

Museum der Kulturen Basel

GUIDED TOUR IN ENGLISH

Enchanted Architecture

14 December 2024, 18.00–19.30 Uhr

Is our built environment disenchanted? Parts of buildings and artefacts that once were part of religious practices and rituals are exhibited in museums. Are these objects still inhabited by spirits or are they just inanimate matter? What does an Abelam cult house have in common with the Basler Münster? During this tour of the Museum der Kulturen Basel (occasional peaks out of its windows included), these questions will be discussed with anthropologists, historians and architects.

With Lucas Burkart, Professor of Medieval and Renaissance History at the University of Basel, Zainabu Jallo, anthropologist and post-doc researcher at the Universities of Bern and Basel, and Michael Hirschbichler, Professor for Design and Experimental Creation at HafenCity University of Hamburg

The guided tour will be followed by a discussion, hosted by Anneke Abhelakh and Nikos Magouliotis.

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Admission fee

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