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Day 1

September 20 Wednesday Day 1 | Theme Foundations of Museums, Cultural Identity, and Diaspora

Day 1 allows for Hybrid Access (i.e., online access and in-person participation) and will engage participants in grounding on the foundations of museums, cultural identity and diaspora.

8:00am - 8:30am | REGISTRATION | Conference Reception Desk Open Location: SNP Museum (auditorium)

8:30am - 9:00am | WELCOME | Opening Remarks

Location: SNP Museum (auditorium)

<u>Moderator</u>: Dr. Anna Slatinská, Manager, Faculty of Arts at Matej Bel University Speakers: Dr. Marian Uhrin, Director, SNP Museum; Jakub Gajdošík, MA, Deputy Mayor of Banská Bystrica; Dr. Palina Louangketh, IMID Founder & Executive Director; Dr. Miroslava Knapková, Vice Rector, Matej Bel University

9:05am - 9:55am | PANEL | Cultural and Diaspora Museums: Foundations of Transformational Engagement

Location: SNP Museum (auditorium)

<u>Moderator</u>: Dr. Simge Erdogan-O'Connor, Manager and Curator, Murney Tower Museum National Historic Site of Canada

<u>Panelists</u>: Dr. Sarah Smith, Assistant Professor and Canada Research Chair in Art, Culture and Global Relations, Faculty of Information and Media Studies, Western University; Dr. Sascha Priewe, Director of Collections & Public Programs at Aga Khan Museum and Chair, Idaho Museum of International Diaspora Global Leadership Council; Dr. Palina Louangketh, Idaho Museum of International Diaspora Founder & Executive Director

<u>Description</u>: Moderator and panelists will ground participants on the critical role of diaspora and cultural museums to connect sectoral partners and communities, intent behind the theme Museums: The Future of Diaspora Engagement, and story behind the collection of the conference /congress schedule of topics and speakers.



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> **10:00am - 10:30am | TOPIC | Historical and Current Basque Diasporas: A New Scenario** Location: SNP Museum (auditorium)

<u>Speakers</u>: Imanol Galdos, Assistant Manager & International Affairs Manager at Donostia Kultura and Donostia-San Sebastian City Council; Dr. John Bieter, Professor and Historian at Boise State University

<u>Description</u>: Speakers will take audience through the historical journey of Basque diasporas and how the relationship between culture and today's Basque populations in various regions of the world defines Basque cultural heritage.

10:30am - 10:45am | BREAK

10:45am - 11:55am | PANEL | Ireland's Greatest Resource: Irish Diaspora

Location: SNP Museum (auditorium)

<u>Moderator</u>: Trevor Ó Clochartaigh, Director of Operations and HR at TG4

<u>Panelists</u>: His Excellency, Dermot McGauran, Ambassador of Ireland to the Slovak Republic; Senator Mark Daly; Dr. Niall Murray, Senior Lecturer, Technological University of the Shannon and Project Lead, TRANSMIXR project; Kate Howard, Arts Development Officer at Galway City Council

<u>Description</u>: Panelists will discuss Ireland in historical and current perspectives from a multi-perspective lens in the context of the critical role of the Irish diasporas in fostering Irish cultural heritage.

12:00pm - 1:15pm | LUNCH Networking Lunch



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> 1:15pm - 2:00pm | TOPIC | The Legacies of War: History, Healing, and Hope Across Diaspora Generations

Location: SNP Museum (auditorium)

<u>Speaker</u>: Sera Koulabdara, Chief Executive Officer at Legacies of War and Chair, US Campaign to Ban Landmine and Cluster Munition Coalition

<u>Description</u>: Conflict through war is not a thing of the past but remains an unfortunate topic of today. Speaker will dissect the impact of the legacies of war across the lifespan of individuals and communities impacted by war in both the conflict areas and those outside of it.

2:05pm - 3:15pm | PANEL | Diaspora Relationships: Connecting Hearts, Mind, and Communities

Location: SNP Museum (auditorium)

<u>Moderator</u>: Elke Shaw-Tulloch, MHS, Chair, Idaho Museum of International Diaspora and State Health Official and Administrator, Idaho Department of Health & Welfare, Division of Public Health

<u>Panelists</u>: Anselme Sadiki, MIA, Executive Director / Chief Executive Officer at Children's Home Society of Idaho; Dr. Julie Aultman, Dean at College of Graduate Studies, Professor of Family and Community Medicine, and Director, Medical Ethics and Humanities Program at Northeast Ohio Medical University; Dr. Scott Smith, Internal Medicine Physician at Global Talent Doctors

<u>Description</u>: Panelists will ground audience in the integral relationship between systems and infrastructures and the mental health and wellbeing of diasporas at the individual / family and population levels.



