

# Connecting Collecting

An international conference on collecting  
as a key to the future of museums in a  
global community

Nordiska Museet, Stockholm, Sweden  
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*Many museums of cultural and social history around the world are engaged in contemporary issues and devote part of their research and collecting to the society of today. Despite this, there is no international forum for dialogue and collaboration on collecting issues.*

*The aim of the conference **Connecting Collecting** is to be the starting point of such a forum. This year, Samdok – the Swedish cultural history museum network for contemporary studies and collecting – has been in operation for thirty years, and the conference will therefore also be Samdok's jubilee event.*

## We invite museum professionals and scholars to...

- ... discuss and share experiences on collecting in contemporary society.
- ... discuss and share experiences of contemporary use of collections acquired in earlier scientific, ideological and political contexts.
- ... discuss, and hopefully agree on, establishing an international museum Collecting Network, which may develop into a new international ICOM committee. Objectives and scopes, initial planning.

We welcome contributions on the meanings and implications of the museum's mission to collect, strategies concerning the creation of cultural heritage embracing both material and immaterial aspects of human life, collecting in a global context, collecting policies put into practice, ethical considerations and outreach work, the role of collecting in museum work in general.

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## Keynote Speakers

**Elizabeth Merritt**

Director, Museum Advancement & Excellence, American Association of Museums

**Ciraj Rassool**

Professor, Department of History, University of Western Cape, South Africa

## General information

The conference will comprise keynote speakers, papers and discussions in plenary sessions. An on-line conference publication will be compiled, with papers and summaries of discussions.

**Number of participants:** Maximum 150, of whom we expect at least half the number from countries outside Sweden.

**Conference language:** English

**Binding registration:** 15 September 2007 by enclosed registration form to [eva.fagerborg@nordiskamuseet.se](mailto:eva.fagerborg@nordiskamuseet.se)

**Conference fee:** 500 SEK (VAT included), to be **paid by 15 September to:**

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SEB, KB1, SE-106 40 Stockholm, Sweden

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**Travel and accommodation:** For booking assistance you can contact [info@snr.se](mailto:info@snr.se); [www.snr.se](http://www.snr.se)

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## Preliminary programme

### Thursday 15 November

- 11.00–12.30 Registration  
13.00 Opening and welcome addresses  
13.20 The Swedish Samdok network  
13.40 **Elizabeth Merritt:** “Beyond the Cabinet of Curiosities: Towards a Modern Rationale of Collecting”  
14.30 Coffee  
15.00 Papers  
17.15 Presentations of two new exhibitions in the Nordiska Museet: on the Sami people and on the museum’s collecting since the late 19th century.  
19.00 Reception and buffet in Stockholm City Hall

### Friday 16 November

- 09.00 Morning mingle and coffee  
10.00 **Ciraj Rassool:** “Museum and heritage documentation and collecting beyond modernism: Lessons from South Africa for the future”  
10.45 Papers  
12.00 Lunch in the museum restaurant  
13.00 Papers  
14.30 Coffee  
15.00–16.30 Concluding discussions – forming of an international Collecting Network

## Information

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**Welcome!**

*The conference is endorsed by ICOM-Sweden*