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Uli Sigg Appointed Visiting Professor at the Department of Art History

The Chair of East Asian Art History is delighted to announce the appointment of **Dr. Uli Sigg** as Visiting Professor for the Autumn Semester 2025.

Dr. Sigg—Swiss entrepreneur, diplomat, world-renowned collector, and leading patron of contemporary Chinese art—will offer a specially designed lecture course: ***Inside the Art World: Collecting, Curating, and Cultural Diplomacy in the Chinese Cultural Sphere*** (3 ECTS). Open to BA, MA, and PhD students, the course provides rare first-hand insights into how contemporary art is curated, circulated, and canonized, while examining the socio-economic, political, and institutional forces that shape these processes.

As part of the course, on **December 9, 2025 (18:15–20:00, KOL-G-201)**, we will launch the new initiative ***Roundtable: East Asian Art in Dialogue*** with a public event featuring:

- **Lecture by Dr. Uli Sigg:** *Between the Private and the Public: Collecting as Cultural Discourse*
- **Roundtable Discussion** with **Dr. Uli Sigg**, **Dr. Kathleen Bühler** (Head of Collection, Exhibitions, Research, Kunstmuseum Bern), and Prof. Dr. Ewa Machotka (Chair of East Asian Art History, UZH).
- **Apéro** (until 21.00)

This inaugural roundtable explores the intersections of collecting, curating, and scholarship, addressing how private collections shape—and are shaped by—public institutions, critical debates, and academic frameworks.

We warmly invite all students and faculty members to take part in this lecture course and to join us for the inaugural Roundtable session in December.

More info: https://www.khist.uzh.ch/de/chairs/ostasien/Aktuelles/2025_visiting-professor_sigg.html