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3:15pm - 3:30pm | BREAK

3:30pm - 3:50pm | TOPIC | Slovak Minority Environments Abroad: Forms of Education and Traditional Culture

Location: SNP Museum (auditorium)

Speaker: Dr. Zuzana Drugová, Ethnologist, Methodological Centre, Matej Bel University Description: Speaker will explain the minority environments of Slovaks living abroad and the diversity of their conditions of existence, which also implies the diversity of the needs of individual environments for their own existence.

3:50pm - 4:00pm | TOPIC | Closing Remarks

<u>Location</u>: SNP Museum (auditorium) <u>Speaker</u>: Dr. Sascha Priewe, Director of Collections & Public Programs at Aga Khan Museum



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Day 1 | Theme

VIP DINNER PROGRAM

Registration required: Access here to purchase ticket (\$75 USD)

6:30pm - 8:30pm | VIP Partnership Dinner

<u>Moderator</u>: Dr. Sascha Priewe, Director of Collections & Public Programs at Aga Khan Museum and Chair, Idaho Museum of International Diaspora Global Leadership Council

Location: Congress Dixon Hotel

<u>VIP Keynote</u>: His Excellency, Dermot McGauran, Ambassador of Ireland to the Slovak Republic

The Idaho Museum of International Diaspora's Global Leadership Council (GLC) cordially invites you to join us this evening (September 20, Wednesday) for a special dinner program with an exciting announcement and special performances by a local cultural group. Please register <u>here</u>.

We are dedicated to expanding our partners' knowledge and inviting collaboration. During this dinner program, you will have an opportunity to learn about and provide input into our future plans and destination for our next global conference. You will be exposed to new ideas and the "why" behind them and invited to join our movement to connect communities to cultures with a set of exciting opportunities.

We believe in providing immersive learning and educational experiences - an exchange of knowledge and innovative approaches to collaboration - through our connections to local, national, and global partners, communities that host diasporas, and individuals in diaspora communities. This special dinner program will excite and ignite your passion! Please come join us.



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Day 2

September 21 Thursday Day 2 | Theme Immersive Learning and Cultural Tours

Day 2 allows for Hybrid Access (i.e., online access and in-person participation) and will engage participants in immersive / experiential learning opportunities including: (1) guided cultural tour in various parts of Banská Bystrica, and (2) diaspora museum tour as an immersive learning experience.

9:00am - 9:20am | TOPIC | Slovak Diaspora in the United States: Can Democracy Be Exported Back to One's Mother Country?

<u>Location</u>: Faculty of Political Sciences and International Relations (FPS-IR), Matej Bel University (MBU)

<u>Speaker</u>: Dr. Roman Ličko, Assistant Professor, Department of English and American Studies Faculty of Arts, Matej Bel University

<u>Description</u>: Since the late 19th century, when Slovaks began emigrating to the United States in great numbers, there have been many Slovak Americans who felt that they should support their mother country they left behind. Some believed it should not only be money, but also ideas. Speaker will discuss the political debates about Slovakia's future among Slovak-Americans proliferated in a free America – from the extreme left to the far-right.

9:30am - 9:50am | TOPIC | Diaspora of Slovaks in Argentina and Australia in the Context of Current Aspects

Location: FPS-IR, MBU

<u>Speaker</u>: Dr. Martin Urban, Associate Professor, Centre for Art and Culture, Faculty of Education; Artistic Director and Choreographer, University Folklore Ensemble Mladost, Matej Bel University <u>Description</u>: Speaker will introduce a cross-country comparison of Slovak diasporas in the current perspective context.



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10:00am - 10:20am | TOPIC | HerStories Project: Stories of Jewish Women in the 20th century

Location: FPS-IR, MBU

Speaker: Jana Turanska, MA, Project Manager at Centropa

<u>Description</u>: Speaker will provide insights into the multifaceted Jewish history across parts of Europe in the 20th century through the HerStories Project - a timeline through the life stories of seven Jewish women from Germany, Poland, Greece, Spain, Hungary, Slovakia and the Czech Republic.

