



The Hellenic Committee of the Blue Shield in collaboration with the University of Nicosia and the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens organize a series of Webinars in order to raise awareness for the protection of cultural heritage (both tangible and intangible) in emergency situations, such in cases of armed conflict and environmental disasters, in line with the objectives of the Blue Shield.

The events will be interdisciplinary in character and thematically focused on five issue areas that are considered critically important for the management of the evolving challenges of cultural heritage protection, namely:

- (a) cultural heritage and international security,
- (b) intangible cultural heritage safeguarding in times of crises,
- (c) cultural heritage and climate change,
- (d) return of antiquities illegally removed from their countries of origin,
- (e) legal and managerial issues pertaining to the collections of Museums and Cultural Institutions.

The organizing institutions' initiative seeks to bring together academics, students, practitioners, professionals of cultural institutions, representatives from NGOs, policy makers and representatives of the civil society from Greece, Cyprus and other countries, in order to discuss the current challenges in areas that underpin cultural heritage protection in emergency situations. The events will take place virtually due to the COVID-19 restrictions. At the end of each event an open discussion will follow. **The events will be held in English and will take place on the following Tuesdays (23/2, 2/3, 9/3, 16/3 and 23/3) from 18:00 - 19:30 (Athens-Greece time zone).**



«The Hellenic National Commission for UNESCO is delighted to put under its patronage the Blue Shield webinars on Cultural Heritage organized by the University of Nicosia and the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens. We strongly believe that such initiatives further the sharing of knowledge, promote co-operation and constitute valuable contributors to a better world. These are the initiatives we need to support and congratulate. In these unprecedented times where reality supersedes imagination, culture is what makes us unique and what keeps us one close to the other. Issues such as international security, protection of cultural property in times of crises, climate change, return of artefacts in cases of illicit trade and management of collections are at the peak of interest in the domain of culture. In an era, where many are highlighting the elements that separate cultures, UNESCO stands against this confrontational logic and strongly endeavours to promote those elements which unite cultures. This constructive dialogue however requires substantial knowledge of the different cultures and their traditions with a view to giving the opportunity to all peoples to co-exist harmoniously, to prosper and to create and to dream».



Ekaterini Tzizikosta

President

«The unprecedented situation we were called upon to face this year, made us all feel like unwilling participants in a science fiction movie. Unprecedented decrees and lock-down measures have called upon the entire of humanity 'to stay at home'. And we are still trying to find our way in uncharted waters. So, what are the few, enduring values, at such a time - a time when humanity, amidst this pandemic, is undergoing this most serious crisis in its recent history? Culture and humanism - these are what keep us going. That is why our cultural heritage, our museums and their collections, our tangible and intangible heritage are doubly important -as values both strong and invariable in these uncertain times. The Cyprus National Commission and all of us, who work in the field culture and cultural heritage



not only locally but also globally, have a duty and a responsibility to showcase and promote this invaluable tradition - to promote the exchange of information and the development of synergies for this purpose. In this spirit, we particularly congratulate the organisers of the webinars for their initiative that will undoubtedly strengthen UNESCO's goals, aims and objectives.

For a man without a past is a man without a future».



Loukia Loizou Hadjigavriel

President

Organizing committee

- **Elena Korcka**, Chairperson of the Board, Hellenic Committee of the Blue Shield
- **Irini Stamatoudi**, Professor, School of Law, University of Nicosia, Cyprus
- **Antonia Zervaki**, Assistant Professor of International Relations, Department of Political Science and Public Administration, Academic Collaborator UNESCO Chair "Climate Diplomacy", National and Kapodistrian University of Athens

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BLUE SHIELD
Hellenic Committee

Programme

1. Cultural heritage and international security *(Tuesday, 23 February 2021)*

Chair: Elena Korka, Chairperson of the Board, Hellenic Committee of the Blue Shield

