



Europe's Civic University Alliance

Museum University Forum

***Reinterpreting university museum collections:
A collaborative digital initiative for
decolonization***

Think Tank meeting | Tübingen–Stuttgart, 1–4 April 2025

Program

Coordinator: Anna Leshchenko

Participants

Uganda

Makerere University, Kampala

School of Education, College of Education and External Studies

- Dr. Dorothy Kyagaba – *Senior lecturer, teacher trainer and researcher.*

France

Aix-Marseille Université

Arts Department, Cultural Mediation

- Judith Dehail, PhD – *Associate Professor*

Germany

Eberhard Karls Universität Tübingen

Ludwig Uhland Institute for Historical and Cultural Anthropology (Empirische Kulturwissenschaft)

- Dr. Thomas Thiemeyer – *Professor in Museum Studies*
- Anna Leshchenko, MA – *Research Associate*

Museum of the University of Tübingen (MUT)

- Annika Vosseler, PhD – *Provenance and collection research*
- Dr. Anne Kremmer – *Provenance research 'ancestral human remains'*

Department of Social and Cultural Anthropology (Ethnologie)

- Prof. Dr. Gabriele Alex – *Head of Department*
- Marina Freidhof – *Museum assistant*

CIVIS – Europe's Civic University Alliance

- Christian Möllmann – *Global Partnerships Officer*

Linden Museum Stuttgart

- Dr. Fiona Siegenthaler – *Curator of the Africa Department*
- Dr. Valence Silayo – *Gerda Henkel Fellow*
- Mikaél Assilkinga – *Project coordinator of a joint project of the German Lost Art Foundation on colonial-era Cameroon collections (2024)*



Day 1: Exploring the collection & starting the conversation

1 April 2025 (Tübingen)

10:00 – 10:45 | Welcome & agenda overview

📍 Ludwig Uhland Institute, Burgsteige 11, Seminarraum

10:45 – 11:00 | Coffee break

11:00 – 12:30¹ | Hybrid session with CIVIS Museum Network

Agenda:

- CIVIS MUF introduction
- Round of introductions + research/teaching interests
- Overview of the project
- Introduction to our online collaboration space on Moodle

12:30 – 14:00 | Lunch

📍 Mensa, Wilhelmstraße 13

14:00 – 15:30 | Visit to collections & Museum of World Cultures

📍 Burgsteige 11, Courtyard

- Guided tour and reflections

15:30 – 15:45 | Break

15:45 – 17:00 | Mapping perspectives

¹ All times are in **Central European Summer Time** (CEST, UTC+02:00),

Day 2: Field trip visit to Lindenmuseum & Ethical reflections

2 April 2025 (Stuttgart)

Meeting time and place:

10:45

 *in front of Tübingen Main Train station*

12:00 – 13:20 | Lunch on the way to the museum

 *in "Valle", Geschwister-Scholl-Straße 3, Stuttgart*

13:30 – 14:50 | Individual visit to Africa-related exhibits + discussion

- Focus: language and impact of interpretative media

14:50 – 15:00 | Break

15:00 – 16:30 | Tour and Q&A at Linden Museum

- With Fiona Siegenthaler (Africa Department)

Discussion topics:

- Interpretation and ethics in museum exhibitions
- Ethical challenges in collections and research
- Group dialogue on research guidelines and current ICOM Code of Ethics for Museums
 - Draft of Revised Code (to be voted in November at ICOM GC Dubai)
 - Current Code (EN) - (DE)

Return to Tübingen: Train at 17:11 (RE 6, platform 13). Alternatively, at 17:23 (MEX 18, platform 14)

- Reflective discussion during the train ride



Day 3: Collaborative projects and research grants

3 April 2025 (Tübingen)

10:00 – 10:45 | Summary of key ideas

- Refining project ideas and research themes

10:45 – 11:00 | Coffee break

11:00 – 12:30 | Hybrid session: grant opportunities

📍 *Ludwig Uhland Institute, Burgsteige 11, Seminarraum*

Agenda:

- Recommendations from Tübingen's Research Support Unit
- Discussion on CIVIS Europe-Africa funding opportunities with Christian Möllmann

12:30 – 14:00 | Lunch

📍 *Historische Weinstube Forelle, Kronenstraße 8*

14:00 – 15:30 | Drafting outlines for grant applications

15:30 – 15:45 | Coffee break

15:45 – 17:30 | Group work: choosing the grant applications and drafting main project proposal



Day 4: Finalizing research agenda and future directions

4 April 2025 (Tübingen)

10:00 – 13:00 | Strategic Brunch

📍 *GenussArt, Bistro & Café, Eisenbahnstraße 1*

Agenda:

- Recap of discussions and outcomes
- Planning next steps and responsibilities
- Closing remarks and reflections
- Establishing a timeline for future collaboration

Free afternoon

18:30 – 21:30 | Closing Dinner

📍 *Gasthausbrauerei Neckarmüller, Gartenstraße 4*