

Anatolian Weights and Cultural Heritage Seminar

December 14, 2024

Pera Museum presents *Anatolian Weights and Cultural Heritage Seminar* for undergraduate, graduate, and postdoctoral researchers within the scope of the Suna and İnan Kiraç Foundation Anatolian Weights and Measures Collection. This seminar, which examines ancient measuring instruments within the framework of cultural heritage studies, aims to provide new perspectives on preservation and cultural heritage through a thematic approach offered by the collection. This intensive one-day program consists of seminars and workshops.

In the program's first session, the Anatolian Weights and Measures Collection and the cultural heritage studies conducted within this framework are explored. The second session addresses the illicit trafficking of cultural assets, focusing on archaeological artifacts with examples from the past to the present and case studies. In the third session, archaeological cultural assets are discussed in the context of art crimes. The workshop analyzes the inventory status of Anatolian-origin cultural assets by using current databases and accessible collections worldwide.

The seminar will be held at Istanbul Research Institute. The program is free and in Turkish. Students traveling from outside the city are responsible for covering their accommodation and transportation expenses.

Seminar Facilitators

Levent Tökün

After completing his undergraduate education in the Department of Archaeology and History of Art at Koç University in 2017, Levent Tökün simultaneously completed the world heritage studies program at Brandenburg Technical University and the Cultural Heritage Master's Program at Deakin University in 2020 with his thesis titled "Returning Illicitly Trafficked Cultural Property to its Country of Origin: The Strategies of the Republic of Turkey." Between the years 2021-2022, Levent, who was selected as one of the first European Heritage Youth Ambassadors, is a member of the International Council of Museums (ICOM), Europa Nostra, the European Student Association for Cultural Heritage (ESACH), and the ICORP Risk Preparedness Scientific Committee in Türkiye. He is currently working as a Research Assistant in the Department of Arts and Cultural Management at Istanbul Bilgi University, while also pursuing his Ph.D. at the UNESCO Chair in Business Ethics and Crime Prevention in the Art and Antiquities Market at the University of Campania 'Luigi Vanvitelli.'

Mustafa Ergül

Mustafa Ergül graduated from Istanbul University's Sociology and Art History departments in 2009. He completed his first master's degree in 2015 in the Art History Department at Istanbul University, focusing on early Turkish painting, and his second master's degree in 2019 at the Istanbul University-Cerrahpaşa Institute of Forensic Sciences, where he specialized in art forgery. From 2012 to 2017, he served as the Library and Archive Specialist at SALT Research, and from 2017 to 2024, he worked as an Archive Specialist Responsible for Special Collections at the Koç University Suna Kıraç Library. Since 2024, he has been continuing his career as the Research Projects Manager at the Istanbul Research Institute.

Eligibility

The seminar is open to participation by undergraduate and graduate students, as well as postdoctoral researchers in the fields of archaeology, art history, history, ancient history, fine arts, cultural heritage, and museum studies at universities. Other applications will be evaluated by program coordinators.

Application

Applicants must submit a resume not exceeding 200 words and a letter of intent not exceeding 100 words to the info@peramuzesi.org.tr by Monday, December 9, 2024. The subject line of the email should be "Anatolian Weights and Cultural Heritage Seminar_Firstname-Lastname". The 15 participants who will attend the program will be determined after evaluating the applicants' documents.

Program	14 December 2024 (Saturday)
10:30-11:30	Anatolian Weights and Measures Collection (Seminar)
11:30-13:00	Trafficking of Archaeological Cultural Assets: History, Current Challenges, and Sustainable Solutions (Seminar + Workshop)
13:00-14:00	Lunch Break
14:00-15:30	Archaeological Cultural Assets and Art Crimes (Seminar + Workshop)
15:30-16:00	<i>The Art of Weights and Measures</i> (Exhibition Tour)