



Looting and Illicit Trafficking: Open Access Papers

We have chosen to only include open access articles and papers on general themes, rather than articles on focused topics, although there is a large body of research literature on this topic. These papers provide some of the most recent think tank work to complement our [law library section on looting and illicit trafficking of antiquities](#).

Inclusion does not indicate endorsement by the Blue Shield of the views and opinions in them.

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- Desmarais, France. (ed.) *Countering Illicit Traffic in Cultural Goods: The Global Challenge of Protecting the World's Heritage*. [Online]: ICOM. Available at the ICOM [Illicit Antiquities Observatory](#).
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- Brodie, Neil / Antiquities Coalition. 2017. *How to Control the Internet Market in Antiquities? The Need for Regulation and Monitoring*. Policy Brief No. 3, July 2017. [Antiquities Coalition website](#).
- Committee for Cultural Policy. 2017. Bearing False Witness: The Media, ISIS and Antiquities. 1 December 2017, Committee for Cultural Policy Special Report. [Available on their website](#).
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- St. Hilaire, Ricardo A. / Antiquities Coalition. 2016. *How to End Impunity for Antiquities Traffickers: Assemble a Cultural Heritage Crimes Prosecution Team*. Policy Brief No. 1, November 2016. [Antiquities Coalition website](#).
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A number of articles about looting are available on the [Trafficking Culture website](#).

Visit the Red List database on [ICOM's website](#) .

Visit Illicit Trafficking of Cultural Property on [UNESCO's website](#).
