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**Forthcoming HEURIGHT/SAACLR Conference:**

## *Cultural Heritage in the European Union: Legal Perspectives and Contemporary Challenges*

20-21 April 2017, Institute of Art  
of the Polish Academy of Sciences  
Warsaw, Poland

On 20-21 April 2017, the Research Team of the project *HEURIGHT - The Right to Cultural Heritage - Its Protection and Enforcement through Cooperation in the European Union*, a project co-financed by the European Commission (JPI Heritage Plus – Horizon 2020), is organising, in cooperation with the Editorial Board of the “Santander Art and Culture Law Review”, an international conference entitled “Cultural Heritage in the European Union: Legal Perspectives and Contemporary Challenges”. The event will be hosted by the Institute of Art of the Polish Academy of Sciences in Warsaw. Its main objective is to present and debate the research already undertaken within the framework of the project. Accordingly, the conference aims to discuss how human rights guarantees, as they relate to cultural heritage, are understood and being implemented in the European Union (EU) and in its neighbouring countries.

Acknowledging the changing and often contested nature of the right to cultural heritage (or more precisely the right to access or enjoyment of cultural heritage), the conference will endeavour to map out how this right’s evolving content

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affects the forms of protection, access to, and governance of cultural heritage within the institutional, operational and legal structures of the EU. In particular it will deal with the complex organisational and regulatory frameworks concerned with cultural heritage and human rights in place in the EU Member States, as well as their interaction, cross-fertilization, and possible overlaps.

The first keynote speech will be given by Krzysztof Pomian, a philosopher and historian specialising in the socio-cultural history of France, Italy, and Poland. He is the director of research emeritus at the Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique (CNRS) in Paris and professor of the history of culture emeritus at Nicolaus Copernicus University in Toruń, Poland. He also serves as chair of the Scientific Committee of the Museum of Europe in Brussels and as an editorial adviser to the journal *Le Débat*.

The second keynote speech will be offered by Adam Bodnar, Poland's current Commissioner for Human Rights (elected in 2015). In 2004-2015 Adam Bodnar worked for the Helsinki Foundation of Human Rights, first as a co-founder and coordinator of Precedent Cases Programme and then as the head of the legal department and vice-president of the Management Board. He is also an expert in the Agency of Fundamental Rights of the European Union. In 2013-2014 Bodnar was a member of the board of directors of the United Nations Fund for Victims of Torture.

For the detailed programme of the conference, conference abstracts, and biograms of the speakers and chairs of specific panels, please consult:

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