

# DIASPORIC HERITAGE AND IDENTITY

**21-23**  
**JUNE 2023**

**AHM ANNUAL  
CONFERENCE**  
UNIVERSITY OF AMSTERDAM

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**PROGRAMME**

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**9:30 – 10:30**

Amsterdam University Library,  
main entrance

**Registration**

*Walk-in, coffee & tea*

**10:30 – 10:40**

**Welcome AHM** by *Prof. Ihab Saloul*, Research Director

**10:40 – 11:00**

Doelenzaal

**Opening Conference** by *Eleri Connick*, *Lucy Gaynor* and  
*Dr. Mario Panico* (Organising Committee)

**11:00 – 12:30**

Doelenzaal

**Keynote Lecture: People and Things: The Stuff of and Beyond Diaspora**

**Dr. Ramy Aly**, *The American University in Cairo (Egypt)*

*Chair: Dr. Hilla Dayan, Amsterdam University College*

**12:30 – 14:00**

Doelenzaal hall

**Lunch**

**14:00 – 15:30**

**Panel 1: Urban Dynamics of Diasporic and Colonial Heritage**

Potgieterzaal – *Chair: Dr. David Duindam, University of Amsterdam*

Routes and Places of Counter-Memory of Colonialism in Italy. Porta Venezia: A Case of Reappropriation of Space and Memory by the Habesha Community

**Gaia Ballatori**, *University of Pisa, Political Sciences, Pisa, Italy*

Diasporic Heritage and Identity in Urban Space: The Case of Izmir, Turkey

**Funda Catalbaş**, *Independent Researcher, PhD Graduated Urban Planner, Izmir, Turkey*

“Finding the Orphaned Irish Parts of Me” at the New Cut: Defining Self-Identity Through Encountering an Archaeological Site

**Harriet Sams**, *Department of Archaeology, Bournemouth University, Poole, UK*

**Panel 2: Legacies of Colonialism**

Belle van Zuylenzaal – *Chair: Lucy Gaynor, University of Amsterdam*

Archival Optimism and Archival Pessimism: The Case of Javanese-Surinamese Diasporic Heritage in the Netherlands

**Emily Hansell Clark**, *University of Amsterdam, Faculty of Humanities, Amsterdam, the Netherlands*

The Moroccans: A Journey into Absent Memory

**Hilla Dayan**, *Amsterdam University College, Amsterdam, the Netherlands*

“Make America Great Again”: (De)Colonising Masculinities in Viet Thanh Nguyen’s *The Refugees* (2017)

**Cristina Pividori**, *Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona, Facultat de Filosofia i Lletres, Barcelona, Spain*

“You Should Be Grateful”: An Autoethnography on the Injustice in Doctoral Research in Francophone Belgium

**Khaoula Stiti**, *Université libre de Bruxelles, École Polytechnique, Bruxelles, Belgium; University of Carthage, National School of Architecture and Planning, Tunis, Tunisia*

15:30 – 16:00

Break

16:00 – 17:30

### Panel 3: Exploring Diaspora Through Transitional Justice

Potgieterzaal – Chair: **Lucy Gaynor**, University of Amsterdam

Diasporas Building Memory and Peace: The Role of the Diaspora with the Colombian Truth Commission

**Sílvia Plana**, International Catalan Institute for Peace (ICIP), Barcelona, Spain

Reparations After a Century of White Supremacy Set in Stone: Confederate Statues in the Transitional Justice Debate

**Emma Riquet**, NIOD Institute of War, Holocaust and Genocide Studies; University of Amsterdam, Faculty of Humanities, Amsterdam, the Netherlands

The Making of Contested Heritage: Transitional Justice in Taiwan and Its Spatial Turn

**I-Wei Wu**, Brandenburg University of Technology, Architecture, Civil Engineering and Urban Planning Faculty, Cottbus, Germany

### Panel 4: Imaginaries of Diasporic Heritage

Belle van Zuylenzaal – Chair: **Dr. Mario Panico**, University of Amsterdam

Rethinking Kurdishness at European Kurdish Film Festivals: A Decolonial Diasporic Effort

**Fatma Edemen**, Jagiellonian University, Doctoral School in the Humanities, Kraków, Poland

Activating the Diasporic Audiovisual Heritage of the Turkish Community in the Netherlands and Beyond

**Asli Ozgen**, University of Amsterdam, Faculty of Humanities, Amsterdam, the Netherlands

Music and Memorialization: Narrative of Return in SVPD's *Made in Jaffna* (2021)

**Arththi Sathananthar**, Department of Minorities & Multilingualism, University of Groningen, Groningen, the Netherlands

Emine Sevgi Özdamar's "A Charwoman's Career Memories of Germany": Prosthetic Imagination and Masquerade

**Gonca Yalçın**, University of Glasgow, Department of Theatre Studies, Glasgow, UK

17:30 – 20:00

BG2 building

Drinks and Dinner Buffet

Artist Performance: **Sarah Houmani**

**Sarah Houmani** is a poet and screenwriter from Lebanon.

**9:00 – 9:30**

Amsterdam University Library,  
main entrance

**Registration**

*Walk-in, coffee & tea*

**9:30 – 11:00**

Doelenzaal

**Keynote Lecture: Diaspora, Heritage and Affect: Being and Feeling in the Spaces of Museum and Home**

**Prof. Divya P. Tolia-Kelly**, *University of Sussex (UK)*

*Chair: Dr. Colin Sterling, University of Amsterdam*

**11:00 – 11:30**

**Break**

**11:30 – 13:00**

**Panel 1: Diasporic Identities in Conflict and Postconflict Society**

Belle van Zuylenzaal – *Chair: Eleri Connick, University of Amsterdam*

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**Nienke Hüttner**, *University of Amsterdam, Faculty of Humanities, Amsterdam, the Netherlands*

