

PROVENANCE RESEARCH DAY 2026 *Call for Participation*



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Organizer: Arbeitskreis Provenienzforschung e.V.
Coordinator: Arbeitsgruppe Tag der Provenienzforschung (AG TdP)
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Website: <https://www.arbeitskreis-provenienzforschung.org/tag-der-provenienzforschung/>

Who: The Arbeitskreis Provenienzforschung e.V. (Arbeitskreis) is an international network of academics and experts that has been founded in 2000 and which is primarily involved in researching the provenance or, in particular, the unlawful seizure of cultural objects at museums, libraries, archives and in the art trade, but also in the legal system, in academia or as freelancers. The Arbeitskreis has been organized as a registered association since 2014. The central tasks of the Arbeitskreis include professional support for provenance research in all of its fields of activity and fostering interdisciplinary exchange. Currently, the Arbeitskreis has more than 600 members from 12 countries.

When: Provenance Research Day has been inaugurated in 2019. It takes place annually on the second Wednesday in April. This year, it will take place on April 8th, 2026.

Why: The central aim of this day is to support organizations, participants and institutions in communicating provenance research to a broader audience as part of the outreach concept of the Arbeitskreis. The diversity of events offers an opportunity to draw international attention to the social and scientific relevance of provenance research and to communicate the diverse issues and methods of this field of research.

Participation: The Provenance Research Day is open to all institutions conducting provenance research or participating in its academic discussion. This can include research on cultural objects in a colonial context, items confiscated by the Nazis, looted or stolen works or works salvaged when fleeing from persecution ('Fluchtgut'), items seized in the Soviet occupation zone/German Democratic Republic, research on institutional collection policy and history, and other contexts, such as the art market or auction houses.

Contributions could be in the form of restitution events, lectures and discussions, workshops, special or small exhibitions, book presentations, consultations or guided tours or presentations of individual cases (e.g., dedicated showcases). The diverse media and activities should explain the complexities of provenance research to a wide public and to heighten public and media awareness of the issues involved. All participants and events will be published with their contribution on the Arbeitskreis website: <https://www.arbeitskreis-provenienzforschung.org>

Registration: If you would like to participate in the international PROVENANCE RESEARCH DAY, simply register your event using the online form on the website of the Arbeitskreis. Your activity will then appear online in the complete directory of all events. By registering, you agree to advertise the initiative of the Arbeitskreis and if appropriate using the association's logo.

Link to online registration: <https://www.arbeitskreis-provenienzforschung.org/en/register-an-event/>