

ELIAS Meeting 2025

Theme: „African collections – from collecting to sharing and repatriating“

Tuesday 24 June 2025, Náprstek Museum, Prague

9:00: Welcome by Zdeněk Šámal, director, Náprstek Museum

9:15: Exchange of news from libraries/archives/collections

10:00: “African Collection in the Náprstek Museum – Its History and Contemporary Issues”, Petr Valenta, Náprstek Museum, Prague

10:30: “The Cameroonian Archives in France: challenges of establishing contact with the communities of origin”, Vanilla Kampoer, University of Douala, Cameroon

11:00: coffee break @ Dorado Coffee

11:30: “The Return Project; Identification, Location and Return of Cameroon’s Artifacts in Britain”, Amadou Danlami, University of Dschang, Cameroon

12:00: “‘Xebieso, Bring Me Back Home’: Reconnecting with African spiritual heritage through community theatre”, Marleen de Witte, Utrecht University, Netherlands

12:30: “IISH African labour and trade union archival partnerships”, Andreas Admassie, International Institute of Social History, Amsterdam

13:00: lunch break @ Dorado Coffee

4:30: “Opening up African literatures through Wikibase”, Ashleigh Harris & Ursula Oberst, African Studies Center, Leiden

15:00: “The resonance of colonial sound collections. Listen to African sound collections recorded in Angola in the 50-70s”, Cristina Sá Valentim, University of Lisbon, Portugal

15:30: “New Futures? Exploring the African collections at the University of Cambridge”, Eva Namusoke, University of Cambridge, UK

16:00: Coffee break @ Dorado Coffee

16:30: ELIAS Business Meeting

17:00: Tour through the exhibition “Emil Holub”, Petr Valenta

18:30: Dinner @ U Vejvodů