

The Role of Heritage in Shaping Ontological Security in the Contemporary World

Schedule

Day 2

Saturday 9th May 2026

- 10:00 **Session 5**
Ontological Security and Post-war Memory: Japanese Heritage Narratives of the Asia-Pacific War at 80
- 11:10 *Refreshment Break & Poster Presentation*
- 11:30 **Session 6**
Tools of Ontology
Elisa Corrà - Neuro-Humanities and Digital Memory: A Pilot Study on Reconstructing Ontological Security for the Chagossian Diaspora
Nina Žnidaršič - (Post-)Yugoslav Memory as a (Co-)Constitutor of Ontological Security: The Materialities of Oral History, Socialist Solidarity, and the Potential for Subversion
Dr Işılal Gürsu - Care, Optimism, and Ontological Security: Rethinking Heritage Protection in Turkey
- 12:45 *Lunch Break*
- 13:45 **Session 7**
Seeking Stability in (post-)Conflict
Geonyoung Kim -Heritage as reconciliation: performing post-Korean War identity in museums
Nadiya Kachmar - Heritage from Below: Ontological security through the lens of grass roots memorials in wartime Ukraine
Sijia Yao - Epistemic engineering and compensatory certainty: heritage value regimes and affective governance in contemporary China
- 15:00 **Discussion and Q&A**
Prof Simon Kaner, Sainsbury Institute for the Study of Japanese Arts and Cultures, University of East Anglia & **Dr Andreas Pantazatos**, Cambridge Heritage Research Centre University of Cambridge
- 16:00 **Closing Remarks**
Dr Dacia Viejo Rose - Director, Cambridge Heritage Research Centre
- 16:30 Conference Close