

Biographies of Speakers

OPENING CEREMONY

SEREY CHEA

Governor of the National Bank of Cambodia

Serey Chea is the Governor of National Bank of Cambodia. She is passionate about financial inclusion and women economic empowerment. Achievements under her leadership include the establishment of Credit Bureau Cambodia in 2012 that propelled Cambodia's Ease of Access to Finance to number 7 worldwide in 2017 by the World Bank, the introduction of Bakong, a national backbone payment system using DLT allowing interoperability amongst all financial service providers making financial services more accessible and affordable, and the introduction of financial literacy into the general education programme.

Serey holds a PhD in economics and is currently a member of the Board of Directors of the Alliance for Financial Inclusion (AFI) and a member of the Alumni Community of the Young Global Leaders of the World Economic Forum (WEF).



IGOR DRIESMANS

EU's Ambassador to Cambodia

Before coming to Cambodia, Igor Driesmans was the European Union's Ambassador to ASEAN, in Jakarta.

He previously served inter alia as a Member of the Cabinet of Federica Mogherini, High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy/Vice-President of the European Commission, as Principal Assistant to the Chief Operating Officer of the European External Action Service, Desk Officer for ASEAN, and Deputy Head of the Political, Economic, Trade and Information Section of the EU Delegation to South Africa. Since 2022, Igor Driesmans also serves as EU Special Envoy for Myanmar.

DAVID HOTTE

Team Leader of the EU Global Facility

David Hotte has 25 years of experience as an international expert on money laundering and terrorist financing, advising bodies such as the EU, the UN, the International Monetary Fund and the Office of the High Representative in Bosnia. In the private sector, David Hotte was a senior compliance manager for a French banking group and a consultant for a law firm on financial crime. He has served in the Gendarmerie Nationale.

His work has covered Palestine, Sri Lanka, Turkey, China, Laos and Syria, among many others. David has extensive experience managing programmes of AML/CFT. He is the former Team Leader of the EU-funded project on AML/CFT in the Horn of Africa.

He is the author of several books on financial crime.



CLOSING REMARKS

Friday 29 November 2024



HENG BOMAKARA

Head of the Cambodia Financial Intelligence Unit (CAFIU)

Heng Bomakara is the Head of Cambodia Financial Intelligence Unit.

Prior to this, he served as a supervisor overseeing banks and financial institutions, where he played a key role in developing regulatory frameworks, conducting macroeconomic surveillance, and analysing financial stability.

He has been an active advocate for financial inclusion in Cambodia, and served as the former Co-Chair of the ASEAN Working Committee on Financial Inclusion, where he collaborated with regional stakeholders to promote inclusive financial policies.

He holds a Master's degree in International and Development Economics from the Australian National University and has conducted research on agricultural financing and the impacts of interest rate caps.

DAYS 1 SESSIONS

Wednesday 27 November 2024

MATHILDE MURA

Expert in Archaeology, Culture and Heritage

Dr Mathilde Mura is an independent researcher associate of ArScAn-VEPMO team of CNRS. She holds a PhD in archaeology from Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne.

Her research focuses on the voluntary destruction of archaeological sites in times of crisis. She thus proposes a double vision of the destruction at archaeological sites, building a methodology to pursue traditional excavation at damaged sites, while considering damages like their latest level of occupation. This allows to consider looting of archaeological sites from a social science perspective, replacing the events in their specific socio-economic and political contemporary background, and working on unveiling the means and motives behind it.



JESSICA GIRAUD

CEO and Founder of Archaïos

Jessica Giraud is the CEO and founder of Archaïos, Archaeology, Culture and Heritage. Archaïos is a scientific research society specialised in the field of Heritage and Archaeology. Its main international projects are based on the multidisciplinary skills of its research team, notably their expertise on Archaeological Maps, Archaeological Excavations, Heritage conservation and promotion, Research and development of innovative tools for the excavation and promotion of archaeological sites, as well as training of professional archaeologists.

Jessica is also a researcher at the CNRS and the French Institute of Near-East. She previously worked as a research fellow in Irak, on Oriental Archaeology and Landscape Archaeology. She holds a PhD in archaeology from Paris Pantheon-Sorbonne University.

HOUT SAMNANG

Director - Department of Antiquities, Ministry of Culture and Fine Arts

Mr. Samnang is the director of the Department of Antiquities at the Ministry of Culture and Fine Arts. He is in charge of managing and overseeing the inventory project of movable cultural properties into a database system and carrying out cultural dissemination and outreach activities, monitoring the flow of import and export of modern artifacts from/into the country to prevent illicit trafficking of cultural properties by providing permit letters, and collaborating with relevant national and international organisations to search and request for the repatriation of cultural properties that were looted and illegally trafficked from Cambodia. He worked at the National Museum of Cambodia as a metal conservator by practice for many years before taking on his current position.



FIONNUALA ROGERS

Solicitor and Expert on Art

Fionnuala Rodgers is a cultural property lawyer, Founder and Cultural Director of Canvas Art Law Ltd, a law firm dedicated to the arts, culture and heritage. The firm advises members of the art market on issues relating to art and cultural property including due diligence, import, export and trade, and compliance with regulation; government entities on new regulation and policy in relation to art and cultural property, including benchmarking best and worst practice and making recommendations for new legislation in heritage protection, art acquisitions, illicit trafficking and art market regulation. It also provides training to art market, academics and law enforcement on legislation and regulation relating to art crime and illicit trafficking. Fionnuala is the Chair of the UK Committee of the Blue Shield, an independent international NGO dedicated to the protection of cultural heritage in conflict and disaster. Furthermore, she is an art and cultural property law consultant.

