



Amsterdam School for Heritage, Memory and Material Culture

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Dear reader, welcome to the Newsletter of the Amsterdam School for Heritage, Memory and Material Culture (AHM). AHM fosters a dynamic, interdisciplinary and transnational research of heritage, memory studies and material culture. As a research school and doctoral program, AHM is committed to the analysis of the remnants and narratives of the past in the present, as well as of the remaking of pasts into heritage, memory and material culture. The school stimulates scholarly cooperation in an international setting and organizes PhD training, seminars and lecture series, reading groups, public debates as well as international workshops and conferences. Please take a look at [our website](#) for more information.

Upcoming Events

ConNext 2024

16 April - 14 May 2024

Online

April marked the start of the fourth edition of the online student conference ConNext. For four consecutive weeks, students from conservation training programmes around Europe present their object treatments and research within the field of wood, furniture and related materials conservation. A wide array of objects and materials will be discussed: from painted surfaces to objects damaged by flood and from polyurethane foam upholstery to non-invasive techniques for examining dyes and colourants. All ConNext sessions are open to everyone and free to follow. The last sessions take place on Tuesday 7 and 14 May, 19:00 - 21:00. More information and access to the sessions can be found [here](#).

Calls and Vacancies

Vacancy: Four PhD Positions in AI, Digital Humanities and Cultural Heritage

Deadline: 15 May 2024

Experts from the Institute for Logic, Language and Computations (ILLC) and AHM are looking for four talented and ambitious PhD candidates for research conducted within ILLC's Natural Language Processing and Digital Humanities unit or AHM's Digital Heritage research group. The four PhDs will be part of the Digital Humanities, Artificial Intelligence, Cultural Heritage (HAICu) project, a large national science agenda

Cosmopolitan Memory and its Enemies: Lecture by Daniel Levy**8 May 2024, 17:00 - 19:00**

Doelenzaal, University Library

This presentation explores the dynamic and contested nature of cosmopolitan memories, highlighting their varied paths over the past two decades. It explores how these memories shape both national and transnational identities, foster potential solidarities, and grapple with historical legacies in today's rapidly changing global landscape. This lecture by Daniel Levy takes place on 8 May in the University Library and is followed by a Q&A moderated by Boris Noordenbos (ASCA). More information can be found [here](#),

funded by NWO. HAICu deploys AI to make digital heritage collections more accessible. More information about the positions can be found [here](#).

Meeting Series: Digital Heritage Research Group**22 May 2024, 15:00 - 17:00**

Potgieterzaal, University Library (and MS Teams)

This year [the Digital Heritage Research Group](#) initiates a series of meetings that aims to bring together AHM researchers to reflect on the foundations and definitions of Digital Heritage across disciplines. During these meetings, members will present a selection of key texts from different disciplines (a.o. literary studies, ethnomusicology, archaeology, museum studies, media studies), to develop shared, interdisciplinary definitions and concepts of digital heritage. In doing so, the group seeks to stimulate collaboration and interdisciplinary dialogue around digital heritage research at AHM, and to position AHM in the broader field of digital heritage, while also working towards organising a conference and a publication on this theme. The next meetings are scheduled for 22 Mat and 26 June. To sign up, and for more information, please contact Christian Olesen (c.g.olesen@uva.nl).

Explore Social Entrepreneurship: From Research to Impact**6 & 13 June, 09:30 - 15:30**

Amsterdam

In June, the Humanities Venture Lab is a co-organiser of the Explore Social Entrepreneurship program. During the two days, invited experts will cover topics such as fundraising, organisational structures, impact strategy, ecosystem mapping, and more. The event offers researchers and faculty members of Social Sciences, Law and Humanities from Dutch universities the chance to connect and receive valuable advice. The first day takes place at the UvA and the second day at the VU. For more information, see the [full announcement](#).

Conference: Water Resources and Management in the Aegean**Bronze Age****11 - 16 June, 2024****University Quarter, Amsterdam**

The twentieth International Aegean Conference takes place in Amsterdam between 11 - 16 June 2024 and focuses on different aspects of water and its effect on Aegean Bronze Age societies. Despite being arguably the most important substance of human life, water has received little attention in the study of the Aegean Bronze Age. The conference will be opened in the Zuiderkerk by the dean of the Humanities Faculty Prof. Marieke de Goede, followed by the keynote lecture by Prof. Thomas Tartaron (University of Pennsylvania). For more information, see the [conference website](#). Register [here](#).

ICOMOS International Scientific Committees Information**Market****15 June 2024, 10:30 - 17:00****Walenweeshuis, Amsterdam**

On June 15, ICOMOS is hosting their International Scientific Committees Market. The event includes two roundtable discussions and a presentation of the plans for the Walenweeshuis building in Amsterdam. The event is open for MA and PhD students in heritage studies and will primarily be in Dutch. You can register [here](#).

AHM at 10 Conference**20 - 21 June 2024****Amsterdam**

On 20 - 21 June, the 2024 Edition of the AHM Conference takes place in Amsterdam. During the conference, we will be celebrating the 10th anniversary of the school, by showcasing the interdisciplinary and transnational research conducted across several fields within the school. The conference also aims to create a dialogue between AHM's research and external and social partners in order to explore and discuss questions and problems that are relevant in the fields of heritage, memory, and material culture today within and beyond the university. The full program will be announced soon, but consists of presentations from senior and junior AHM researchers, as well as speakers from social partners. For more information, please see the [website](#). You can register for the conference [here](#). The conference is free to attend.

