



Culture in Crisis I

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On 14 April 2015 the V&A's Culture in Crisis Programme in collaboration with Yale University's Institute for the Preservation of Cultural Heritage, under the patronage of UNESCO hosted an international conference to discuss the issue of 'Culture in Crisis'.

The conference was presented in three parts:

Lessons from the past

Reminding ourselves of damage caused in countries such as Afghanistan, Bosnia, Cyprus, Korea and Nigeria. Exploring not just the extent of the loss of cultural heritage, but the impact that these crimes had on the local people and on their ability to recover and forgive.

Current concerns

Experts described what is really happening on the ground at the moment.

The future

We heard from those involved in protection and detection efforts worldwide. A panel of experts discussed the role of museums and the wider international cultural community.

The conference was free to attend. The audience was formed from a mixture of the public and invited international guests from museums, universities, embassies, governments, legislators, law enforcement, NGO's, Charities, the Art Trade and the media.

The participants of the conference acceded to the creation of the '*London Declaration on Culture in Crisis*'. They have been approved by UNESCO and presented at the World Heritage Council Meeting in Bonn, June 2015

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