

Museum der Kulturen Basel

BOOK ROUNDTABLE

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

11. März 2026, 18.00–19.30 Uhr

In this roundtable discussion, Anna Schmid, Friedrich von Bose and Zainabu Jallo will 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

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