

ART, HERITAGE & DIPLOMACY. BELGIUM AND SPAIN: A CASE STUDY

*On the occasion of the 100th anniversary of our embassies, 1921 – 2021:
Art and Heritage in the official diplomatic representations in Madrid and Brussels*

Webinar - Thursday, 16 September 2021, 11h00-13h00

1. OFFICIAL WELCOME & OPENING

- Luis Cuesta Civis, under-secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, European Union and Cooperation of Spain

-Theodora Gentzis, president of the Board Of Directors a.i. of the Federal Public Service of Foreign Affairs, Foreign Trade and Development Cooperation of Belgium

2. ART, HERITAGE AND DIPLOMACY

Why should a Ministry of Foreign Affairs have an art collection?

-Ramón Abadal, head of area, Deputy-Directorate General for Heritage, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, European Union and Cooperation of Spain

- María García-Rivero, Art and heritage curator, Deputy-Directorate General for Heritage, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, European Union and Cooperation of Spain

-Ilse Dauwe, Art and heritage curator, Federal Public Service of Foreign Affairs, Foreign Trade and Development Cooperation of Belgium

3. HERITAGE AND ART ON LOAN

The Official Residence:
a window of opportunity for museums?

- Dr. MBA Joost Vander Auwera, Senior Curator Old Masters Department Royal Museums of Fine Arts of Belgium in Brussels (RMFAB)

-Dr. Andrés Úbeda de los Cobos, Deputy Director, Conservation and Research, Museo Nacional del Prado, Madrid

4. CONTEMPORARY ART

The Embassy: a challenging venue for an artist?

- Esther Pizarro & Olimpia Velasco, A wall against climate change: Butterfly Effect 2020, a pictorial-sculptural mural on the courtyard wall of the Embassy of Spain in Brussels, part of the "Parcours Street Art" of the City of Brussels

- Philip Aguirre, Exodus, lightbox, based on an in situ installation in 1999 in Senegal, installed in the Embassy of Belgium in Spain in 2013

5. TOOLS FOR DIPLOMACY

Can art change the world?

-Gerard Cockx, Ambassador of Belgium to the Kingdom of Spain, Madrid

-Beatriz Larrotcha Palma, Ambassador of Spain to the Kingdom of Belgium, Brussels

6. DIGITAL TOUR OF THE OFFICIAL RESIDENCES

- Presentation of the virtual 3D tour of the Official Residence "Embajador Marqués de Villalobar", Embassy of Spain in Belgium

- Presentation of the virtual 3D tour of the Official Residence 'Palacio Marqués de Rafal', Embassy of Belgium in Spain

7. QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

Moderator: Sergi Farré, Cultural and Scientific Counsellor of the Embassy of Spain in Belgium