

Press Release
4th International Provenance Research Day 2022
Researching origin in museums, libraries and archives

On April 13, 2022, the International Provenance Research Day will take place for the fourth time. So far, around 95 institutions in Germany, France, the Netherlands, Austria, Switzerland and the USA have registered their participation (state of April 5, 2022).

This year, museums, libraries and other (collection-managing) institutions are again offering a large number of face-to-face events. However, online formats continue to form an integral part of the event program. As in previous years, numerous participants/participating institutions have developed new formats for their events in order to reach the widest possible audience. This year, many researchers from various institutions are coming together to collaborate on their events. They illustrate the successful efforts of the Arbeitskreis Provenienzforschung e.V. towards transparency and networking within the scientific community.

The wide-ranging program with more than 100 events is primarily dedicated to topics from the areas of Nazi persecution-related seizures (61), cultural assets from colonial contexts (27) and the history of collections in general (58). The day will be accompanied by Twitter: #TagderProvenienzforschung

Information on all events on the Provenance Research Day can be found on the website of the Arbeitskreis Provenienzforschung e.V.: <https://www.arbeitskreis-provenienzforschung.org/veranstaltungen/> A brief overview of all the participating institutions which have registered until the April 5, 2022 can also be found on the website: <https://www.arbeitskreis-provenienzforschung.org/tag-der-provenienzforschung/>. For questions regarding further details about the individual programs, please contact the institution in question directly.

The Provenance Research Day takes place once a year on the second Wednesday in April. It is of great importance for the Arbeitskreis Provenienzforschung e.V. because it not only demonstrates the social and scientific relevance of our work and provides a broad audience with insights into the methods of the research field. It also draws attention to the precarious employment situation of many provenance researchers, who are still predominantly employed on temporary contracts with terms of one to a maximum of four years.

The Arbeitskreis Provenienzforschung e.V. is an international network of scholars and experts who have been researching the origin of cultural assets or their unlawful seizure since 2000. Since 2014, the Arbeitskreis has been organized as a registered association. Its central tasks include the professional support of provenance research in its broad fields of activity and the promotion of an interdisciplinary exchange. The Arbeitskreis now has more than 400 members from Germany, France, Great Britain, Israel, Italy, the Netherlands, Austria, Switzerland and the USA: <https://www.arbeitskreis-provenienzforschung.org/>.

The Provenance Research Day is coordinated by the working group of the same name: <https://www.arbeitskreis-provenienzforschung.org/arbeitsgruppen/ag-tag-der-provenienzforschung/>

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