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CULTURAL HERITAGE
COORDINATING
COMMITTEE



A Discussion on Cultural Heritage Preservation and Foreign Policy

Date and Time

Wednesday, October 24, 2018

4:00 – 5:30 PM

Also available via webcast ([link here](#)).

Location

Smithsonian Institution Castle Commons

1000 Jefferson Drive SW, Washington D.C., 20560

Open to the public. Seating is limited and on a first-come first-served basis.

All of us appreciate the inherent value of preserving cultural heritage. It helps us remember who we are and where we came from and ties together the legacy of humankind. In addition, the United States government's engagement in cultural heritage protection and preservation advances U.S. foreign policy – promoting stability, economic development, and good governance in partner nations while denying critical financing to terrorist organizations and other criminal networks that engage in illicit trade.

The U.S. Department of State, Smithsonian Institution, and member agencies of the Cultural Heritage Coordinating Committee invite the public to join us for a panel discussion led by **Assistant Secretary of State for Educational and Cultural Affairs Marie Royce**. Current and former U.S. ambassadors to the Balkans, South Asia, and Southeast Asia will share stories of cultural heritage partnerships and projects and how they advanced U.S. foreign policy goals through cultural heritage protection and preservation.

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