10:20am - 10:30am | BREAK

10:40am - 11:00am | TOPIC | Research and Innovation Agenda in Cultural Heritage: Slovak Minorities

Location: FPS-IR, MBU

<u>Speakers</u>: Dr. Katarína Koštiaľová, Associate Professor, Department of Social Studies and Ethnology, Faculty of Arts, Matej Bel University; Dr. Ivan Murín, Associate Professor, Department of Social Studies and Ethnology, Faculty of Arts, Matej Bel University; Dr. Alexandra Bitušíková

<u>Description</u>: The picture of Slovak culture would not be complete without the culture of national minorities living in Slovakia, which is complemented by the culture of Slovaks living abroad. Speaker will describe the national minorities in Slovakia, define the role of the museums of national minorities, and expand audience knowledge base of the multicultural, multiethnic nature of Slovak culture.



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11:10am - 11:30pm | TOPIC | Connecting with Ireland Diaspora: Role of Media in in the 21st Century

Location: FPS-IR, MBU

<u>Speaker</u>: Trevor Ó Clochartaigh, Director of Operations and HR at TG4 <u>Description</u>: Speaker will highlight the role of media to connect Irish diasporas globally to their cultural heritage in the 21st century.

11:45am - 1:00pm | LUNCH

1:00pm - 1:20pm | TOPIC | Invisible Women in Banská Bystrica

Location: FPS-IR, MBU

Speakers: Dr. Alžbeta Gregorová Brozmanová, Associate Professor at Matej Bel University; Dr. Jana Šolcová, Associate Professor at Matej Bel University Description: Speakers will highlight the intent behind the project, Invisible Women, which maps the needs, challenges, and life stories of women living in Banská Bystrica and its surroundings, coming from the environment of other countries or nationalities. (*Note*: Invisible Women in Banská Bystrica exhibition will be displayed in the Faculty of Arts. This includes photographic accounts of these women - their daily lives from their perspective and in their voices).

1:30pm - 2:00pm | TOPIC | Today's Basque Diaspora: Challenges and Opportunities Location: FPS-IR, MBU

<u>Speakers</u>: Imanol Galdos, Assistant Manager & International Affairs Manager at Donostia Kultura and Donostia-San Sebastian City Council; Dr. John Bieter, Professor and Historian at Boise State University

<u>Description</u>: A continued discussion from Day 1 presentation, the speakers will crossover from Basque diasporas in historical context to today's Basque diaspora and their environment, which presents both challenges and opportunities.



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2:10pm - 2:30pm | TOPIC | Remembering Forward: The Importance of Preserving Individual and Collective Memory Artifacts

Location: FPS-IR, MBU

<u>Speaker</u>: Dr. Jana Javorčíková, Department of English and American Studies, Matej Bel University; Dr. Martin Javor, Associate Professor, University of Prešov <u>Description</u>: Speaker will discuss the role of individual, historical and collective memory of the traumatic experience of Slovak immigration to North America and Canada for present-day students of language and general public.

3:00pm-5:00pm | CULTURAL and HISTORICAL TOURS

Locations: SNP Museum and City of Banská Bystrica Group Banská:

• SNP Museum: museum tour | 3:00pm - 4:00pm; City of Banská Bystrica: historical & cultural tour | 4:00pm - 5:00pm

Group Bystrica:

• City of Banská Bystrica: historical & cultural tour | 3:00pm - 4:00pm; SNP Museum: museum tour | 4:00pm - 5:00pm

5:15pm - 7:15pm RECEPTION | Arrivals: What's Left Behind, What Lies Ahead

Location: Academy of Arts

<u>Hosts</u>: Jon Cox, MFA, National Geographic Explorer, Fulbright Specialist at Matej Bel University, and Professor of Art and Design at University of Delaware; Andy Bale, MFA, Professor of Art and Photography at Dickinson College

<u>Description</u>: Audience will experience the exhibition, Arrivals: What's Left Behind, What Lies Ahead - a human journey story exhibition of the lived experiences of today's diasporas.



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Day 3

September 22 Friday Day 3 | Theme Global Skills Training & Human Journey Workshops

Day 3 allows for some Hybrid Access (i.e., online access and in-person participation *only* for sessions that indicate this) and will engage participants in engage participants in global skills training and immersive learning workshops.

