The Cultural Heritage Studies Program of Central European University cordially invites you to the public lecture on

The Protection of Cultural Heritage through International Criminal Law

by

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in Gellner Room, CEU, 9 Nádor Street, Budapest.

The continuing destruction and pillage of historical sites and antiquities in Iraq, Libya and Syria and the devastation wrought in 2012 in Mali have urgently brought to the fore once more the risks posed by armed conflict to the cultural heritage of peoples and of all humanity. What is perhaps less known is that such acts are punishable under international law as war crimes and crimes against humanity and have in the past been prosecuted before international and national criminal courts. The lecture gives an account of the relevant international law and practice and considers the benefits and limitations of bringing international criminal law to bear for the protection of cultural heritage.

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