



Culture in Crisis: Conflict and Cultural Heritage Conference

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The V&A's Culture in Crisis Programme supported the Conflict and Cultural Heritage Conference at St John's College Auditorium, Oxford University on 31 October 2015. This conference aimed to raise public awareness and develop understanding of the issues surrounding the protection of cultural heritage at risk from armed conflict.

It explored the material heritage of the Middle Eastern region from international and local perspectives, and the living heritage of communities with rich and longstanding traditions, before discussing why destruction is happening in the region, and the beliefs that underlie extremist practices. Focus then moved to an overview of what is being done already, and what more the international community can do.

The conference provided information from a variety of cultures, perspectives, and organisations, including academics, archaeologists, the military, and the media, raising awareness of the multi-cultural nature of Middle Eastern heritage, and its global relevance in the past and today.

The conference was recorded and is available on [YouTube](#)