MORNING SESSIONS

8:00am - 12:00pm | COLLECTIVE CONVERSATIONS | Global Perspectives: Integrating Diasporas and Culture in Education

<u>Location</u>: Faculty of Arts (classroom setting), Matej Bel University | Room: F239 | Hybrid Access <u>Moderator</u>: Dr. Anna Slatinská, Manager, Faculty of Arts at Matej Bel University <u>Speakers and Topics</u>:

- 1. Madeline Vadkerty, Holocaust Researcher and Doctoral Student, Gratz College | TOPIC: Speaking to Power: Teaching about the Holocaust through Entreaties to Slovak President Jozef Tiso about the Jewish Question
- 2. Dr. Nataliia Kalnychenko, Ukrainian Researcher and Instructor Matej Bel University | TOPIC: Cultures of Diasporas: Role of Private Collections
- 3. Dr. Svitlana Shekhavtsova, Doctor of Pedagogical Sciences, Professor Faculty of Art, Slavic Languages Department Matej Bel University | TOPIC: Cross-Cultural Competence: Life-Long Global Skills
- 4. Dr. Raisa Gladushyna, Associate Professor, English Language and Communication Department, Borys Grinchenko Kyiv University | TOPIC: Ethos of Diasporic Cultural Heritage in ESL Discourse: Crucial Agenda for Education
- 5. Dr. Maria Prokopchuk, Associate Professor, Faculty of Romance and Germanic Linguistics Deputy Dean, Borys Grinchenko Kyiv University | TOPIC: "Spell Your Name" Project: The Importance of Oral History Today

<u>Description</u>: Moderator will engage both audience and speakers in a collective conversation approach to introduce each topic discussion and engage speakers and audience in dialogue that aligns to today's learning and teaching environment and prepares the next generation of teachers to the future teaching and learning environment in diaspora and cultural contexts.



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September 22 Friday

8:00am - 12:00pm | WORKSHOP | Arrivals: What's Left Behind, What Lies Ahead

<u>Location</u>: Faculty of Arts (classroom setting), Matej Bel University | Room: F344 <u>Speakers</u>: Jon Cox, MFA, National Geographic Explorer, Fulbright Specialist at Matej Bel University, and Professor of Art and Design at University of Delaware; Andy Bale, MFA, Professor of Art and Photography at Dickinson College

<u>Description</u>: Speakers will engage audience in a workshop-style learning approach to engage their emotional and cultural intelligence about each other's human journey experience in a safe 'sharing of lived experience' environment that aims to connect the participants on a special level through the workshop program.

9:00am - 12:00pm | WORKSHOP | Diaspora Engagement in the Classroom Through Food

<u>Location</u>: Faculty of Arts (classroom setting), Matej Bel University | Room: F141 <u>Speakers</u>: Dr. Hong Li, Professor of Chinese Language, Department of Russian and East Asian Languages and Cultures, Emory University; Dr. Christine Ristaino, Professor of Practice, Department of French and Italian in the College of Arts and Sciences, Emory University

<u>Description</u>: Time and again, especially since the pandemic began, the role food plays in connecting people and enhancing resilience during difficult times. Speakers will highlight the lives of diaspora and cultural groups from around the world through exploring the diverse voices of immigrants of various generations and international students from different countries. Speakers will also demonstrate how food can serve as a metaphorical lens through which we may critically examine immigrant experiences and key social justice issues.



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10:00am - 11:30am | WORKSHOP | Advocating for Peace: A Journey of Diasporas across Generations

<u>Location</u>: Faculty of Arts (classroom setting), Matej Bel University | Room F354 <u>Speaker</u>: Sera Koulabdara, Chief Executive Officer at Legacies of War and Chair, US Campaign to Ban Landmine and Cluster Munition Coalition <u>Description</u>: A continuation from Day 1 presentation, speaker will highlight the importance of advocating for peace across generations in both the origin and host countries.

10:00am - 11:30am | WORKSHOP | The Museum as a Platform of Global Citizenship: Key Definitions, Principles and Applications

<u>Location</u>: Faculty of Arts (classroom setting), Matej Bel University | Room: F342 <u>Speaker</u>: Dr. Simge Erdogan-O'Connor, Manager and Curator, Murney Tower Museum National Historic Site of Canada

<u>Description</u>: The workshop introduces the concept of global citizenship as an instrument for socially and globally responsible museum practice where cultural relationships and connections lead to positive outcomes and people feel empowered to find solutions to contemporary challenges. Speaker will engage audience in understanding the different definitions of the concept of global citizenship, discover their roles in a globalized world, and explore its practical applications in the global museum sector. (Note: This workshop is offered in both morning and afternoon sessions. The afternoon session will highlight the discussions from the morning session).

11:30am/12:00pm - 1:00pm/1:30pm | LUNCH



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AFTERNOON SESSIONS

1:00pm - 2:00pm | TOPIC | Engaging Roma Communities: Povrazník and Šobov

<u>Location</u>: Faculty of Arts (classroom setting), Matej Bel University | Room: F352 <u>Speakers</u>: Jaro Koleda, Activist, Community Centre in Povrazník; Majka Koledová, Manager at Community Centre in Povrazník

<u>Description</u>: Speakers will discuss how their roles engaged the two Roma communities through their active work in and with the respective Roma communities. Participants will learn how their journey began and what the future holds.

