

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

*On the occasion of the 100<sup>th</sup> 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