Keynote speaker: Peter Stone, Director of the UNESCO Chair in Cultural Property Protection and Peace, University of Newcastle, United Kingdom, President of the Board, Blue Shield International

Speakers:

- Antonia Zervaki, Assistant Professor of International Relations, Department of Political Science and Public Administration, National and Kapodistrian University of Athens
- Kristin Hausler, Dorset Senior Fellow and Director of the Centre for International Law, British Institute of International and Comparative Law, United Kingdom
- Eleni Polymenopoulou, Assistant Professor, College of Law, Hamad Bin Khalifa University (HBKU), Qatar Foundation, Adjunct Assistant Professor, Edmund A. Walsh School of Foreign Service, Georgetown University in Qatar (GU-Q)

2. Intangible cultural heritage safeguarding in times of crises *(Tuesday, 2 March 2021)*

Chair: Antonia Zervaki, Assistant Professor of International Relations, Department of Political Science and Public Administration, National and Kapodistrian University of Athens

Keynote speaker: Irimi Stamatoudi, Professor, School of Law, University of Nicosia, Cyprus



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- Elsa Stamatopoulou, Director, Center for the Study of Ethnicity and Race, Adjunct Professor of Anthropology, Columbia University
- Kalliopi Chainoglou, Assistant Professor of International and European Institutions, Department of International and European Studies, University of Macedonia,
- Stavroula Fotopoulou, Director, Department of Modern Cultural Heritage, Hellenic Ministry of Culture and Sports

3. Cultural heritage and Climate Change *(Tuesday, 9 March 2021)*

Chair: Lambrinouidakis Vassilis, Emeritus Professor of Classical Archaeology, National and Kapodistrian University of Athens. Correspondent member of the Académie des Inscriptions et Belles-Lettres, Paris, and the Oesterreichische Akademie der Wissenschaften, Vienna.

Keynote speaker: Christos Zerefos, Emeritus Professor of Atmospheric Physics, National and Kapodistrian University of Athens, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, Member of the Academy of Athens

- Emmanuela Doussis, Associate Professor of International Institutions, Department of Political Science and Public Administration, UNESCO Chair "Climate Diplomacy", National and Kapodistrian University of Athens
- Antonia Zervaki, Assistant Professor of International Relations, Department of Political Science and Public Administration, Academic Collaborator, UNESCO Chair "Climate Diplomacy", National and Kapodistrian University of Athens
- Evagelos Gerasopoulos, Research Director at the Institute for Environmental Research and Sustainable Development of the National Observatory of Athens



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4. Return of antiquities to their countries of origin *(Tuesday, 16 March 2021)*

Chair: Irimi Stamatoudi, Professor, School of Law, University of Nicosia, Cyprus

Keynote speaker: Vassilis Lambrinouidakis, Emeritus Professor of Classical Archaeology, National and Kapodistrian University of Athens. Correspondent member of the Académie des Inscriptions et Belles-Lettres, Paris, and the Oesterreichische Akademie der Wissenschaften, Vienna

- Elena Korka, Chairperson of the Board, Hellenic Committee of the Blue Shield
- Marina Solomidou - Ieronymidou, Director, Department of Antiquities, Ministry of Transport, Communications and Works, Cyprus
- Leila Amineddoleh, Founding Partner, Amineddoleh & Associates LLC, New York

5. Museums' and Cultural Institutions' collections management *(Tuesday, 23 March 2021)*

Chair: Achilles Emilianides, Professor, Dean, School of Law, University of Nicosia

Keynote speaker: Ioanna Hadjicosti, Manager at Bank of Cyprus Cultural Foundation

- Evangelos Kyrakides, Senior Lecturer in Aegean Prehistory, School of European Culture and Languages, University of Kent, Founding director of the Heritage Management Organization,
- Paul Torremans, Professor, Law School, University of Nottingham,
- Irimi Stamatoudi, Professor, School of Law, University of Nicosia, Cyprus