

Bauhaus Dessau

Press release

Bauhaus experts
from all over
the world at the
Bauhaus Dessau

International conference
„Collecting Bauhaus“ from
2 – 5 December 2019

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The Bauhaus Dessau Foundation invites curators, collectors, art historians, and mediators from all over the world to the international conference Collecting Bauhaus from 2 – 5 December 2019 in Dessau. In the Bauhaus Museum Dessau, participants will exchange views about the globally dispersed object and collection histories of the Bauhaus and discuss exhibition and communication strategies for them. The conference concludes the foundation's centenary year and will simultaneously serve as a starting point for a range of envisaged cooperation projects.

Conference: Collecting Bauhaus
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The Bauhaus Dessau Foundation, the Bauhaus-Archiv / Museum für Gestaltung Berlin and the Klassik Stiftung Weimar are the institutions with the biggest collections of Bauhaus objects in Germany. On the occasion of the Bauhaus centenary, the three institutions receive new Bauhaus museums (Dessau and Weimar opened in 2019, Berlin will open in 2023). However, the Bauhaus is not just national but also international heritage. The closure of the Bauhaus by the National Socialists, the defamation of its works as “degenerated”, flight and emigration have led to the situation that Bauhaus objects are being collected all over the world.

The conference *Collecting Bauhaus* will bring together experts from international public and private institutions with Bauhaus collections. In five different panels, participants will speak about provenances, contiguities and methods. The following questions will be important: Which stories are embedded in the Bauhaus objects, and which connections give them meaning? In what way does the meaning of different objects change in the museum context? How do we enable people to visualise and experience the Bauhaus? Finally, we need to think about how these global interconnections might be productive for a museum in the twenty-first century.

Representatives of the following institutions, amongst others, will attend the conference:

Museum of Modern Art, New York, US
Busch-Reisinger Museum, Cambridge, US
Museo Nacional de Bellas Artes, Santiago de Chile, CL
China Design Museum, Hangzhou, CN
Zentrum Paul Klee, Bern, CH
Museum Boijmans van Beuningen, Rotterdam, NL
National Institute of Design, Ahmedabad, IN
Bauhaus-Archiv / Museum für Gestaltung, Berlin, DE
Klassik Stiftung Weimar, DE
Museums of Bat Yam, Tel Aviv, IL

The Bauhaus Birthday will be embedded in the conference *Collecting Bauhaus*. It will be celebrated with public lectures, the presentation of the Bauhaus Magazine 12 and a party on 4 December 2019 in the Bauhaus Museum Dessau.

Here you can find out more about the [conference programme](#).

Attendance of the Conference *Collecting Bauhaus* is free of charge. Please [register](#) until 18 November 2019.

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