

# Heritage Talks

## Conservation and Care of Outdoor Bronzes on Vienna's Ringstraße Research and Practice in an International Context

Thursday, 12 March 2026, 09.00

Ahnensaal, Säulensiege, Hofburg, 1010 Vienna

## Programme

### 09.00      **Opening**

Christoph Bazil, Federal Monuments Authority Austria

*Moderation: Andrea Hackel, Federal Monuments Authority Austria*

### 09.20      **Monumental Sculpture on Vienna's Ringstraße: Typology, Function and Architectural Interrelation**

Petra Weiss, Federal Monuments Authority Austria

### 09.45      **Bronze under Observation: On the Restoration History and Conservation Evaluation of Outdoor Bronzes along Vienna's Ringstraße**

Marlene Krischan, Diploma Thesis, Conservation  
Institute, University of Applied Arts Vienna

### 10.10      **Coffee Break**

*Moderation: Meral Hietz, University of Applied Arts Vienna*

### 10.45      **Maintenance of Outdoor Bronzes at the J. Paul Getty Museum: Two Decades of Care and Research**

Robert Price, J. Paul Getty Museum, Los Angeles

### 11.10      **Practical Experience in the Conservation of Outdoor Bronze Sculptures in Scandinavia**

Helena Strandberg, Conservator, Gothenburg

### 11.35      **The Lost Shine of Bronzes in Outdoor Environments: Corrosion, Treatment and Conservation**

Kerstin Brendel, Bavarian State Office for Historic  
Preservation, Munich

**12.00            Lunch Break**

*Moderation: Meral Hietz, University of Applied Arts Vienna*

**13.00            A Research Strategy Design for Testing Outdoor  
Bronze Protective Coatings in a Marine Environment**

Maria Pia Casaletto, Italian National Research Council,  
Palermo

**13.20            Coatings for the Protection of Patinated Bronze in  
Outdoor Applications: The B-IMPACT Experience**

Giulia Masi, Department of Civil, Chemical,  
Environmental and Materials Engineering, University of  
Bologna

**13.40            Surface Diagnostics and Laser Intervention Potential  
on Copper, Bronze and Brass in Outdoor Environments**

Bernhard Pichler, Institute of Art and Technology;  
University of Applied Arts Vienna, Wolfgang Kautek,  
Department of Physical Chemistry, University of Vienna

**14.00            Walk along Vienna's Ringstrasse**

Guided walk to selected bronze statues with short on-  
site talks by the conservators at each monument:  
Elisabeth Krebs (Quadriga sculptures, Parliament  
Building)

Georg Riemer (Horse Tamers, Parliament, Maria Theresa  
Memorial)

Katrin Herzele (Double-Headed Eagle, Federal Ministry  
of Economy, Energy and Tourism)

## **17.00      Discussion**

Moderation: Martina Grießer-Stermscheg  
Conservation Institute, University of Applied Arts  
Vienna

## **18.00      Reception**

The presentations will be held in English to facilitate exchange, reflecting the international contributions.

Please note that participation is limited due to room capacity.

We therefore kindly ask you to register by **28 February 2026**  
using the following link or QR code: [REGISTRATION](#)



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