

The Humboldt Club Czech Republic together with the  
German Embassy Prague cordially invite you to

an evening to mark the 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the birth  
of Alexander von Humboldt

# MUSEUM-MAKING IN THE 21<sup>ST</sup> CENTURY

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> November 2019,  
5.30pm - 8pm  
at the German Embassy Prague,  
Vlašská 19, 118 01 Prague

A major new cultural and exhibition space is currently taking shape in the rebuilt palace in the centre of Berlin. Called the Humboldt Forum – after Alexander and Wilhelm von Humboldt – some see it as a modern-day equivalent to the great museums built a century or more ago. Given the historical resonances of its site, the Humboldt Forum cannot avoid being implicated in defining the new, post-reunification German nation. However, museum-making today is variously called upon to address difficult aspects of our heritage, such as that of totalitarian dictatorships and colonialism, and to include perspectives of those who have previously been excluded from the national story. The key lecture will discuss some of the ways in which the Humboldt Forum has sought to address those aspects and the struggles involved. The subsequent presentation and discussion will touch upon the situation in the Czech Republic with its ongoing restructuring of the National Museum in Prague.

Prof. Sharon Macdonald currently holds the Alexander von Humboldt Professorship at the Institute of European Ethnology at the Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin. Trained in Social Anthropology at the University of Oxford, she is an acknowledged expert in the study of museums and heritage, and has held Chairs at the Universities of Sheffield, Manchester and York, as well as visiting Professorships in Germany and China.

Keynote speech:  
Prof. Dr. Sharon Macdonald,  
Institute of European Ethnology,  
Humboldt-Universität, Berlin

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Dr. Michal Stehlík, Deputy of the General  
Director and Head of the Section for Central  
Collection-Building and Exhibition Activity of the  
National Museum, Prague



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Discussion

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Musical performances  
by Pavla and Bohdana Tesařová

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Glass of wine

The discussion will be chaired by the writer and broadcaster David Vaughan

The event will be in **English**.

**Registration** until 14<sup>th</sup> November on <https://prag.diplo.de/humboldt>   
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