

## EUROPAEUM SUMMER SCHOOL

### *The Politics of Heritage*

5-10 September 2022  
KU Leuven, Belgium



Debates and struggles to do with historical memory are front and centre of politics in our era. From the destruction of artefacts through warfare, to the contestation of the heritage of the colonial era, to the omnipresence of the Second World War in conversations about security in Europe, there are myriad examples of how the past resonates in the present. It is not just a question for scholars; it is discussed by activist networks and social movements from local through to global levels, and challenged or instrumentalised by political leaders. At its core are questions of power, historical justice, responsibility and moral obligation.

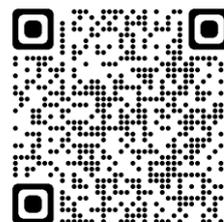
The Summer School, organised by the Europaeum in partnership with KU Leuven, will explore the complex issue of heritage, in both its material and ideational dimensions, with a special focus on Europe's tangled relationship with the non-Western world in the colonial period and after. We will also be discussing heritage as a focal point of international diplomacy and of conflicts within and between states, such as Ukraine, Afghanistan, the Balkans, Syria, Iraq, Yemen, and in Sub-Saharan Africa. We will explore the politics of heritage from the conceptual and methodological vantage point of various disciplines, including History, Archaeology, Politics, Social Anthropology, Law, and International Relations. Experts from the Europaeum network and beyond will come together for five days of talks, panels, working groups, debates, role-playing, discussions, and cultural activities, including a visit to the renowned AfricaMuseum in Tervuren.

We welcome applications from master's and doctoral students from within the Europaeum network who wish to either present a 10 to 15-minute paper or contribute to the discussions. Participants will be given pre-event reading materials and join lively working groups during the event. Those not presenting a paper will be allocated a role as discussant to kick-start Q&A sessions following on from presentations.

Details: <https://europaeum.org/summer-school-2022/>

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Deadline: 18 July 2022



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