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The end of the 19th century has opened a new chapter in the history of art collecting. For centuries collecting had been mainly perceived as the privilege of royalty and nobility. The era of industrialization followed by significant social changes led to shifts in power, both in politics and culture. A new class arose in Europe – the bourgeoisie. Collecting enabled members of the bourgeoisie to gain access to the circles of art lovers in the higher ranks of society. This practice had, in general, an imitative character, but at the same time, each collection was unique and therefore often used as a means of distinguishing oneself. Many of the collections functioned as instruments by which merchants and bankers showed their status and created a distinctive identity to differentiate themselves from the traditional aristocratic collectors.

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9.30

## Welcome and Introduction

**Igor KAŃKOLEWSKI and Milena WOŹNIAK-KOCH,**  
Centre for Historical Research of the Polish  
Academy of Sciences, Berlin (Germany/Poland)

10.00  
11.30

## Shaping the Identity: Cultural, Social and Gender Meaning of Collecting

(Part 1)

Moderation: Igor KAŃKOLEWSKI

**Agnieszka WIATRZYK, Polish Historical and Literary  
Society/Polish Library in Paris (France/Poland)**

*Museum Curator as Art Collector: Gronkowski's  
Donations to the Polish Historical and Literary Society  
in Paris*

**Maria PONOMARENKO, European University  
at St. Petersburg (Russia)**

*An Enlightened Amateur": Prince Wladimir Argoutinsky  
-Dolgoroukoff (1874-1941) - A Private Collector in  
St. Petersburg at the Beginning of the 20th Century*

**Teresa NETO, Maria João NETO, University of Lisbon  
(Portugal)**

*Sir Francis Cook, an Art Collector with Social and  
Scholastic Concerns*

12.00  
13.30

## Shaping the Identity: Cultural, Social and Gender Meaning of Collecting

(Part 2)

Moderation: Milena WOŹNIAK-KOCH

**Pauline GUYOT, Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne  
University (France)**

*Adèle Caussin, Marquise de Landolfo-Carcano,  
Demi-mondaine and Collector*

**Tomasz DZIEWICKI, University of Warsaw (Poland)**

*"The Ended Song": Róża Aleksandrowicz  
and Her Art Collection*

**Bénédicte GARNIER, Musée Rodin, Paris/Musée  
Rodin in Meudon (France)**

*Auguste Rodin, a Pivotal Collector, in Search  
of Recognition and Filiation*

## Long break

14.30  
16.00

## Modern Reinterpretations and New Readings

Moderation: Nawojka CIEŚLIŃSKA-LOBKOWICZ

**Kamila KLUDKIEWICZ, University of Poznań (Poland)**

*European Aristocrats and their Collections at  
the Turn of the 20th Century*

**Whitney DENNIS, University of Distance Education,  
Madrid (Spain)**

*New Perceptions in Old Collections: Rearrangements  
and Reinterpretations in Liria Palace in 1931*

**Felix STEFFAN, Ludwig Maximilian University of Munich  
(Germany)**

*A Modern Collection of Traditional Art: Endowments of  
the Bourgeoisie and their Role in the National Socialist Art  
World*

16.30

## Keynote Lecture

**Meike HOFFMANN, Free University of Berlin (Germany)**

*Bourgeois Art Collecting in the Light of Provenance  
Research. Rudolf Mosse's Art Gallery:  
Formation - Significance - Loss*

11.00  
12.30

## Art and the Art of Collecting

(Part 1)

Moderation: Tomasz DZIEWICKI

**Leo RIVAUD CHEVALLIER, Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne University/National Museum of Modern Art - Centre Pompidou, Paris (France)**

*Paul Gallimard (1850-1929) and his Circle. A Dandy Collector in Paris at the Fin de Siècle*

