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SYMPOSIUM

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19 FEBRUARY 2026, UNIVERSITY OF ZURICH, ETHNOGRAPHIC MUSEUM
& BUILDING RAA

Symposium organized by the Swiss Association of Art Historians (VKKS | ASHHA | ASSSA)
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and Social Sciences (SAGW | ASSH)

Monilola Olayemi Ilupeju, Wayward Dust, 2020, Performance/Video. Image Credit: SDTB / Hattendorf

PROGRAM

THURSDAY, 19 FEBRUARY

ETHNOGRAPHIC MUSEUM UNIVERSITY OF ZURICH

PELIKANSTRASSE 40, 8001 ZURICH

09:15 – 10:30 **Benin Dues. Dealing with Looted Royal Treasures**

Exhibition Visit | Coffee and Croissants in the Foyer

Half-hour visits in two groups

UNIVERSITY OF ZURICH, BUILDING RAA, ROOM RAA-G-01 (AULA)

RÄMISTRASSE 59, 8001 ZURICH

11:30 – 12:30 **Worlding Modernism(s): Art, World Cultures Museums and the Ethnographic Expectation**

Keynote Lecture

Prof. Dr. Wayne Modest, Director of Content, Wereldmuseum / Head of the Research Center for Material Culture and Professor of Material Culture and Critical Heritage Studies, Vrije Universiteit, Amsterdam

12:30 Lunch Break

13:45 – 15:00 **Collaborative Approaches: Naming the Museum of the Future**

Input Lecture and Workshop

Prof. Dr. Alice Hertzog, University of Zurich, Director of the Ethnographic Museum and Professor of Social and Cultural Anthropology

Linda Addae, University of Zurich, Researcher at the Ethnographic Museum

Emilie Thévenoz, University of Zurich, PhD Student on the (Re)Circulation of Private Collections

15:00 Break

15:15 – 16:30 **Beyond Museum Buildings: Rethinking Prevalent Operating Models**

Input Lecture and Workshop

Dr. Jorrit Britschgi, Executive Director of the Rubin Museum of Himalayan Art

16:30 Coffee Break

17:00 – 18:15 **New Patrons: Art as a Tool for Democratic Engagement**

Input Lecture and Workshop

Yasmin Naderi Afschar, Co-Director of the Migros Museum für Gegenwartskunst, Zurich / Mediator for Nouveaux commanditaires Suisse

18:15 – 18:30 **Final Remarks**

Dr. Chonja Lee, VKKS / University of Neuchâtel

Prof. Dr. Sophie Junge, Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München

INFORMATION

CONCEPT & ORGANIZATION

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INFORMATION & REGISTRATION

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Please register for the museum visit, the workshops, and the lunch as the number of participants is limited.

No registration is required for the keynote lecture.

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