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## **Introduction - David Scott**

Welcome to our conference on philosophy and conservation, which is to be held over the next two days in cyberspace, here in Hastings, even if it is fundamentally somewhat intangible. I hope you enjoy it. The aim of the conference is to draw together disparate threads of our conservation heritage to consider some of the issues that present themselves in a more philosophical setting. That remains the aim and our various contributors speak to this diverse subject matter as you will see. Authenticity is an important concept for debating the nature of art and art restoration, and I would like to point out a few issues with that in mind. As the philosopher Denis Dutton remarked, authentic is a word whose meaning remains uncertain until we know what dimension of its referent is being talked about. For conservation we have many dimensions and I think that the best way to tackle this problem is to talk of authenticity as a triangular set of relationships between: material authenticity, intangible authenticity and historical-aesthetic authenticity. By doing that we can talk about the process of authentication, which largely depends on material authenticity, or in the case of modern art, it depends on the certificate of authenticity itself. Consider Ives Klein's work, *The Room of Immaterial Pictorial Sensibility* from 1961. Here Klein exhibits an empty room, as his recent paintings have been declared to be invisible. In order to exhibit this work legitimately, it is the certificate of authenticity that would be necessary, as the work itself possesses only an intangible authentic presence. In other cases there are works, such as Renaissance marble fakes of Roman copies of Greek bronze sculpture, where we value the historical-aesthetic authenticity, even if materially, the Renaissance copy is made from materials not representative of Roman origin. I will not go on here, but I hope that you get the picture: that there is no such thing as "authentic" but there are authenticities which can be further elaborated. That has a bearing on some of our contributions here, which consider the integration of philosophical tools for authenticity, the notions of originality, objectivity and subjectivity in conservation, and the educational role of authentic copies. Intertextuality is another interesting concept to consider in terms of how art restoration or originals are perceived by the viewer. We do not have time in this introduction to delve further into that topic, but it is something to bear in mind. In a largely forgotten book, David Phillips in 1997 wrote of the problems of exhibiting authenticity, and many of his concerns from twenty years ago still hold true for museum exhibits today. Styles of conservation, for example, are rarely discussed or presented to the public. Our speakers take up the themes of museum display and interpretation, audience and reception. One of the topics well-represented in this conference is the role of copies and replicas, from double trouble, as one title has it, to the status of classical art copies. That subject leads naturally to considerations of forgery that are the subject of several papers here. Values-based conservation decision-making adds substance to both the participatory notion of audiences and how conservation can better incorporate these voices into the discussion. That is the subject of a paper here, as well as the diachronic nature of conservation events, and the new subjectivism of conservation ethics. I think that the latter very much depends on what is considered authentic. For example, in my view, we should not have a rosy-checked white Madonna resulting from the conservation of a black-skinned Madonna in Chartres. That seems to

me to be an unethical approach to conserving an ancient sculpture. Black lives matter, not only in the world of conservation but beyond. When the Horniman Museum had an exhibition of African art a while back, they asked the local British-African inhabitants of that region of London to write about their own interpretation of what was on view, and the result was an interesting approach to a traditional museum display,

Well, that will do for the moment as my words of introduction, and I hope that we may be able to manage questions and answers for at least some of the speakers during the next two days. Thank you for attending or listening to this conference, and I hope that we will be able to have another conference devoted to the topic of conservation and philosophy in 2022, in real space, in Hastings. The shape of this conference was skilfully managed by Dr. Jonathan Ashley-Smith, and would not have been able to be staged without the invaluable assistance of IIC, and in particular, Sarah Stannage who helped to shepard the idea through the IIC office and Jane Henderson, who has helped from Cardiff University to arrange for the uploading of the talks onto the IIC website and the digital management of the talks, knitting them together into a coherent conference. Thank you.

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