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On 3–6 December 2017, the University of Graz hosted the second “Open Round Table of Museology” project. It was an international meeting of students and pedagogues who were concerned with the same topic – museology.

The project is taking place under the auspices of the UNESCO Chair of Museology and World Heritage in Brno and the Department of History, University of Graz. It is supported by the AKTION Czech Republic-Austria programme and it has been realised since 2016. Among the most important project goals is the effort to initiate meetings in the form of student workshops, professional excursions, lectures and discussion forums, which are intended for student experts, teachers as well as the professional community. These meetings are focused on the problem of museology and museum work. The pilot project titled Open Round Table of Museology, which took place for the first time in Brno 2016, found a very good response among students and pedagogues and it logically produced another interesting topics which are worth being treated by students in international aspects of the Czech-Austrian museological tradition.¹

The second year of the Open Round Table of Museology project was dedicated to the problem

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Fig. 1: Photo: Sabine Zambo, University of Graz, 2017.



Fig. 2: Photo: Sabine Zambo, University of Graz, 2017.

of *Interpretation in museology and museum work*. Educational programmes at both of the partner universities resulted again in an international meeting, which took place in December 2017, this time in Graz, Austria. An informal meeting, where students and pedagogues got acquainted with one another and held a free discussion, helped to build friendships and exchange practical experiences.

The official programme was opened on 4 December 2017 by Anton Weinmann from the Department of History, University of Graz, who presented his opening speech titled *Museum and Identity*. After him followed Bernadette Biedermann, also from the Department of History, University of Graz, who paid attention to the problem of interpretation in museums as an object of Austrian history in her speech titled *Museum interpretation using the example of Austrian history*

museums. Afterwards a student workshop has taken place, where the students of the Masaryk University and the University of Graz were divided into several groups. The goal of the workshop was to choose a topic regarding the museum interpretation and mutual cooperation of students from both the universities involved. At the end of the day an excursion was undertaken to the University Museum in Graz, where the participants could see not only the permanent displays but also an exhibition dedicated to the Bible.

The programme on the next day began with a speech by Lenka Mrázová from the UNESCO Chair of Museology and World Heritage titled *Interpretation of Difficult Histories*. Afterwards followed a speech by Barbora Svátková from the Brno City Museum on the topic of *Interpretation and Art*. In the afternoon a student workshop has taken place again, this time already

in the previously established international teams. The students presented their topics, exchanged their experiences and opinions.

The programme ended on 6 December 2017 with a presentation of selected topics by individual international student groups. After a very interesting and stimulating discussion, the participating students from both universities received certificates of honour. The second year of the Open Round Table of Museology project was successfully finished. An immense gratitude goes to all who helped to bring the project into being.

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