

Conference

# Climate Change as a Threat to Peace: Impacts on Cultural Heritage and Cultural Diversity

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The UNESCO Chair in International Relations at the Technische Universität Dresden is dedicated to research on the nexus „peace and cultural heritage / cultural diversity“. 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 the 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.

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**Prof. Dr. Thomas Bürger**  
*Director General of the Saxon State and  
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Organiser:

**Prof. Dr. Dr. Sabine von Schorlemer**  
*Holder of the UNESCO Chair in International Relations,  
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German Commission for UNESCO*

Cooperation Partner:

**Dr. Roland Bernecker**  
*Secretary-General of the German Commission  
for UNESCO, Bonn*

Keynote Speaker:

**Prof. Dr. Bernd  
Freiherr von Droste zu Hülshoff**

*Former Assistant Director General of UNESCO and  
Founding Director of the UNESCO World Heritage Centre, Paris*

“UNESCO's efforts to protect and manage  
World Heritage in a time of  
accelerated man-made Climate Change”

## Panel I

### Impacts of climate change on cultural heritage and cultural diversity

10:30 – 12:30

#### **Prof. Michael Turner**

*Holder of the UNESCO Chair in Urban Design and Conservation Studies, Bezalel Academy of Arts and Design, Jerusalem*

“Urban Resilience in Climate Change”

#### **Prof. Roger-Alexandre Lefèvre**

*Professor emeritus, University Paris Est-Créteil and European University Centre for Cultural Heritage, Ravello*

“The impact of Climate Change on slow degradation of monuments in opposition to extreme events”

#### **Prof. Dr. Reza Ardakanian**

*Founding Director and current Executive Director of the United Nations University Institute for Integrated Management of Material Fluxes and of Resources, UNU-FLORES, Dresden*

“Climate impact on Natural Heritage and on Environmental Resources: the need for an integrated management approach”

#### Chair: **Prof. Dr. Peter-Tobias Stoll**

*Director of the Department of International Economic Law, Georg-August-Universität Göttingen; Head of the GRF research group “The Constitution of Cultural Property: Actors, Discourse, Context, Regulations”*

## Panel II

### Lex lata and de lege ferenda – Legal challenges of cultural property protection in the context of climate change

13:30 – 15:30

#### **Prof. Dr. Federico Lenzerini**

*Professor of International Law, University of Siena*

“Protecting the Tangible, Safeguarding the Intangible: a same conventional model for different needs”

#### **Prof. Dr. Guido Carducci**

*Former Chief of the International Standards Section, Division of Cultural Heritage, UNESCO, Paris*

“Form and extent of consideration given to Climate Change in the UNESCO Cultural Heritage and Property Conventions”

#### **Dr. Alessandro Chechi**

*Post-doctoral Researcher at the Art-Law Centre and the UNESCO Chair in the International Law of the Protection of Cultural Heritage, University of Geneva*

“Mutual supportiveness between Cultural Heritage Law and Climate Change Regulation: Is this enough to enhance the international protection of global common goods?”

#### Chair: **Prof. Dr. Sabine von Schorlemer**

*Holder of the UNESCO Chair in International Relations, Technische Universität Dresden; Elected Member of the German Commission for UNESCO*

## Panel III

### Competition or cooperation? Institutional challenges of cultural property protection in the context of climate change

16:00 – 18:00

#### **Elizabeth Longworth, LL.M.**

*Director of the United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction, UNISDR, Geneva*

“The Culture of Prevention”

#### **Dr. Birgitta Ringbeck**

*Coordinator for World Heritage of the Standing Conference of the Ministers of Education and Cultural Affairs of the Länder of the Federal Republic of Germany, Berlin*

“Climate Change and World Heritage: strategies and management responses”

#### **Dr. Paul Bellendorf**

*Division of Environment and Cultural Property Protection, Deutsche Bundesstiftung Umwelt, Osnabrück*

“Climate Change and Cultural Heritage: tasks and challenges for foundations”

#### Chair: **Dipl.-Biol. Barbara Engels**

*Deputy Head of the Division of International Nature Conservation, Federal Agency for Nature Conservation, Bonn; Elected Member of the German Commission for UNESCO*

18:00 – 18:30

## Concluding Remarks

#### **Dr. Roland Bernecker**

*Secretary-General of the German Commission for UNESCO, Bonn*