and Challenges |

Moderator: Professor Peter Stone UNESCO Chair in Cultural Property Protection and Peace, President, The Blue Shield, Newcastle, UK

Panellists: Dr Corine Wegener, Director, Smithsonian Cultural Rescue Initiative, Washington D.C., US

Dr Laurie Rush, US Army Cultural Resource Manager, Fort Drum, US

Ms Sera Gaeta, SHAPE CIMIC Liaison Branch Head, Mons, BE



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Colonel Giuseppe De Magistris, Director NATO Stability Policing
COE, Vicenza, IT

Q&A

12:00 - 13:30 Lunch break

13:30 - 15:00 **Panel 2:** CPP Emerging Threats and Challenges: From Protection to Concrete
Military Strategies

Moderator: Dr Shannon Lewis-Simpson, Assistant Professor, Canadian
Defence Academy, Dallaire Centre of Excellence for Peace and Security,
Kingston, CA

Panellists: Dr Frederik Rosen, Director of the Nordic Center for Cultural
Heritage and Armed Conflict, Copenhagen, DK

Dr Daniel Shulz, Research Fellow, NATO Defence College, Rome,
IT

Dr Kristin Hausler, Director of the Centre for International Law,
The British Institute of International and Comparative Law,
London, UK

Professor Lynn Meskell, Penn Integrates Knowledge, University of
Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, US

Q&A

15:00 - 15:30 Coffee Break

15:30 - 16:00 Wrap Up and summary of main points for policy consideration – NATO SGSR
Ms Irene Fellin and Moderators