

Jahrestagung ICOM Deutschland – Museen verändern

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10:30 - 11:45 Uhr Themen-Insel 1: Museen verändern die Gesellschaft

Statement by Mirjam Wenzel, director of the Jewish Museum Frankfurt

The society we are living in is changing rapidly. In the midst of growing divisions, hate and fear the Jewish Museum Frankfurt is encouraging a diversified discourse about divided memories and a common future. The museum defines its tasks as networked action in the digital as well as social space. Reflecting on the Jewish experience of discrimination and violence the work of the museums aims at strengthening intercultural dialogue and understanding.

Short Bio

Mirjam Wenzel is director of the Jewish Museum Frankfurt and professor for Jewish studies at Goethe University in Frankfurt. Under her leadership Germany's oldest Jewish Museum underwent a profound renewal process resulting in a new museum complex that was recently awarded with the Great Nike Award by the Association of Germans architects. Wenzel is an internationally renowned expert on the digital transformation of museums. She has published and co-edited various books, articles and exhibition catalogues on contemporary art, critical theory, memory culture and German-Jewish cultural history.