

Heritage for the Future, Science for Heritage

A European Adventure for Research and Innovation

A symposium organised in the framework of the French Presidency of the Council of the European Union*

15th & 16th March 2022, Paris:

At the Louvre and the National Library of France.

Paris, January 6th 2022 - Under the French presidency of the Council of the European Union, the Foundation for Heritage Science is organizing, with the European Commission and in partnership with the French Ministry of Culture, the French National Centre for Scientific Research (CNRS) and the universities of Paris-Saclay and Cergy Paris, a symposium dedicated to heritage science in Europe.

The aim of the symposium is to highlight the diversity of heritage science, in France and in Europe. It will be necessary to highlight how it contributes to safeguarding heritage and also to reveal its main role to understand and face major contemporary challenges (social, cultural, economic, political, and climatic).

Heritage science is at the center of the major European initiatives of our time.

- How can it support the implementation of European climate and environmental ambitions?
- How to stimulate collaborations between the heritage science and the cultural and creative industries?
- What changes and issues arise from digital transitions?
- What are the challenges for the organizations that train researchers and professionals of today and tomorrow?

The most stimulating results of research and innovation, as well as their application in the field will be presented over these two days. Without forgetting to draw perspectives.

The program will build on four main themes:

- A reflective heritage for a resilient society: this topic will focus on the fact that cultural heritage is a dynamic and evolutive concept in an extremely fluctuating world. It will be a matter of questioning its creation, its interpretation and its role for our societies.

- Sustainable management of cultural heritage: this topic will discuss the models, methodologies and tools that allow it to be preserved and passed on to future generations.

- Cultural heritage in a changing context: This topic stresses the challenges arising from physical, demographic, environmental, economic, political and cultural changes.

- Cultural heritage facing climate and environmental changes: This last subject is more dedicated to the adaptation of heritage to climate changes and its ability to be a resource for a more sustainable society.

The symposium will be held in French and in English in the form of plenary presentation sessions and round tables, which will be accessible online.

Program, accreditations and information available from the middle of January 2022. presse@sciences-patrimoine.org













The concept of "heritage science" designates a scientific field having as its scope the cultural heritage. It brings together the human, social, experimental, digital and engineering sciences which contribute to the identification, understanding, preservation, restoration and transmission of cultural heritage in all its forms.

Heritage science is gradually being established in the European academic and scientific ecosystem. It federates researchers, heritage professionals, non-governmental organizations and associations whose objective is to transcend national visions and interests.

About the Foundation for Heritage Science:

The Foundation for Heritage Science is a partnership foundation placed under the high patronage of the Ministry of Culture. It was created in 2013.

Established by the universities of Cergy Paris and Versailles Saint-Quentin-en-Yvelines, the Louvre museum, the castle of Versailles and the National Library of France, it has the ambition to structure and finance a leading-edge-research dedicated to tangible cultural heritage through three axes: the intimate knowledge of heritage, the improvement of the preservation and restoration processes, the enhancement of knowledge broadcast processes in the heritage field. As an innovative institution, it capitalizes on the dialogue between academic searchers and professionals. Finally, it fosters the development of partnerships nationally and internationally for the research and training in the heritage science domain. www.sciences-patrimoine.org

About the partners:

- The French Ministry of Culture:

France's Ministry of Culture implements policies for the preservation, protection and enhancement of every aspect of cultural heritage, promotes the creation of art and intellectual works, and fosters development of the practice and teaching of art.

- The CNRS:

The French National Center for Scientific Research is one of the most recognised and renowned public research institutions in the world. For more than 80 years, it has continued to attract talent at the highest level and to nurture multi-disciplinary and interdisciplinary research projects at the national, European and international levels. Geared towards the public interest, it contributes to the scientific, economic, social and cultural progress of France. The CNRS is above all 32,000 women and men, more than 1,000 laboratories.

- The University Paris-Saclay:

Université Paris-Saclay brings together ten constituent faculties and institutes, four Grandes Écoles, the Institut des Hautes Etudes Scientifiques, two associate institutions and shared laboratories with national research organisations. A leading University, Université Paris-Saclay is recognised for its excellent Mathematics and Physics programmes but also for Biological and Medical Sciences, Agriculture, Engineering, and its extensive Humanities and Social Sciences courses. Close to Paris, Université Paris-Saclay is nested in a protected natural area, at the very heart of a dynamic economic hub.

- The University Cergy Paris:

As a major player in the national post-graduate education and research landscape, CY Cergy Paris Université offers a diversified range of courses in a university school for undergraduate studies, called CY Sup, and 5 graduate schools, 4 of which are directly supported by the university (including CY Tech), the 5th being the ESSEC Business School. By 2030, it aims to be one of the top 200 universities in the world.

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