JAMES RATCLIFFE

Director of recovery & General Counsel at the Art Loss Register

James Ratcliffe is the Director of Recoveries & General Counsel at the Art Loss Register, the world's largest private database of stolen and looted art and antiquities. The ALR contains over 700,000 items subject to some form of claim and checks over 450,000 items against its database each year. James has led the ALR's team that assists in this recovery work for the past 9 years.

With a background in archaeology prior to qualifying as a solicitor, James has a particular interest in investigating the provenance of cultural property and its recovery where appropriate. He has worked with law enforcement agencies, museums, and claimant nation states around the world to secure the return of claimed piece. He has advised on the overall strategy in this area, with a focus on the practical resolution of claims. James' work involves advising on criminal activity in the art market relating to fraud and ML, across all sectors of the market from contemporary to old master paintings.



DANIEL VAZQUEZ

Chief Inspector in the Spanish National Police

Daniel Vazquez Llorens is a Chief Inspector in the Spanish National Police. He joined the National Police in 2002. His main expertise (for over 15 years) is in the field of criminal police (investigation), mainly in money laundering and asset recovery investigations related to organised crime.

Mr Vazquez has a vast experience in international police cooperation matters related to financial and economic crime. He is a well experienced trainee, having delivered over 500h of courses in different national and international training courses in financial crime and asset recovery. He has been a trainer in Mexico, Uruguay and Chile as well as in the UNODC Global Programme against ML, Proceeds of Crime and TF. He participated in technical assistance activities at the international level for police capacity building in Panama, Costa Rica and Uruguay.



DAYS 2 SESSIONS

Thursday 28 November 2024



DR DONNA YATES

Associate Professor, Criminal Law and Criminology at the Faculty of Law, Maastricht University

Dr Donna Yates is an associate professor of Criminology and Criminal Law at Maastricht University. For the past 20 years she has conducted criminological, sociological, and archaeological research into the transnational illicit trade in cultural objects. Her focus is on white collar crime, organisational crime, and offender motivations.

Dr Yates is a founding member of the Trafficking Culture Research Consortium, which produces an evidence base for policy and practice interventions related to crimes against cultural objects and she is currently the Principle Investigator of the European Research Council-funded project TRANSFORM which studies the role that objects play in criminal networks. Dr Yates has published numerous academic papers, books, and commissioned reports related to the illicit trade in cultural objects. She has consulted on this topic for various government agencies and intergovernmental organisations. She is a trained archaeologist.

APSARA IYER

Investigator of stolen and looted antiquities

Apsara Iyer is an investigator of stolen and looted cultural heritage with significant experience at the Manhattan District Attorney's Office, World Bank, and the White House (Council of Economic Advisers). In 2018, Iyer joined the Manhattan District Attorney's Antiquities Trafficking Unit and ultimately rose to be the deputy of the Unit in 2021. There, she coordinated with international and federal law enforcement authorities to repatriate 1,800+ stolen works of art to 25 different countries. She also served as the lead analyst on the Michael Steinhardt investigation, which resulted in a first-of-its-kind lifetime ban on collecting and the surrender of 180 stolen antiquities.

In 2023, Iyer became the first Indian-American female to serve as President of the Harvard Law Review, an academic journal that shapes the future of law with its rigorous analysis and scholarly articles.



ABOUT THE ORGANISERS



Established by the European Commission in 2017, the EU Global Facility on Anti-Money Laundering and Countering the Financing of Terrorism aims to support partner countries in adopting enhanced measures to prevent money laundering and cut off access to financing for terrorist organisations and individuals. This involves strengthening compliance with the recommendations framework set by the Financial Action Task Force, the EU AML/CFT regime, and relevant United Nations Security Council resolutions. The project provides technical assistance to increase institutional capacity (including national coordination) and enhance regional and international cooperation on AML/CFT.



The Asia/Pacific Group on Money Laundering (APG) is an inter-governmental organisation with 42 member jurisdictions dedicated to implementing international standards against money laundering, terrorist financing and proliferation financing. The APG's work program includes the conduct of mutual evaluations of its members, coordination and delivery of technical assistance and training, research of ML/TF trends, and outreach and collaboration with the FATF, international organisations, government agencies and the private sector.



The National Bank of Cambodia (NBC), the nation's central bank, is the monetary and supervisory authority. Its mission is to determine and direct the monetary policy aimed at maintaining price stability in order to facilitate economic development within the framework of the kingdom's economic and financial policy. The NBC conducts this in consultation with the Royal Government and in consideration of the framework of the economic and financial policy of the kingdom.



The Cambodia Financial Intelligence Unit (CAFIU), established in 2008 under the National Bank of Cambodia, aims to prevent the use of the financial system for illegal or terrorist activities. CAFIU's main functions include receiving and analysing suspicious transactions, gathering information on money laundering and terrorism financing, and sharing intelligence with law enforcement.

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