**Agnieszka KLUCZEWSKA-WÓJCIK, Polish Institute of World Art Studies, Warsaw (Poland)**

*Feliks Jasieński – Collector and „Artistic Activist”*

**Fiona PICCOLO, Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne University (France)**

*Collectible Object, Collecting Media: The Print Portfolio as a Marker of Evolving Art Collecting Practices Between Tradition and Renewal in Germany and Austria (1880-1930)*

13.00  
14.30

## Art and the Art of Collecting

(Part 2)

Moderation: Agnieszka WIATRZYK

**Biancalucia MAGLIONE, University of Florence, Pisa and Siena (Italy)**

*Between the Private and Public: The New Generation of Collectors in Northern Italy at the Beginning of the 20th Century*

**Vera MARIZ, University of Lisbon (Portugal)**

*Dress [The Walls] To Impress: The Cunha Collection of Azulejos*

**Debra DeWITTE, University of Texas, Arlington (USA)**

*A Passion for Dessins: 19th-Century French Collectors' Infatuation with Drawings*

## Long break

15.30  
17.00

## From Collecting to Secularization and Acculturation

Moderation: Thomas STAMMERS

**Colette BELLINGHAM, Oxford University (UK)**

*From Spectacular to Vernacular: Commemorative Country House Albums at Waddesdon Manor*

**Milena WOŹNIAK-KOCH, Centre for Historical Research of the Polish Academy of Sciences, Berlin (Germany/ Poland)**

*Seeking a Sense of Belonging: Warsaw Collectors of Jewish Origin and their Collections of Polish Art*

**Shir Gal KOCHAVI, The Magnes Collection of Jewish Art and Life, University of California, Berkeley (USA)**

*Inventing a Secular Jewish Identity in Late 19th Century: Jewish Ritual Objects Collections*

17.30

## Keynote Lecture

**Thomas STAMMERS, Durham University (UK)**

*The Monds as a dynasty of collectors: industry, politics and Jewishness c. 1890-1945*

10.00  
11.00**Collecting: a Tool of Colonialism**

Moderation: Milena WOŹNIAK-KOCH

**Inessa KOUTEINIKOVA, Independent Scholar,  
Amsterdam (Netherlands)***Modernizing through Collecting: Shaping Central Asia***Odile BOUBAKEUR, École du Louvre – Paris Saclay  
(France)***Antiquity Collecting at the Turn of the 20th Century*11.30  
13.00**Modernism, Nationalism and Museum  
Development**

Moderation: Maciej GUGAŁA

**Marina BECK, Friedrich-Alexander University  
Erlangen-Nürnberg (Germany)***The Staging of Bourgeois Collections in 19th-Century  
Museum Buildings***Laurie Kalb COSMO, University of Leiden (Netherlands)***Reforms and Contradictions: Museums of Modern Art  
in the Netherlands, 1914–1945***Dariusz KACPRZAK, National Museum in Szczecin  
(Poland)***Ancient Roots of Europe – Heinrich Dohrn Jr. and His  
Antique Collection for the City Museum in Stettin. From  
Studies on Bourgeois Collecting in Pomerania in the Late  
19th and Early 20th Centuries*14.00  
15.00**Long break****The Bourgeois Collector: In Search of  
a Definition**

Moderation: Małgorzata POPIOŁEK-ROBKAMP

**Oksana IGNATIEVA, Perm State University (Russia)***Collecting Practices of the Russian Bourgeoisie  
in the Late 19th and Early 20th Centuries***Marcela RUSINKO, Masaryk University,  
Brno (Czech Republic)***Old vs New Middle-Class Collecting Identity? Searching  
for the Systematization in the Modernism Art Collecting  
Studies*15.30  
16.30**Discussion and Closing Remarks****Nawojka CIEŚLIŃSKA-LOBKOWICZ, Independent  
Scholar, Munich (Germany)****Milena WOŹNIAK-KOCH and Maciej GUGAŁA,  
Centre for Historical Research of the Polish Academy  
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the conference - Milena Woźniak-Koch



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