



## **CULTURAL HERITAGE AND IDENTITY**

*Continuity, tensions contradictions*

Dresden, 18 – 20 May, 2007

### **AGENDA**

**Friday 18 May**

*Arrivals*

**15.30 REGISTRATION**

**16.30 WELCOME: Dr Martin Roth and Lord Weidenfeld**

**16.45 CONFERENCE OVERVIEW: Prof le Roy Ladourie**

**17.00 – 18.45**

#### **SESSION I**

**The State: Its evolution as custodian of ‘national’ culture**

Chairman: **Lord Weidenfeld**

Speakers: **Prof Tim Blanning**  
**Avner Shalev**

Isabel Benoit

Discussant: **Prof Eric Hobsbawm**

- *The origins of ‘national’ culture: How and to what extent has the state become its custodian?*
- *The State as controller of national culture and historical memory: Is history teaching an essential part of education and the creation of national identity?*
- *Affirmation of cultural achievements and condemnation of past misdeeds: where is the balance to be struck?*
- *The Legacy of Naziism and Communism: As they become democracies how should the directly affected countries relate to the distortion of culture during their totalitarian past? Is there a case for history denial or oblivion? Is education still short of creating a culture of democracy?*

19.00 Visit of Grünes Gewölbe ( Green Vault)

20.30 Dinner

Host and Welcome: **Dr Martin Roth**

Speaker: José Manuel Barroso//

Chancellor Merkel/ Bernd Neumann

## **Saturday 19 May**

9.00 – 10.45

### **SESSION II**

#### **Beyond the Nation State: The forces shaping culture and identity in contemporary society**

Chairman: **Baroness Helena Kennedy**

Speakers: **Prof Donald Sassoon**

David Elliott

Dr Jutta Sherrer

Discussant: Hans Ulbrich Obrist

- *Globalisation – or Europeanisation – and the homogenisation of national cultures: forces for good by weakening nationalist rivalries and creating supranational identities; or forces for ill, impoverishing local cultures and creating new divisions?*
- *Secularism and the marginalisation of Europe's Christian heritage: a welcome emancipation or the cause of crisis in identity? What future for religion- or religions - in European culture?*
- *Competing cultures in multicultural society: How does national cultural heritage come to terms with ethnic, religious and demographic diversification in post 1945 Europe?*

10.45 -- 11.15

COFFEE

11.15 – 12.45

### **SESSION III**

#### **The future of cultural institutions: Changing roles and responsibilities**

Chairman: **Dr Martin Roth**

Speakers: Jaques Toubon MEP

Max Hollein/ Hans-Ulrich Obrist

Manuel Fontán del Junco

Discussant: **Prof Richard Sennett**

- *Response to cultural change: enough for museums to remain a passive reflection of a changing world; or do they have a role – as they assumed at various times in the past - to actively foster national, or post-national identity?*
- *Roles and responsibilities in fostering Social Cohesion: Do cultural institutions have a role, or even duty, to help create social cohesion? And if so, the cohesion of which 'society' - the nation's? Europe's? Or a still wider circle?*
- *Roles and responsibilities in Education: How can the museum world become more effective as educator in cultural history and heritage? What purposes should cultural education serve?*
- *The implications of state funding: Should museums and other state-funded cultural institutions be 'democratically' accountable, or do they also have a duty to challenge prevailing values and beliefs? To whom are museums ultimately accountable?*

12.45 -13.00

**CHAIRMAN'S CONCLUSIONS FROM THE CONFERENCE DISCUSSIONS**

13.30

Lunch at 'Gläserne Manufaktur'

Afternoon

Visits to *Gemälde Galerie* and *Porcelain Sammlung*

19.30

Brendel Concert

**Sunday 20 May**

Visit to Meissen