

Ukraine Culture Security Forum

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Wednesday, 22 October 2025 | 13:30–16:00

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13:30 – 16:00 Round table: Strengthening international interest in Ukraine and its culture
(20–25 representatives from Ukraine, France, Germany and Poland) **Closed invitation**
Moderator: Kai - Olaf Lang, Stiftung Wissenschaft und Politik

Thursday, 23 October 2025

Embassy of the Republic of Poland in Germany, (Unter den Linden 70, 10117 Berlin)

08:00 – 08:55 **Registration of participants (and security check)**

09:00 – 09:30 **Opening of the conference**

Welcome:

- Małgorzata Ławrowska - von Thadden, OBMIN Foundation, Poland
- Dr. Kateryna Rietz - Rakul, Ukrainian Institute in Germany

Official opening:

- Jan Tombiński, Chargé d'affaires ad interim of the Republic of Poland to the Federal Republic of Germany
- Oleksii Makeiev, Ambassador of Ukraine in Germany
- Eric Chevreul, Embassy of the French Republic in Germany
- Stefan Rössel, Deputy Director-General for Culture and Society, German Federal Foreign



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09:30 – 11:00 **Panel 1: The Importance of Culture for National Security Frameworks**

- Silke Krummel, Agency for International Museum Cooperation, Germany
- Maciej Matysiak, Ministry of Culture and National Heritage of the Republic of Poland
- Olesia Ostrovska-Liuta, National Art and Culture Museum Complex "Mystetskyi Arsenal" Ukraine
- Gitte Zschoch, Institute for International Relations, ifa

Moderation: Sonja Zekri, culture correspondent for Süddeutsche Zeitung

11:00 – 11:30 Coffee break & group photo

11:30 – 13:00 **Panel 2: The Role of Culture as a Tool in Hybrid Warfare and the Function of Cultural Institutions, particularly Museums, in Shaping Narratives**

Intervention: Maria Smorževskih-Smirnova, Narva Museum, Estonia

- Dr. Sophie Chauvet, Independent researcher University of Toulouse, France
- Prof. Dr. Thomas Drachenberg, The Association of State Monument Authorities in Germany (VDL)
- Dr. Yurii Savchuk, National Museum of the History of Ukraine in the Second World War, Ukraine

Moderation: Myroslava Gongadze, Supervisory Board member, Ukrainian institute

13:00 – 13:45 Snack break

13:45 – 15:15 **Panel 3: Countering Illicit Trafficking and the Displacement of Cultural Property**

Intervention: Dr. Olena Kocherhina, Ukrainian Red Cross Society (URCS), Ukraine (10')

- Dr. Konstantin Akinsha, Art Historian, Curator, Journalist
- Mateusz Fałkowski, Pilecki Institut Berlin
- Joanna Kilian-Michelelli, National Museum in Warsaw
- PhD. Oksana Lifantii, National Museum of the History of Ukraine
- Prof. Hermann Parzinger, Europa Nostra

Moderation: Yeva Yakubovska, Vitsche e.V.

15:15 – 17:00 **Panel 4: Protection of Cultural Heritage in Wartimes**

Intervention: Trailer of "War on Art", Directed by Andrzej Miękus

- Vianney Basse, ALIPH
- Prof. Susanne Keuchel, Genshagen Foundation
- Michał Michalski, POLONIKA
- Manana Tevzadze, Georgian National Committee of the Blue Shield
- Yurii Tkach, Chernihiv Regional Art Museum named after Hrigory Halahan, Ukraine

Moderation: Helene Rånlund, The National Swedish Museums of Military History's (SFHM), Sweden