

**The Written Heritage of Mankind in Peril: Theft, Retrieval,
Sale and Restitution of Rare Books, Maps and Manuscripts**

The British Library, June 26, 2015

A joint seminar presented by:

The British Library

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Program:

8.30 a.m. to 9.00 a.m.

Registration, Coffee

9.00 a.m. to 9.30 a.m.

Welcome Address

Kristian Jensen, Head of Collections and Curation, The British Library, London

Introductory Key-Note: Manuscripts as Chattels and Chattels as Manuscripts: How archives, books and manuscripts relate to cultural material at large

Professor Norman Palmer QC (Hon) CBE FSA, Barrister, Expert Adviser to the Spoliation Advisory Panel (2000 to 2015) , Chair of the Treasure Valuation Committee (2001-2011)

9.30 a.m. to 10.30 a.m.

Panel I

The Extent of the Problem: Notorious Examples of Rare Book Theft

- Ivan Boserup, Former Head of Manuscripts and Rare Books, The Royal Library, Copenhagen
- Margaret Lane Ford, International Head of Books and Manuscripts, Christie's
- Professor Keun-Gwan Lee, Professor of Law, Seoul National University

Moderator: Giuseppe Calabi, CBM&Partners, Milan

10.30 a.m. to 11.00 a.m. Coffee Break

11.00 a.m. to 12.00 p.m.

Panel II

The Legal Framework for Retrieving Stolen Books: An International Case Study

- Sharon Cohen Levin, partner at WilmerHale and former Chief, Money Laundering and Asset Forfeiture Unit, United States Attorney's Office, Southern District of New York (November, 1996 - May, 2015)
- Jerker Ryden, Senior Legal Advisor, National Library of Sweden
- Jutta Freifrau von Falkenhausen, Lawyer, Berlin

Moderator: Howard N. Spiegler, Co-Chair, Art Law Group, Herrick, Feinstein LLP

12.00 p.m. to 12.30 p.m.

Key-Note II: The Protection of Ancient Books and Manuscripts: the Turkish Experience

Professor Sibel Özel, Head of Department of Private International Law, Marmara Üniversitesi, Istanbul

12.30 p.m. to 1.30 p.m. LUNCH BREAK

1.30 p.m. to 2.30 p.m.

Panel III

The Perspective of the Rare Book Trade

- Richard Aronowitz-Mercer, Head of Restitution Europe at Sotheby's, London
- Norbert Donhofer, President of the International League of Antiquarian Booksellers (ILAB)
- Stephan Loewentheil, Founder and President of 19th Century Rare Book and Photograph Shop, Baltimore

Moderator: Monica Dugot, International Director of Restitution, Christie's

2.30 p.m. to 3.30 p.m.

Panel IV

Preventing the Theft and Trafficking of Rare Books

- Greger Bergvall, Manuscripts, Maps and Pictures Division, National Library of Sweden
- Denis Bruckmann, Director of Collections, Bibliothèque Nationale de France
- Christian Recht, Senior Legal Advisor, Österreichische Nationalbibliothek, Wien

Moderator: Kristian Jensen, Head of Collections and Curation, The British Library, London

3.30 p.m. to 4.00 p.m. Coffee Break

4.00 p.m. to 5.00 p.m.

Concluding Discussion: Lessons Learned and Recommendations for the Future

- Norbert Donhofer, President of ILAB
- Hetty Gleave, Partner, Hunters Solicitors, London
- Kristian Jensen, Head of Collections and Curation, The British Library
- Sharon Cohen Levin, partner at WilmerHale and former Chief, Money Laundering and Asset Forfeiture Unit, United States Attorney's Office, Southern District of New York (November, 1996 - May, 2015)

Moderator: Gert-Jan van den Bergh, Bergh Stoop & Sanders, Amsterdam

5.00 p.m. End of Conference – Wine Reception