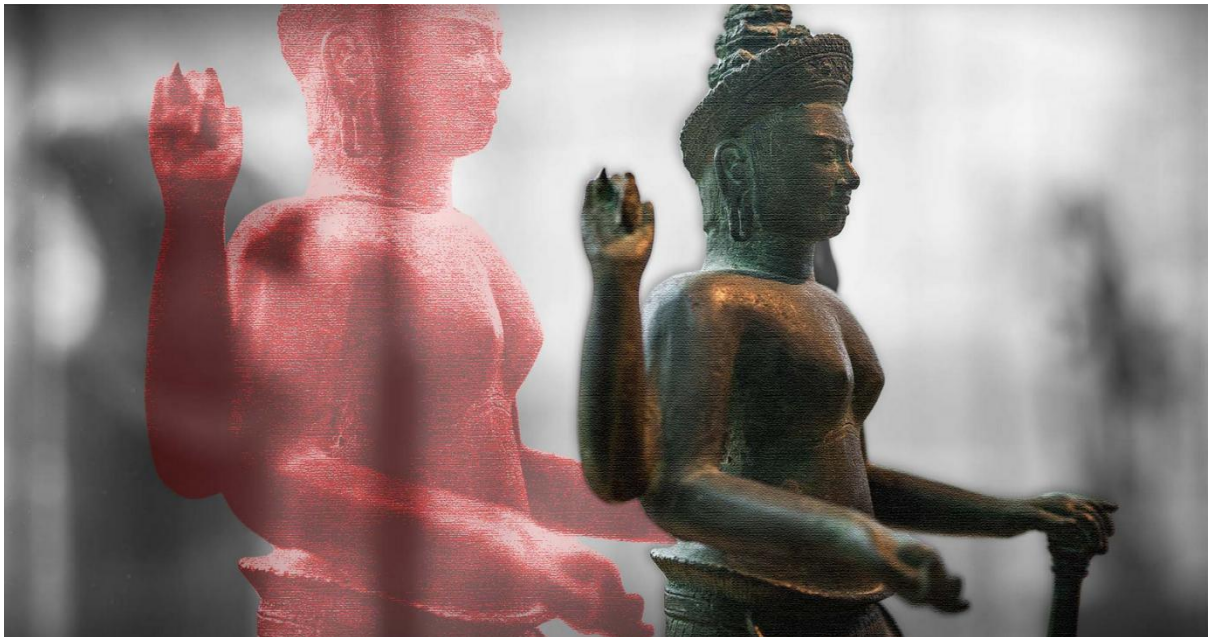


Multilateral efforts to regulate the trade in cultural objects in Asia



Tuesday 23 September 2025 at 08:00 UTC (16:00 Beijing time, 17:00 Seoul and Tokyo time, 18:00 AEST)

In the lead-up to the World Conference on Cultural Policies in Barcelona (29 September – 1 October 2025), this webinar provides an opportunity to critically consider the public and private international law aspects of multilateral efforts in Asia to address the illicit trade in cultural goods on the 55th anniversary of the adoption of the 1970 UNESCO Convention on the Means of Prohibiting and Preventing the Illicit Import, Export and Transfer of Cultural Property, and the 30th anniversary of the adoption of the 1995 UNIDROIT Convention on Stolen or Illegally Exported Cultural Objects.

This regional Asian virtual book launch brings together leading scholars in the field and key contributors from the European region to the recently published [*Oxford Commentary on the 1970 UNESCO and 1995 UNIDROIT Conventions on Stolen or Illegally Transferred Cultural Property*](#) (Oxford University Press, 2024). This is the third volume in the [*Oxford Commentaries on International Cultural Heritage Law*](#) edited by Professor A F Vrdoljak and the late Professor Francesco Francioni.

The panel discussants are

- Professor Keun-Gwan Lee, School of Law, Seoul National University, Member of the UN International Law Commission and past President of the Asian Society of International Law
- Professor Toshiyuki Kono, Emeritus Professor of Private International Law and former Executive Vice President of Kyushu University and former president of ICOMOS
- Professor Wang Yunxia, School of Law, Renmin University of China, UNESCO Chair on Cultural Heritage Law and Director of the Institute of Cultural Heritage Law

Moderated by Professor Ana Filipa Vrdoljak, editor of the Oxford Commentary and UNESCO Chair.

Prior registration for this event is required. Registration link is [here](#).

Information about open access to the introductory chapter of the Commentary and QR discount code for its purchase will be provided in the reminder email to registrants.



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