

Museum der Kulturen Basel

BOOK ROUNDTABLE IN ENGLISH

"Each case is different. Anthropological Provenance Research at the Museum der Kulturen Basel"

11 March 2026, 18.00–19.30 Uhr



In this roundtable discussion, Friedrich von Bose will be joined by Anna Schmid and Zainabu Jallo to discuss the implications of anthropological provenance research. Provenance research involves much more than simply tracing objects back to their origin: it opens up new perspectives on single items as well as entire collections, on their histories, and the multifaceted relations inscribed in them. The Museum der Kulturen Basel is systematically investigating its collections with regard to their coloniality, a task that highlights how complex and challenging the work of anthropological provenance research can be, but also how essential cooperation with people and communities in the Global South is.

With Friedrich von Bose, director Museum der Kulturen Basel

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