MSA Conference "Memories in Transit"**18 - 20 July 2024****Lima, Peru**

The Memory Studies Association (MSA) welcomes attendee registration for its eighth annual conference, to be held in person from 18 to 20 July 2024 at the Pontificia Universidad Católica del Perú in Lima, Peru. The theme of the conference is "Memories in Transit." More information about the program will follow soon.

Registration is open until 15 May. More information about important dates, conference fees and registration can be found [here](#).

News**New Horizon Europe project: DIGHT-Net, Sustainable, Usable and Visible Digital Cultural Heritage: Twinning for Excellence**

In this new project, coordinated by Prof. Ihab Saloul, the University of Amsterdam will be working together with Tallinn University, the University of Bologna and the University of Turku to achieve a long-standing contribution to the European cultural heritage and its digital transformation. The goal of the project is to enhance research capacity, broaden the research partnership and increase the visibility and attractiveness of digital cultural heritage studies. To mobilise and amplify digital cultural heritage research locally, nationally and internationally, ensure sustainability and maximise the impact, the joint research hub of Digital Cultural Heritage studies (DIGHT-Hub) shall prototype a Twinned Digital Archive of Juri Lotman and Umberto Eco, and build a semiotic theory of digital cultural heritage.

UvA FGw Aspasia Fund for 3 AHM members

AHR is happy to announce that no less than 24 researchers received a grant from the UvA FGw Aspasia Fund. AHM researchers Jenny Boulboulé, Marjolein Hogenbirk and Krisztina Lajosi-Moore have received the grant. The UvA FGw Aspasia Fund was established as an encouragement for women faculty members, to help them prepare to take the next step in their careers by

strengthening their academic profile. Congratulations Jenny, Marjolein and Krisztina! For more information, see the [website](#).

Our Lord in the Attic Museum receives European Heritage Label

The former hidden catholic church 'Our Lord in the Attic' Museum has received the [European Heritage Label](#). The museum is located in the heart of Amsterdam and is the fifth heritage site in the Netherlands to receive the status of European heritage. AHM's Tamara van Kessel was involved in the site's nomination through her role as member of the European Heritage Label committee of the Council of Culture. For more information, click [here](#) (in Dutch).

New Publications

Dubbel geleefd leven. PINK de Thierry

Anja Novak, 2024.

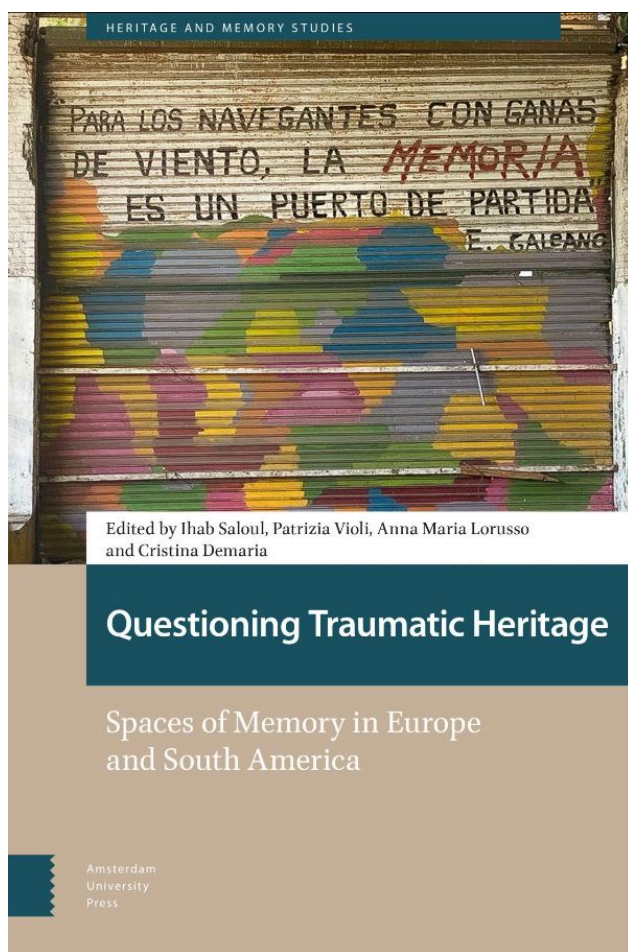
Anja Novak's essay "Dubbel geleefd. PINK de Thierry", was published in the March-April issue of *De Witte Raaf*. Novak discusses a number of performance-related art projects by the recently deceased Dutch artist PINK de Thierry (1943-2023). PINK de Thierry has created a unique body of work. In the 1980s to the mid-1990s, she regularly presented her family as a work of art under the title *L'Art du Bonheur*. This essay discusses PINK de Thierry's ambitious projects in the context of the history and theory of performance and installation art. The focus is on the artist's strategy to double down on the theatrical aspects of social behavior. You can find the essay [here](#).

Questioning Traumatic Heritage: Spaces of Memory in Europe and South America

Edited by Ihab Saloul, Patrizia Violi, Anna Lorusso and Christina Demaria, 2024

This book takes as its object of investigation an array of traumatic heritage sites and spaces of memory, including museums, former detention camps, and sites of commemoration, in Europe, Argentina, and Colombia, to investigate how various traumatic pasts can be preserved and transmitted through space, and which kind of actions might be taken both to improve knowledge of the past and to

serve as an opening to a discussion of current social issues. More information can be found on the Amsterdam University Press [website](#).



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