



Inclusive Cultural Leadership The Netherlands - Australia Museum Directors Roundtable 21-27 October 2006

2006 has become a significant year to map, reflect and understand the 400 years of engagement between the Netherlands and Australia. One of the activities on this occasion is convened by Museum Studies at the University of Queensland, the Pacific Asia Observatory for Cultural Diversity in Human Development, and the Sustainable Heritage Programs at the Australian National University. One of the greatest challenges for both Australia and the Netherlands is how to address the role of museums as civic spaces in culturally and linguistically diverse societies, and to provide inclusive cultural leadership through museums as institutions in the service of society. The Inclusive Cultural Leadership Roundtable between the Netherlands and Australia will interrogate the notion of inclusive cultural leadership at the local, state, and national levels, and will be hosted at a variety of cultural institutions in Queensland and NSW.

Program

Saturday 21 October

3.00-5.00 PM – UQ Museum Studies Public Lecture and Discussion Roundtable in Brisbane
Venue: Queensland Museum Theatre, Southbank, Brisbane.

Transformations of Museums in the Twenty-First Century

Speaker:

Dr Steven Engelsman, Director General, National Museum of Ethnology, Leiden; Secretary, European Ethnology Museums Directors Group

Discussant:

Dr Ian Galloway, Director, Queensland Museum

Moderator:

Ms Suzannah Conway, Executive Director, Museum & Gallery Services Queensland

Target Audience

Open to the general public.

Dinner to be hosted by the University of Queensland (Customs House, 7pm)

Sunday 22 October

9.00AM-5.00PM – UQ Museum Studies Masterclass: Museums and Community Engagement
Venue: Cobb & Co. Museum, Toowoomba

Facilitators

Dr Steven Engelsman, Director General, National Museum of Ethnology, Leiden; Secretary, European Ethnology Museums Directors Group

Professor Amareswar Galla, Museum Studies, University of Queensland; Director, Sustainable Heritage Programs, the Australian National University

Ms Deborah Tranter, Director, Cobb & Co. Museum, Toowoomba, and Director Queensland Museum Regional Services

Target Audience

Museum Studies graduate students and professional development participants approved by the Convenors. (max. 25)

Monday 23 October

9.00-11.00am - Ipswich Art Gallery with Michael Beckmann, Director

12:30-1:30PM – Visit to University of Queensland Anthropology Museum

1.30-3.30PM – Roundtable on the future of Museum Anthropology and Universities
Venue: Board Room, University Art Museum, James and Mary Emelia Mayne Centre
University of Queensland

Led by:

Dr Steven Engelsman, Director General, National Museum of Ethnology, Leiden; Secretary,
European Ethnology Museums Directors Group
Professor Amareswar Galla, Museum Studies, University of Queensland; Director, Sustainable
Heritage Programs, the Australian National University

Facilitators

Professor Debbie Terry, Executive Dean of the Faculty of Social and Behavioural Sciences, The
University of Queensland (TBC)
Professor Tom O'Regan, Convener of Museum Studies and Head of School of English, Media and Art
History

Roundtable on the future of Museum Anthropology and Universities

This Roundtable is designed to take advantage of Professor Steven Engelsman's visit to Australia for the "Inclusive Cultural Leadership: The Netherlands-Australia Museum Directors Roundtable" organized by Professor Amareswar Galla (ANU/UQ) and coordinated by Dr Kim Selling (UQ). The Roundtable will consider the future of Museum Anthropology within broader Museum and University settings and canvas any lessons for Australian Museum Anthropology. The principle purpose of this invited roundtable is to have an open-ended conversation of the possibilities for Museum Anthropology in a University setting including that of the University of Queensland. It is a thinking aloud forum for the exploration of ideas which can also inform our thinking about the future of our collections and engagement with them.

Professor Engelsman is Director General of the National Museum of Ethnology, Leiden, Netherlands and the Chair of the European Committee of Ethnology Museums; Professor Galla is Professor of Museum Studies, University of Queensland, Director of the Sustainable Heritage Programs at the Australian National University, and Vice-President of the International Council of Museums.

Agenda for Discussion

- * What are the trends in Museum Anthropology?
- * How are universities with anthropology museums and collections repositioning their museums/collections in the light of these larger trends and in response to social change?
- * What are examples of best practice of anthropology museums in Universities?
- * What lessons can we learn for the University's own collections?
- * How is it possible to reinstate the importance of an anthropological museum?

Professor Geoff Lawrence & Professor Tom O'Regan, Heads of School, School of Social Science, School of English, Media Studies and Art History

Tuesday 24 October

8.30am-12.30pm – Arakwal National Park
Joint Management and Indigenous Australian Heritage

Led by:

Mr Norman Graham, Senior Ranger Arakwal National Park, Byron Coast Area NSW

Wednesday 25 October

11.00-2.00PM – Roundtable and Lunch

Venue: Casula Powerhouse

Roundtable focusing on museums, governance, and integrated local area planning, Sydney, NSW

Led by:

Dr Steven Engelsman, Director General, National Museum of Ethnology, Leiden; Secretary,
European Ethnology Museums Directors Group
Mr Kon Gouriotis, Director, Casula Powerhouse Arts Centre and Liverpool Regional Museum, NSW

Professor Amareswar Galla, Museum Studies, University of Queensland; Director, Sustainable Heritage Programs, the Australian National University
Ms Kylie Winkworth, Freelance Curator, Sydney

CASULA POWERHOUSE

Presentation and Discussion
with Dr. Steven Engelsman, Director
National Museum of Ethnology, Netherlands

11:15am – 12:00pm: Tour of Casula Powerhouse Site
12:00pm – 12:30pm: Dr. Steven Engelsman: brief presentation on the Transformation of Museums in the 21st Century at Rocco's Ristorante (688 Hume Highway, Liverpool)
12:30pm – 2:30pm: Lunch and Discussion



Thursday 26 October

6.00-7.30PM - Public Lecture in Canberra
Venue: Telstra Theatre, Australian War Memorial, Canberra

Transforming Museums in the Twenty-First Century

Dr Steven Engelsman, Director General, National Museum of Ethnology, Leiden; Secretary,
European Ethnology Museums Directors Group

Welcome:
General Steve Gower, Director, Australian War Memorial

Chair: Professor Amareswar Galla, Museum Studies, University of Queensland; Director, Sustainable Heritage Programs, the Australian National University; Convenor, Pacific Asia Observatory for Cultural Diversity in Human Development.

Target Audience:
Open to the General Public.

Dinner hosted by the Australian National University, Canberra

Friday 27 October

Dr Steven Engelsman departs Australia.

Convenor

Professor Amareswar Galla, Museum Studies, University of Queensland; Director, Sustainable Heritage Programs, the Australian National University; Convenor, Pacific Asia Observatory for Cultural Diversity in Human Development.

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