

D&I Symposium 2024: Untold Stories / Stories of the Past (werktitel)

Expertise Office Diversity and Inclusion and Faculty of Archeology, Leiden University

11 January 2024 (12:30 – 18:00)

Location: Wijnhaven (tbc), The Hague

Every year in January, the D&I Expertise Office organizes a symposium with keynote speakers and workshops where the university community can come together, talk to each other and be inspired by speakers, workshops, colleagues and students. The symposium attracts between 300 and 500 participants annually. The symposium contributes to awareness and knowledge sharing as well as networking and community building. It is a university-wide event, to which all students and staff receive an invitation from the President of the Executive Board. In the last four years, the symposium has been organized in collaboration with a faculty and focused on a specific theme, strengthening the involvement of the faculty. In 2024, the collaboration will be with the Faculty of Archaeology, with a focus on a theme that links Archaeology, Diversity and Inclusion.

Archeology plays a critical role educating our past and understanding our society today. The angle of this symposium will be on the traces of our colonial past and the role of inclusive heritage and museums. While museums are public spaces, they also symbolize oppression and a remembrance of dark colonial histories and rarely attract a diverse public. What do our current collections tell us about our past? What stories and narratives are told and represented?

This symposium will combine different perspectives: academic, policy, field and practical. As Archeology is truly a linking pin and an interdisciplinary field combining perspectives from Social Sciences, Humanities and Natural Sciences, by working together with this Faculty for this symposium, this event is an opportunity to link the different faculties from different disciplines with each other. Often topics like diversity and inclusion are cornered and told from a social sciences/humanities angle. This will be an opportunity to ideally also reach broad target groups.

Key themes: Archeology, decolonization, slavery and colonial past, diversity and inclusion

Program outline:

Opening + Introduction: 10 year 5.1.2e

Interview with 5.1.2e Leiden University

Part I: Plenary

1. Themes: Colonial Past in Everyday life.

This part will focus on understanding the issue of racism, racial hierarchies as well as racial inequalities that circulates today through our colonial and slavery past

Keynote speaker 1: 5.1.2e specialized in the critical study of race as well as the history, theory and politics of racism and its effects.

2. Themes: Inclusive heritage – Museums, Objects and Displays.

This part will focus on heritage and the representation of our colonial and slavery past in museums as well as the ethical issues connected to museums and heritage. How can we bring stories that were once silenced to the forefront in public displays such as monuments, museums and objects?

Keynote speaker 2:

5.1.2e

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Part II: Panel Discussion – combine different disciplines (academic, policy, field and practical)

Pannelists:

- 5.1.2e (academic)
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- Perspectives from the Archeology field (options) (academics)
 - 5.1.2e
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- 5.1.2e: will link the themes to diversity and inclusion; how to bring the voices of artists and activists to a wider audience, and how to involve educational institutions (practioner).

Moderator for the panel:

- 5.1.2e
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Part III: Workshops

1) Research in Colonized Lands – how to do ethical research? Practices from the field

Organisers:

- 5.1.2e
- Decolonizing Collective

2) Cultural Heritage: monuments, museums and

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Schema

12:30 – 13:00 Inloop

13:00 – 13:30 Introductie: 10 jaar 5.1.2e

13:30 – 14:00 Keynote 1 (30 min)

14:00 – 15:00 Keynote 2 (30 min)

15:00 – 15:15 Break

15:15 – 16:15 Panelgesprek + Q&A

16:15 – 17:15 Workshops

16:45 – 17:00 Closing by Annetje Ottow (plenair)

17:30 – 18:30 Borrel