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Working Group 5 "Heritage and Public Engagement"

Workshop

**Ethical Considerations in Medical Museums/ (Galleries, Libraries, Archives,
Museums) 7-8 May 2026**

Venue: Multimedia Hall (8. V. Babes str. Cluj-Napoca, Romania)

Scientific Committee

Prof. Mihaela Băciuț (UMF Cluj-Napoca, Romania), Prof. Verusca Calabria (Nottingham-Trent University, United Kingdom), Prof. Ondine Lucaciu (UMF Cluj-Napoca, Romania), Maria Aluaș (UMF Cluj-Napoca, Romania).

Local Organizing Committee

Maria Aluaș, Oana Habor, Rareș-Mario Borșa

May 6, 2026

17.00-19.00 – Optional City center guided tour (Meeting point: 8 V. Babes str. – in front of the University Blue Building).

20.00 - Traditional Romanian Dinner at „Roata Restaurant”

DAY 1: 7 May 2026

09:30–10:00 · Institutional welcome and Coffee

10:00 –11:40 **Panel Session I: Ethical concerns related to Museums** (chair: Verusca Calabria, Maria Aluaş)

- **Keynote Speaker (Online):** Tinne Claes, *Good Enough Ethics? Responsibility, Representation, and Pragmatism in the Medical Museum*
Tinne Claes is Academic Director of the Vesalius Museum (KU Leuven and UZ Leuven) and professor at KU Leuven's Centre for Biomedical Ethics and Law. Trained as a historian of medicine and an investigative journalist, her work focuses on how medical knowledge is made and negotiated, and how it can be communicated in ways that are both critical and accessible. She is currently leading the development of the Vesalius Museum, a new museum on care opening in December 2026.
- Lorenzo Lorusso, Neslihan Onder-Ozdemir, Matteo Gregorini, *Towards a Human Dignity-Centered Ethical Framework for Medical Museums in Europe*
- Manon S. Parry, *In Defence of Display: Debating the Value(s) of Medical Museums*, (Online)

11:40–12:00 · Coffee break

12:00–13:30 · **Panel Session II: Ethics considerations related to Museums 2** (chair: Francesco Brigo, Oana Habor)

- Verusca Calabria, Anne Heimo, *Reusing Oral Histories in Museum and Heritage Interpretation: Ethical Challenges and Curatorial Choices* (Hybrid presentation)
- Rareş Mario Borşa, Maria Aluaş, Ondine Lucaciu, Mihaela Băciuţ, *Human Teeth in Museum Collections: Clinical, Legal, and Ethical Perspectives*
- Ciara Henderson, *Unearthed: Methodological reflections on Naming the 'Forgotten' Dead*, (Online)

13:30–15.00 · Lunch

15:00–16:00 · **Panel Session III: Ethics considerations related to GLAM** (chair: Matteo Gregorini, Luminiţa Dumănescu)

- Francesco Brigo, *Unfolding the Crumpled Map: Charcot's Hysteria as a Case Study in Explicating and Contextualizing Medical Documents in GLAM Institutions*
- Mojka Ramšak, *Dignity and Ethics: Managing Human Remains in Slovenian Museum Collections*, (Online)

16.30-19.00 - Visit at the Cluj School of Medicine Museum and Museum of Pharmacy

20.00 – Dinner at „CHIOS Social Lounge ”

Day 2: 8 May 2026

9:30–11:00 · Panel Session IV: Ethics considerations related to forensic collections (Chair: Lorenzo Lorusso and Stefany Gil Franco)

- Octavian Buda, *Forensic medical collections and museums. Repositories and bioethics*
- Emilia Salvanou, *From Criminal Bodies to Forensic Objects: Ethical and Epistemic Dimensions of Display in a Greek Medical Museum*, (Online)
- Daniela Marza, *Clinical Visibility and Ethical Ambiguity: The Circulation of Patient Image and Data in Interwar Romanian Medical Journals*

11:00–11:30 · Coffee break

11:30–12:00 · Panel Session V: Kevin Finnan and Maria Aluas, *Museums and Ethics: A Comparative Framework for Analysis and Professional Reflection*

12:00–13:30 · Lunch

13:30–15:00 · Panel Session VI: WH 5 Toolkit group work – discussion of draft survey and agree timeline for gathering data and writing the toolkit (Chair: Verusca Calabria)

15:00–15:05 · Short break – leg stretch

15:05–16:00 · Publication plans meeting - Collective discussion and updates on outputs and special issue proposals