

## Biographies Opening & Introduction



### **Francesco Bandarin**

Francesco Bandarin is UNESCO Assistant Director-General for Culture (he was re-appointed in this position for an interim period in October 2015). From 2000 to 2010, he was Director of the UNESCO World Heritage Centre and Secretary of the World Heritage Convention. From 2010 to 2014, he served as Assistant Director-General of UNESCO for Culture.



### **Catherine Chadelat**

Academic, lawyer and magistrate, she is President of the French Conseil des Ventes Volontaires since 2015 and has been State Councilor for thirteen years. In particular, she followed the different stages of the 2000 reform on the regulation of voluntary sales of chattels by public auction. She was one of the Rapporteur of the Bethenod Report on the art market in France.



### **Ye Zhu**

Ye Zhu is Chief of Section of International Organizations within the State Administration of Cultural Heritage of the People's Republic of China. In the framework of her duties, she is in charge of the cooperation with international organizations in the field of cultural heritage protection, such as UNESCO, ICCROM, ICOMOS and ICOM.



### **Corrado Catesi**

After a master's degree in Law, he was appointed as a police officer in the Carabinieri Corps in 1993. He has dedicated the last 12 years of his career to the fight against the illicit trafficking of cultural property: at first, as Head of the Forgery and Contemporary Art Section in the Operative Department of the Comando Carabinieri per la Tutela del Patrimonio Culturale in Rome, then Director of the Works of Art Section in Interpol office in Rome and since August 2015, as Coordinator of Works of Art Unit in the INTERPOL General Secretariat.

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### **Maria Vlazaki**

Graduated in Archaeology, she is Secretary General for the Hellenic Ministry of Culture and Sports. As such, she coordinates the restitutions of cultural objects to Greece and actively supports the fight against looting and illicit trafficking of cultural property. She is also the current Chairperson of the Subsidiary Committee of the Meeting of States Parties to the 1970 UNESCO Convention.



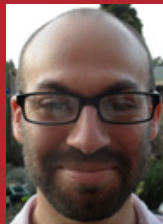
### **Mechtild Rössler**

Mechtild Rössler joined UNESCO in 1991 and held different positions, notably in the World Heritage Center, as Programme Specialist for Natural Heritage, Chief of Europe and North America, Chief of the Policy and Statutory Meeting Section and Deputy Director. She was appointed Director in September 2015. She is also the Director of the Heritage Division, as well as the Secretary of the 1970 and 2001 UNESCO Conventions.



### **Françoise Benhamou**

Economist, University Professor, expert in cultural and digital economics, she is also a member of the College of ARCEP and the Cercle des Economistes, and sits on the boards of the French Economic Association, the journal *Esprit*, the Louvre Museum, the National Heritage Institute and the Advisory Committee of ARTE programs.



### **Samuel Hardy**

Archaeologist, historian and criminologist, expert in the illicit trafficking of antiquities, he is affiliated with the American University of Rome and University College London. He developed an expertise on the trafficking of conflict antiquities from the Eastern Mediterranean, Middle East and North Africa. He has also used open source methods to examine destruction and propaganda regarding cultural objects in those regions.