

The Museum Europäischer Kulturen (MEK, Museum of European Cultures) is devoted to the life worlds of people in Europe. With around 280,000 cultural historical objects, its collection provides a unique insight into European everyday culture and popular art. The museum was founded in 1999 in a merger of the Museum für Volkskunde (Museum of Folklore) and the European Department of the Museum für Völkerkunde (Museum of Ethnology).

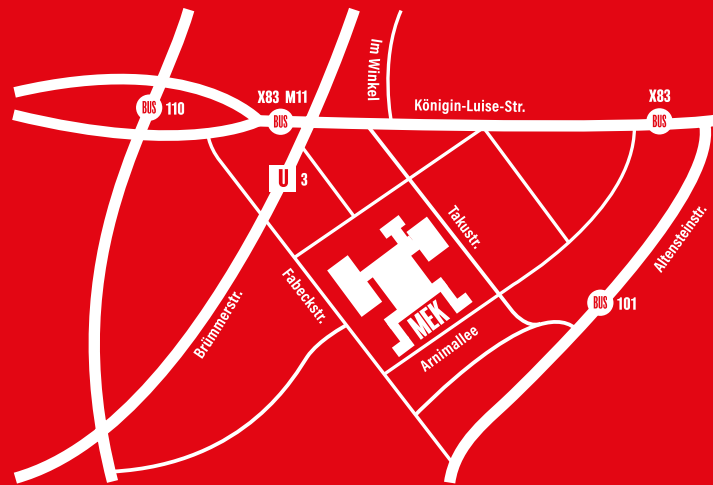
Our Mission

Our work focuses on the contacts between people of

different origins as well as the effects of these contacts on society, both in the past and present. In doing so, we consider culture and identity to be dynamic, fluent and diverse. Both culture and identity are closely linked to each other and change when people encounter one another. It is our aim to render this visible, which is why we feel it is imperative to also collect objects from the present day and to cooperate with different people and groups, and, by doing so, to accompany current social and cultural processes. We aim to promote intercultural dialogue in order to overcome prejudices and stereotypes.



Entrance MEK, Arnimallee 25
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Administration and library

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Opening hours of exhibition

Tue–Fri 10 am–5 pm
Sat and Sun 11 am–6 pm

Opening hours of library

Mon–Fri 9 am–1 pm

Admission

€ 8, concessions € 4
Free of charge for children and youths up to 18 years

Information, advice, booking

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Cover: "Salzburg Perchten", 18th century, Austria
Tunic belonging to a Crimean Tatar mullah, late 19th century, Ukraine (at the time Russia)
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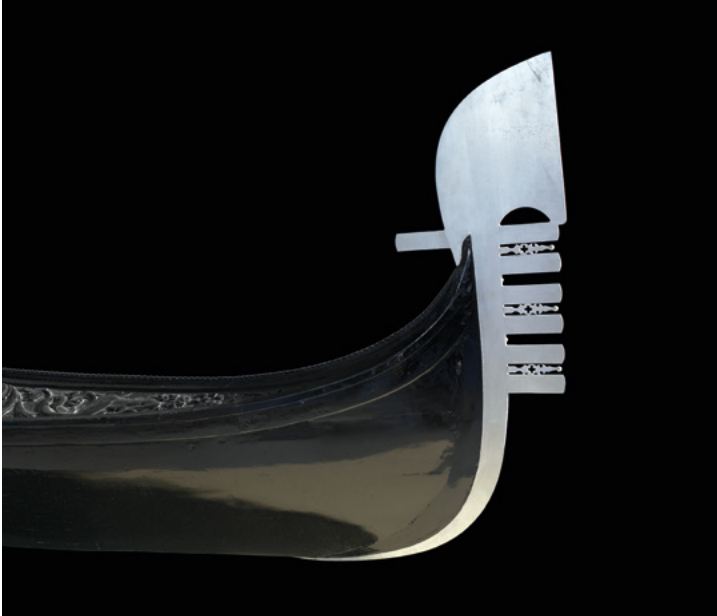
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Our Collection

In the exhibition "Cultural Contacts. Living in Europe", we provide a cross-section of the rich collection of the MEK. In doing so, we deal with discussions on social movements and national boundaries in Europe: on the one hand, mobility in the broadest sense results in cultural interconnections. On the other hand, it lets people who feel disadvantaged due to increasing globalisation question affiliations and identities. The exhibition opens with a

Venetian gondola dating from 1910. It represents all topics subsequently addressed in the display, such as trade, travel, pictorial media, migration, cultural manifestations and religiosity. The exhibition closes with a twelve-meter-long "Christmas Mountain", from the Erzgebirge (Ore Mountains, East Germany). This unusual, early 20th-century presentation of Christ's life story is also a result of cultural contacts.



Our Activities

In a study collection, we alternately show different object groups from the museum's holdings. Regular special exhibitions deepen the topics of the permanent exhibition. With the successful event series of the European Cultural Days, we annually present a city, a region, a country or a community in Europe. This takes place in cooperation with institutional partners in Europe and communities in Berlin and Germany. Other annually recurring attractions include the Textile

Day, when textile artists introduce their creations and teach handicraft techniques, as well as the Bead and Textile Market. We offer guided tours and holiday courses for children and youngsters as well as workshops for adults. We use the museum garden for festivals and events like the Fête de la musique. The events of the MEK are gastronomically accompanied by the restaurant eßkultur, which also operates the KAFFEE! in the museum.

Travel bag from Berlin, around 1875, Germany
Venetian Gondola, around 1910, Italy
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Guardian of the vineyards, costume, photography, 1888, South Tyrol
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