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Invitation

Conference „Climate Change as a Threat to Peace: Impacts on Cultural Heritage and Cultural Diversity“

Dear Sir or Madam,

The UNESCO Chair in International Relations at the Technische Universität Dresden in cooperation with the German Commission for UNESCO is holding a conference in Dresden titled “Climate Change as a Threat to Peace: Impacts on Cultural Heritage and Cultural Diversity”.

Climate Change is increasingly posing a threat to the protection of world heritage. It affects cultural heritage (e.g. through temperature changes, erosion, flooding or storms) as well as natural heritage (e.g. through the melting of glaciers and changes in the habitat of various species, thus posing a threat to biodiversity). Furthermore, climate change is likely to affect cultural diversity and socio-cultural interactions, for example by forcing communities to change their work habits and way of life, to compete for resources or to migrate elsewhere.

This conference aims to analyse impacts of climate change on cultural heritage and cultural diversity, and ultimately, on global peace. The conference will focus on the legal and institutional challenges that international actors, especially UNESCO, are faced with when protecting cultural property in the context of climate change. Through an interdisciplinary exchange between academia and practice, the conference aims at identifying the current state of research and giving new impulses on how to close existing research gaps.

I would hereby very much like to invite you to attend this conference. Please find attached a copy of the program.

The conference will take place on

Friday, 31 May 2013, 9 am – 6.30 pm

in the Auditorium (German: Vortragssaal) of the Saxon State and University Library (Zellescher Weg 18, 01069 Dresden).

Please kindly inform my assistant Antje Urban if you would like to attend (via e-mail to antje.urban@jura.tu-dresden.de) by 17 May 2013. For more information on the conference please check <http://tu-dresden.de/jura/unesco-chair/conference2013>

You are welcome to forward this invitation, together with the flyer of the conference, to colleagues and acquaintances.

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I would be delighted to welcome you in Dresden.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Sabine von Schorlemer', written in a cursive style.

Prof. Dr. Dr. Sabine von Schorlemer