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## Cultural Heritage Awareness Webinars

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## Cultural Heritage Awareness Webinars

The Hellenic Committee of the Blue Shield in collaboration with the University of Nicosia and the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens organize a series of Webinars in order to raise awareness for the protection of cultural heritage (both tangible and intangible) in emergency situations, in cases of armed conflict and environmental disasters, in line with the objectives of the Blue Shield.

The events will be interdisciplinary in character and thematically focused on five issue areas that are considered critically important for the management of the evolving challenges of cultural heritage protection, namely:

- (a) cultural heritage and international security,
- (b) intangible cultural heritage safeguarding in times of crises,
- (c) cultural heritage and climate change,
- (d) return of antiquities illegally removed from their countries of origin,
- (e) legal and managerial issues pertaining to the collections of Museums and Cultural Institutions.

The events will be held in English and will take place on the following **Tuesdays (23/2, 2/3, 9/3, 16/3 and 23/3) from 18:00 – 19:30** (Athens-Greece time zone).

### Organizing committee

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## Anniversary Conference for the 200 years since the War of Independence

*Details on how to attend the conference to be announced soon.*

## Anniversary Conference for the 200 years since the Greek War of Independence

**19 April 2021 (Day dedicated to Philhellenism)**

**Online**

### ***Two centuries of protection of the Greek cultural heritage: From the 1821 War of Independence to modern Greece***

The Hellenic Committee of the Blue Shield in collaboration with ICOMOS Hellenic National Committee and the ICOM Hellenic National Committee organize an online conference for the celebration of the 200 years since the Greek War of Independence. The conference aims to highlight the impact that antiquities had on the Greek society before and during the 1821 Greek War of Independence for the subsequent development of the legislation governing the protection of cultural heritage in Greece and for legitimizing the establishment of the modern Greek state itself in 1830.

The conference will address issues on the destructions and lootings during the Ottoman period, the role of Philhellenism on the promotion of Greek cultural heritage as an aspect of the European and even global common cultural identity, the evolution of Greek cultural legislation and diplomacy on safeguarding cultural properties (tangible and intangible) in times of peace and war and the role of international cultural bodies for the protection of cultural heritage in times of armed conflicts and other natural and social crises.

Our goal is for this conference to be a commemoration of the past through selected presentations of Greek and foreign experts in the field of history, archaeology, legislation, architecture, art and folk tradition, social sciences, and others with the view to the future for the protection of cultural property of humankind and to explore issues concerning key threats that heritage faces in times of conflicts and disaster, an unfortunately timely topic.

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**Unitwin Chairs of UNESCO in Greece and Hellenic Committee of the Blue Shield Initiative**

**2nd International Conference: Global Issues of Environment Culture**

<https://huaxiahellas.com/conference 2021/>

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## **Unitwin Chairs of UNESCO in Greece and Hellenic Committee of the Blue Shield Initiative.**

Natural and manmade disasters are events which increasingly occur on the planet. They often have hundreds of human victims and devastating consequences, affecting urban centers, outdoor settlements, infrastructure projects, but also, among all others, monuments of nature and cultural monuments and sites, which are included in UNESCO's World Heritage List.

The Unitwin Chairs of UNESCO in Greece that deal with the issues of natural disasters and the Hellenic Committee of the Blue Shield shall compile an index of natural and manmade dangers regarding Greek World Heritage monuments. The decision to take this initiative was based on the conclusion that so far, the proposed methods lack techniques based on modern Information Technologies, such as AR, VR and IoT AI, could significantly assist the work of the administrators of monuments. The dangers are to be classified in order of importance and occurrence for each monument. The Hellenic Committee of the Blue Shield will co-assist the work of the scientific experts of the chairs, by providing information regarding the dangers and the corresponding sites. The goal is to provide specific instructions in a Manual Guide to contribute to the protection both of monuments and visitors significantly.

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## **2nd International Conference: Global Issues of Environment Culture**

**18-19 September 2021**

**Delphi, Greece (European Cultural Center of Delphi)**

Dr. Elena Korca (Blue Shield, Greece) and Prof. Liritzis Ioannis participate in the Scientific Committee, the Scientific Advisory Committee and the Organizing Committee of the 2nd International Conference organized by Henan University and the University of the Aegean on Global Issues of Environment Culture. The Conference encompasses a broad field concerning the interaction of human development over millennia with the environmental factor, and the subsequent effects of manmade and natural disasters and seeks to highlight that modern humanity's task is to preserve the memories of the past, using Hi Tech and proper management.

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## ReInHerit project: Redefining the future of cultural heritage.

<https://cordis.europa.eu/project/id/101004545>

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## ReInHerit project: Redefining the future of cultural heritage.

The Hellenic Committee of the Blue Shield participates as a partner in the European programme HORIZON 2020, entitled "Redefining the future of cultural heritage, through a disruptive model of sustainability (ReInHerit)". The aim of the program is to create an innovative Digital Hub between museums and cultural heritage sites, in order to present Europe's heritage, intangible or not, to citizens and tourists in their wider historical and geographical contexts. The program will create an open digital cultural heritage ecosystem, where, with the appropriate tools and resources, museums, cultural heritage sites, communities and professionals from the field of culture will collaborate, exchange innovative ideas, so as to promote best practices in the field of management, enhancement of the European cultural heritage and its protection from natural and manmade disasters.

The Leader of the program is the Cultural Foundation of the Bank of Cyprus (Cyprus) and apart from the Hellenic Committee of the Blue Shield, the partners are the MUSEUM OF CYCLADIC ART - NICHOLAS & DOLLY GOULANDRIS FOUNDATION (Greece), the ASOCIACION ARTE SOSTENIBLE (Spain), the UNIVERSITÀ DEGLI STUDI DI FIRENZE (Italy), the EUROPEAN CULTURAL TOURISM NETWORK (Belgium), the EDEX - EDUCATIONAL EXCELLENCE CORPORATION LIMITED (Cyprus), the CONSORZIO MATERAHUB INDUSTRIE CULTURALI E CREATIVE (Cyprus), the UNIVERSITAET GRAZ (Austria), the RESEARCH CENTRE ON INTERACTIVE MEDIA, SMART SYSTEMS AND EMERGING TECHNOLOGIES-RISE LIMITED (Cyprus), the YRKESHOGSKOLAN ARCADE AB (Finland) and the STADTMUSEUM GRAZ GMBH (Austria). The ReInHerit project will start in March 2021.

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