

Public Guest Lecture and PhD Seminar  
@ Dept of Cross-Cultural and Regional Studies (ToRS), KUA2

The Concept of Cultural Heritage and Identity Politics I

## The Politics of Heritage and Community Engagement

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**Keynote speaker**

**Professor Amareswar Galla**

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([www.inclusivemuseum.org](http://www.inclusivemuseum.org))

10.15 - 12.00 room 21.0.54 (Multisalen), KUA2

*Agency and Social Change: What Value Heritage?*

The agency of heritage conservation in social transformations has rarely been the focus of conceptual debates or methodological interrogation. The rhetoric and reality of participatory democracy or active citizenship are under scrutiny for evidence-based outcomes. Connectivity and complexity are critical to understanding stakeholder engagement and accountability. The argument is that conservation is good business when stakeholder analysis is inclusive and responsive maximising on the delivery side with benefits to primary and other stakeholders. The lecture will draw on the analysis for framing the values embedded in the paradigm of an interdisciplinary methodology informing sustainable heritage development.

The lecture is followed by a Q&A and discussion session.

13.15 - 15.00 room 10-3-28, ToRS, KUA2

Seminar *World Heritage and Community Engagement - methodological interrogation*

The seminar is only open to Ph.D. students who have pre-registered, and will be limited to 15 participants. Participants are encouraged to consider contemporary issues of relevance, community engagement, stakeholder benefits and shared authority with particular regard to history, globalisation, diversity, individuality, identity, civic pride, progress/growth and world cultural heritage. Some key points for discussion: the governance required for ensuring and enabling sustainable development and community engagement; benefits to local communities and ecosystems; and the pathways for bringing together local and neighbouring communities through the environmental, economic and social dimensions of sustainability.

Three texts selected by the keynote speaker will be circulated to the registered participants in advance, providing discussion points for the seminar. Participants are expected to very briefly present their work, and in discussions with the speaker and other participants explore ways in which uses of heritage might be worked into or provide new perspectives on their research.

0,8 ECTS for active participation in both lecture and seminar.

Professor Dr. Amareswar Galla is Executive Director of the International Institute for the Inclusive Museum ([www.inclusivemuseum.org](http://www.inclusivemuseum.org)).

Former appointments include Professor of Museum Studies, UQ and Professor of Sustainable Heritage Development at ANU, Australia, and Vice President of ICOM, Paris, France. His heritage work on post-war reconstruction spans across Vietnam, Cambodia, Bangladesh and Afghanistan as well as postcolonial indigenous and inclusive heritage development in Australia, South Africa and other parts of the world. He is the editor of *World Heritage: Benefits Beyond Borders*, Cambridge UP and UNESCO (2012).

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The PhD course is organized in cooperation with the Cultural Heritage Group at ToRS.