How Identities Become Crucial in Contemporary Conflicts and Interactions: Intangible Heritage in the Russo-Ukrainian War

**Zeyu Jiang**, *University College London, Department of Hebrew and Jewish Studies, London, UK*

A Case Study of the Kurdish Language of the Syrian Kurds Before and After Their Displacement to Türkiye

**Bader Mustafa**, *MA Graduate, Istanbul Aydin University, Political Science; International Relations Department, Istanbul, Turkey*

**Panel 2: Silent Narratives, Denied Identity and Emotions**

Vondelzaal – *Chair: Lucy Gaynor, University of Amsterdam*

Initial Failures and Symbolic Successes: Transitional Justice for Homosexual Victims of Nazi Persecution in the Post-War Era

**Caroline Colao**, *NIOD Institute for War, Holocaust and Genocide Studies; University of Amsterdam, Faculty of Humanities, Amsterdam, the Netherlands*

Insisting on Uniqueness: Shame and Guilt in German Memory Culture and the Denial of Palestinian Perspectives

**Lara Fricke**, *University of Exeter, Institute of Arab and Islamic Studies, Exeter, UK*

Diasporic Heritage as Resistance: The Palestinian Experience

**Natali Al Qawasmi**, *Istanbul Aydin University, Istanbul, Turkey*

“We Cannot Forget It, It is Our Land”: Nostalgic Attachment of the Sahrawis to Their Homeland, an Equally Real and Imaginary Territory

**Mario Linares-Díaz**, *Complutense University of Madrid, Faculty of Geography and History, Madrid, Spain*

**13:00 – 14:30**

**Lunch**

Doelenzaal hall

**14:30 – 16:00**

**Panel 3: The Materiality and  
Musealisation of Diasporic Heritage**

Potgieterzaal – *Chair: Dr. Mario Panico, University of Amsterdam*

Nostalgia and Food as Memory and  
Translation Object in Fadia Faqir, Leila  
Aboulela and Layla AlAmmar

**Akkad Alhussein**, *University College  
London, Centre for Translation Studies,  
London, UK*

In and Out of Place: Resistance in the  
Musealisation of Palestinian Exile

**Eleri Connick**, *PhD Candidate, University of  
Amsterdam, Faculty of Humanities, Amsterdam,  
the Netherlands*

Objects with an Imagined Home:  
Yugoslavia's Heritage as a Diasporic  
Object

**Marija Đorđević**, *University of Belgrade,  
Faculty of Philosophy; Institute for Art History,  
Belgrade, Serbia*

**16:00 – 16:30**

**Break**

**16:30 – 17:30**

Oudemanhuispoort,  
lecture hall D 1.08

**Museum Talk:**

**National Holocaust Museum Amsterdam**

A presentation by and talk with **Prof. Emile Schrijver** about the new National Holocaust Museum which will be opening in Amsterdam in 2024. Emile Schrijver is General Director of the Jewish Cultural Quarter and the Jewish Museum in Amsterdam and professor by special appointment of the History of the Jewish Book at the University of Amsterdam.

*Chair: Nienke Hüttner, University of Amsterdam*

**17:30 – 20:00**

**Drinks & Bites**

BG2 building

**10:00 – 10:30**Oudemanhuispoort,  
main entrance**Registration***Walk-in, coffee & tea***10:30 – 12:00****Panel 1: Diaspora in the Digital Space**Oudemanhuispoort, lecture hall D 0.08 – *Chair: Silvia Rottenberg, University of Amsterdam*The Making of Chinese London: Diaspora  
and Heritage through the Third Space of  
the City**Stephanie Guo**, *PhD Candidate, The  
London School of Economics and Political  
Science, Department of Media and  
Communications, London, UK*Transformations of Diasporic Heritage  
Identities in Canada during the Covid-19  
Pandemic: From Land-based Communities to  
Language-based Global Cyberspora**Nina Paulovicova**, *Athabasca University,  
Athabasca, Canada***Marta McCabe**, *Duke University, Durham, NC,  
USA***Renata Emilsson Peskova**, *University of  
Iceland, Reykjavík, Iceland*Social Media in the Diaspora: An  
Exploratory Approach Towards Identity  
Formation of the Iranian Diaspora**Alireza Rabiei Kenari**, *University of  
Amsterdam, Department of Media Studies,  
Faculty of Humanities, Amsterdam, the  
Netherlands***12:00 – 12:30****Break****12:30 – 13:30**

BG2 building

**Curatorial Talk: Nesli Gül Durukan**A conversation with **Dr. S. Nesli Gül Durukan** about her most  
recent exhibition *Scattered – Hidden Narratives through  
Archives* which looks into the interactions of visual artists from  
Turkey who settled in the Netherlands with the Dutch art  
scene, a little-known and undocumented part of the  
contemporary art history of the Netherlands.*Chair: Eleri Connick, University of Amsterdam***13:30 – 13:40****Break****13:40 – 14:00****Closing Remarks** by *Eleri Connick, Lucy Gaynor and  
Dr. Mario Panico (Organising Committee)***14:00 – 16:00****Lunch and Network Meeting**

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