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The Museum Association of Lower Saxony and Bremen e.V. (MVNB),
in collaboration with the Network for Provenance Research in Lower
Saxony, cordially invites you to attend the conference:

Pasang Surut

Provenance Research as a Decolonisation Tool and Trajectories of Restitution

Tuesday, 9 June 2026: 14:00 – 18:00

Wednesday, 10 June 2026: 10:00 – 18:30

Lower Saxony State Museum Hanover

Willy-Brandt-Allee 5, 30169 Hannover

Please register by 15 May 2026: annekathrin.krieger@landesmuseum-hannover.de

Programme

Tuesday, 9th June 2026: 14:00 – 18:00

13:30 – 14:00

Admission

14:00 – 14:30

Welcome & Opening Remarks

Representative of the Republic of Indonesia in Germany (TBC)

Representative of the German Ministry of Foreign Affairs (TBC)

Jasmin Straßburger (Lower Saxony Ministry of Science and Culture)

Pauljac Verhoeven (Consortium Colonial Collections; Bronbeek Museum)

Sarah Fründt (German Lost Art Foundation)

Thomas Overdick (MVNB)

14:30 – 15:30

Keynote

Bonnie Triyana (Parliamentarian of the Republic of Indonesia; Senior Editor of the Journal *Historia.ID*; Secretary Tim Repatriasi 2021-2024)

After Repatriation: Reclaiming Heritage and Recreating the Knowledge

15:30 – 16:00

Coffee Break

16:00 – 18:00

Roundtable

Beyond Provenance: Rethinking Restitution, Responsibility, and Colonial Continuities

Moderator: Roberta Zollo (MVNB)

Participants:

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Sarah Fründt (German Lost Art Foundation)

Bonnie Triyana (Republic of Indonesia)

Aditia Gunawan (National Library of the Republic of Indonesia)

Pauljac Verhoeven (Consortium C.C.; Bronbeek Museum)

Klaas Stutje (NIOD Institute for War, Holocaust and Genocide Studies)

Marieke Bloembergen (Leiden University; KITLV-Royal Netherlands Institute of Southeast Asian and Caribbean Studies)

Emiline Smith (University of Glasgow)

Wednesday, 10th June 2026: 10:00 – 18:00

9:30 – 10:00 Arrival & Opening Day 2

Session 1 – Colonial Genealogies: Networks, Collectors, and the Making of Indonesian Collections

Chair: Dwirahmi Suryandari, Max Planck Institute for the History of Science

- 10:00 – 10:40 Annekathrin Krieger (Network for Provenance Research) & Roberta Zollo (MVNB)
Entangled Natures, Entangled Objects: Colonial Practices of Collecting Indonesia Across Domains
- 10:40 – 11:20 Marieke Bloembergen (Leiden University; KITLV)
Termites in the Museum of Indonesia: Ethics of Care/ Destruction Across the Nature-Culture Divide in the Light of Restitution
- 11:20 – 12:00 Jarrah Sastrawan (Australian National University)
Restoring the Precolonial History of the Looted Palm-Leaf Manuscripts of Lombok
- 12:00 – 13:00 Lunch Break

Session 2 – Practices of Provenance: Between Method, Ethics, and Institutional Change

Chair: Claudia Andratschke (Network for Provenance Research)

- 13:00 – 13:40 Aditia Gunawan (National Library of the Republic of Indonesia)
To Return or Not to Return: Between Awareness and Suspicion
- 13:40 – 14:20 Klaas Stutje (NIOD)
Provenance Research Between Historical Recognition, Procedural Justice and Persistent Knowledge Hierarchies
- 14:20 – 15:00 Emiline Smith (University of Glasgow)
Title TBA
- 15:00 – 15:30 Coffee Break



Session 3 – Futures of Restitution: Digital Circulation, Shared Authorship, and Co-Curated Knowledge

Chair: Roberta Zollo (MVNB)

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| 15:30 – 16:10 | Panggah Ardiyansyah (University of Sheffield)
<i>Beyond Extraction: Affective Mapping and Ethical Digital Futures</i> |
| 16:10 – 16:40 | Ahmad Ginanjar Purnawibawa (Universitas Pendidikan Ganesha)
<i>Indonesian Heritage in Italy: From "Dead Collection" to Digital Resurrection</i> |
| 16:40 – 17:30 | Andy Reymann (Museum Wiesbaden) & Franziska Holz (University of Frankfurt)
<i>Skulls from Several Island Tribes – A Statement on the Relevance of Scientific Research for the Successful Repatriation of Cultural Objects</i> |
| 17:30 – 18:00 | Final Discussion & Concluding Remarks |