1:30pm - 3:00pm | WORKSHOP | Idaho Diaspora Human Journey Stories: Artisan Lens

<u>Location</u>: Faculty of Arts (classroom setting), Matej Bel University | Room: F354 <u>Speaker</u>: Steven Hatcher, Director of Folk and Traditional Arts at Idaho Commission on the Arts <u>Description</u>: Speaker will engage participants in learning about how Idaho - a refugee resettlement state in the United States and headquarters of the Idaho Museum of International Diaspora created an environment for a special artisan program to connect refugees and the broader Idaho communities to the cultures of refugees by depicting their human journey story from their origin to host countries.

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1:30pm - 3:30pm | PANEL | Healing Journey: Narratives of Mental Health and Wellbeing <u>Location</u>: Faculty of Arts (classroom setting), Matej Bel University | Room: F239 | Hybrid Access <u>Moderator</u>: Elke Shaw-Tulloch, MHS, Chair, Idaho Museum of International Diaspora and State Health Official and Administrator, Idaho Dept. of Health & Welfare, Division of Public Health <u>Panelists</u>: Anselme Sadiki, MIA, Executive Director / Chief Executive Officer at Children's Home Society of Idaho; Dr. Julie Aultman, Dean at College of Graduate Studies, Professor of Family and Community Medicine, and Director, Medical Ethics and Humanities Program at Northeast Ohio Medical University; Dr. Scott Smith, Internal Medicine Physician at Global Talent Doctors <u>Description</u>: A continuation of Day 1 panel presentations, the moderator will engage the panelists and audience in how mental health and wellbeing span across the various topics presented during the conference/congress and the relationship between diasporas and the healing journey.

2:00pm - 3:00pm | WORKSHOP | Culturally and Linguistically Responsive Pedagogy for Language Learners: The What, Why, and How

<u>Location</u>: Faculty of Arts (classroom setting), Matej Bel University | Room: F352 <u>Speaker</u>: Dr. Zuzana Tomaš (ONLINE presenter), Professor of ESL/TESOL Eastern Michigan University

<u>Description</u>: Speaker will discuss her topic with future teachers and will provide tips and strategies of practical application in the classroom and social settings.

2:00pm - 3:00pm | WORKSHOP | The Love I Lost: A narrative of life before the war and survival of a racially persecuted family during WWII

<u>Location</u>: Faculty of Arts (classroom setting), Matej Bel University | Room: F141 <u>Speaker</u>: Alica Frühwald, Author: The Love I Lost; retired former Head of British Council Centre <u>Description</u>: Speaker will provide an overview of her book and engage audience in a workshopstyle discussion that highlights topics from the various chapters / sections of the book. (*Note*: Author will share her book with the students).



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Day 4

September 23 Saturday Day 4 | Theme Engaging Partners in the Future

Day 4 is only offered in-person only and will engage participants in the wrap-up by way of facilitating discussion with participants on the application of the skills and knowledge in their respective fields.

8:30am - 9:30am | PANEL | Conference Reflections and 2024 Adventures

<u>Location</u>: Faculty of Arts (Auditorium Hall), Matej Bel University <u>Moderator</u>: Dr. Sarah Smith, Assistant Professor and Canada Research Chair in Art, Culture and Global Relations, Faculty of Information and Media Studies, Western University

<u>Panelists</u>: Dr. Sascha Priewe, Director of Collections & Public Programs at Aga Khan Museum and Chair, Idaho Museum of International Diaspora Global Leadership Council; Dr. Palina Louangketh, Idaho Museum of International Diaspora Founder & Executive Director

<u>Description</u>: An important wrap-up discussion! You don't want to miss this panel as the moderator engages panelists in wrapping up the conference with highlights of partnerships, projects (ongoing and legacy), and next steps as the Idaho Museum of International Diaspora's (IMID) Global Leadership Council plans for the IMID's 2nd annual (2024) signature global conference/congress.

9:30am - 10:00am | CLOSING REMARKS

<u>Location</u>: Faculty of Arts (Auditorium Hall), Matej Bel University <u>Speakers</u>: Dr. Sascha Priewe, Director of Collections & Public Programs at Aga Khan Museum and Chair, Idaho Museum of International Diaspora Global Leadership Council; Dr. Palina Louangketh, Idaho Museum of International Diaspora Founder & Executive Director; Dr. Anna Slatinská, Manager, Faculty of Arts at Matej Bel University