PROGRAM

Conflict Antiquities:
Forging a Public/Private Response to Save the Endangered Patrimony of Iraq and Syria

Symposium, Discussion, and Reception - The Metropolitan Museum of Art
Co-Sponsored by the Department of State and The Metropolitan Museum of Art

Presentations will provide new evidence that ISIL is looting for profit and discuss a new initiative to combat the trade in conflict antiquities.

September 29, 2015

4:30 – 6:45 pm Reception to follow  |  R.S.V.P. to ConflictAntiquities@metmuseum.org

Welcome (The Grace Rainey Rogers Auditorium)

- Thomas P. Campbell  Director and CEO, The Metropolitan Museum of Art
- Antony J. Blinken  Deputy Secretary of State
- Irina Bokova  Director-General, UNESCO

Panel I: The Looting and Destruction of Iraqi and Syrian Cultural Heritage: What We Know, What Can Be Done

Moderator:  Evan Ryan, Assistant Secretary of State for Educational and Cultural Affairs, U.S. Department of State

- Michael Danti, American Schools of Oriental Research
- Andrew Keller, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State, Bureau of Economic and Business Affairs, U.S. Department of State
- Robert A. Hartung, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State, Bureau of Diplomatic Security, U.S. Department of State
- Mauro Miedico, Chief of Section, Terrorism Prevention Branch, United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime
- Richard W. Downing, Acting Deputy Assistant Attorney General, U.S. Department of Justice

Maxwell Marker, Section Chief, Criminal Investigative Division, Federal Bureau of Investigation

Question and Answer; Discussion
Break (10 mins)

Panel II: Confronting the Trafficking of Iraqi and Syrian Antiquities: The Role of Private Institutions and Collectors in Fostering Best Practices and Public Education

Moderator: Thomas P. Campbell, Director and CEO, The Metropolitan Museum of Art

- Jennifer Janisch, Investigative Producer, CBS News
- Sharon Cott, Senior Vice President, Secretary, and General Counsel, The Metropolitan Museum of Art
- Markus Hilgert, Director, Ancient Near East Museum at the Pergamonmuseum, Berlin State Museums
- Ute Wartenberg Kagan, Executive Director, American Numismatic Society
- Sandra L. Cobden, Senior Vice President and General Counsel, Christie’s
- Wolfgang Weber, Head of Global Regulatory Policy, eBay

Question and Answer; Discussion

Reception (The Temple of Dendur in The Sackler Wing)

Closing Remarks

- Richard Stengel, Under Secretary of State, U.S. Department of State
- Marc Porter, Chairman, Americas, Christie’s