



*Dr. Hanna Rudyk
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TOPIC: Reflexive and Ethical Mind: decolonial dispositions of museums of non-European heritage in Europe and Ukraine

SPEAKER: Dr. Hanna Rudyk, Deputy Director on Education and Public programs, Curator of Islamic art at the Bohdan und Varvara Khanenko National Museum of Arts (the Khanenko Museum, Kyiv, Ukraine)

MODERATOR: Marta Logvyn, Leading Researcher at the Bohdan und Varvara Khanenko Museum of Arts (Kyiv, Ukraine)

DATE: 27 February 2025, Thursday

TIME: 18:00–19:30 (Berlin Time)

This lecture will be held in English.

Registration is open until February 26, 2025 at: berlin@ukrainet.eu

The event will be held on the Zoom platform. During the discussion, you can also use the chat option, or formulate your questions in advance and send them to the following email address: berlin@ukrainet.eu. Please note that the presentation will be video-recorded, so we recommend keeping your microphones and cameras off during the lecture.

Dear ladies and gentlemen! Dear colleagues! Dear friends!

The German-Ukrainian Academic Society and the Embassy of Ukraine in the Federal Republic of Germany invite you to attend the lecture series “Science First Hand” on “**Reflexive and Ethical mind. Decolonial dispositions of museums of non-European heritage in Europe and Ukraine**” by **Dr. Hanna Rudyk** (The Bohdan und Varvara Khanenko Museum of Arts (Kyiv, Ukraine)).

Report summary: The lecture will present the findings of a two-year study on decolonial transformations in the discourse and practices of non-European heritage museums in Germany, Switzerland and Poland. The speaker will also offer reflections on the complex hybrid coloniality of modern Ukrainian culture, with a particular focus on its structural whiteness. The discussion will explore the history of how non-European cultures have been perceived and represented at the Khanenko Museum, Ukraine’s leading world heritage institution.

SPEAKER:

Dr. Hanna Rudyk is a Ukrainian museum historian, curator, and educator with a PhD in the philosophy of culture. Since 2002, she has been curating the Islamic art collection at the Khanenko Museum in Kyiv, Ukraine’s leading museum of world art. In 2006, she developed the museum’s permanent exhibition on Islamic art and has since curated numerous temporary exhibitions, programs, and publications focused on Islamic and Asian cultural heritage. Her most recent work, *Art of Asia and the Islamic World: The Khanenko Museum Collection*, which she co-authored and edited, was published in 2024.

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Since 2011, Dr. Rudyk has also served as the Deputy Director for Education and Public Programs at the Khanenko Museum. In addition to her work on Islamic and Asian studies, she has conducted research on the history of Bohdan and Varvara Khanenko, their unique art collection, and the subsequent history of the Khanenko Museum.

Between 2022 and 2024, Dr. Rudyk conducted research on the decolonial dispositions of European museums of Islamic and Asian art. This work took place at the Department of Modern Art History (Art History as Cultural History) under Prof. Dr. Bénédicte Savoy at the Institute of Art Studies and Historical Urbanistics at the Technical University in Berlin. The project was funded by the Philipp Schwartz Initiative of the Alexander Humboldt Foundation.

In September 2024, Dr. Rudyk returned to Kyiv to continue her work at the Khanenko Museum.

Her **professional interests** include the historiography and contemporary museology of Islamic, Asian, African and other non-European heritage, museum decolonial discourse and practice, trauma-sensitive education and communication in museum.

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