



## SAWA 2024

### Cross Cultural Museum Learning

March 4<sup>th</sup> to December 9<sup>th</sup> 2024

#### Preliminary Program Schedule

Each year the **SAWA** program addresses essential museological questions such as

- What is a museum in local and International perspectives?
- What are participative strategies for past and present in collecting and documenting?
- How do we move from single to shared authorship with curatorial strategies?
- How do we enable access, engagement and interpretation?

The program's core consists of two on-site sessions, each lasting eleven days:

One in Sharjah and one in Berlin. These 2-week-sessions are linked by seven online seminars and framed by an online welcome & introduction, as well as a wrap up & farewell session. Participants will exchange knowledge throughout the program and contribute to ongoing projects published via the SAWA website

<https://www.sawamuseumstudies.com/glossary/>

<https://www.sawamuseumstudies.com/objects-in-dialogue/>

Each on-site session consists of 4 modules. Each module's content is jointly developed and taught by an Arab-European teaching team and pairs short inspirational impulses with hands-on exercises. Theoretical input is always reassessed in practice-orientated group work. It allows the participants to gain insights not only into the practice of the Sharjah Museums and the State Museums of Berlin, but also to actively exchange best practices from each participant's institution.

## Kick Off (ONLINE)

- **March 4<sup>th</sup> daylight savings time: 10 am-12 pm CET/1-3 pm Sharjah**  
Welcome, Introduction and Kick Off Online Meeting with Lecturers and Participants (2 hours)
- **April 22<sup>nd</sup> 11 am-1 pm CET/1-3 pm in Sharjah**

## Phase I On-site Workshop in Berlin

- **May 9<sup>th</sup> - May 20<sup>th</sup>**

9 am - 3 pm

<i>Thur 9</i>	<i>Fri 10</i>	<i>Sat 11</i>	<i>Sun 12</i>	<i>Mon 13</i>	<i>Tue 14</i>
Welcome day Getting to know each other	Diversity & the museum	Module 1		Module 2	
		What is a museum? Local versus International Perspectives		Participative strategies in Collecting and documenting	

<i>Wed 15</i>	<i>Thur 16</i>	<i>Fri 17</i>	<i>Sat 18</i>	<i>Sun 19</i>	<i>Mon 20</i>
Independent Study Day	Module 3		Module 4		Evaluation
	Curatorial Strategies: From Single to Shared Authorship		Visitors, Audiences and Communities: An Exploration of Audiences and Interpretation		Presentations Summary & Diaries

## Phase II (ONLINE)

**March to September: Online Seminars 11 am-1 pm CET/1-3 pm in Sharjah**

**A Monday each Month for participants with facilitators (2 hours)**

*Topics: e.g. Reflect on Learning - Coaching - Work on Glossary entries*

*Ramadan March 11<sup>nd</sup> - April 11<sup>th</sup>*

- **June 3<sup>rd</sup>**
- **July 1<sup>st</sup>**
- **August 5<sup>th</sup>**

- September 2<sup>nd</sup>
- October 7<sup>th</sup>

## Phase III Sharjah

- October 23<sup>rd</sup> - November 3<sup>rd</sup> 2024

9 am - 3 pm

<i>Wed 23<sup>rd</sup></i>	<i>Thu 24<sup>th</sup></i>	<i>Fri 25<sup>th</sup></i>	<i>Sat 26<sup>th</sup></i>	<i>Sun 27<sup>th</sup></i>	<i>Mon 28<sup>th</sup></i>
Getting back together	Module 1	Module 2		Module 3	
Participants' Presentation of their Museums (- work) & SAWA Inspiration and Impact	What is a museum?	Participative Strategies	Collecting & Documenting	Curatorial Strategies: From Single to Shared Authorship	

<i>Tue 29<sup>th</sup></i>	<i>Wed 30<sup>th</sup></i>	<i>Thu 31<sup>st</sup></i>	<i>Fri 1<sup>st</sup></i>	<i>Sat 2<sup>nd</sup></i>	<i>Sun 3<sup>rd</sup></i>	<i>Mon 4<sup>th</sup></i>	<i>Tue 5<sup>th</sup></i>
Independent Study Day	Module 4		Workshop	Group Work day	Group Presentation	SAWA 10 years Anniversary conference	
Private excursions possible	Visitors, Audiences and Communities: An Exploration of Audiences and Interpretation		Diversity & the Museum		Presentation Outcomes of Assignment Evaluation	"SAWA Journey: A Decade of Cross-Cultural Museum Learning	

## SAWA Conference 2024 in Sharjah: "SAWA Journey: a Decade of Cross-Cultural Museum Learning"

Optional attendance. Please confirm with the organizing team before travel arrangements are complete.

### 3rd - 5th November

3rd November: Guests' Arrival to Sharjah. Group dinner with 2024 SAWA cohort.

4th November: Conference Day 1 from 9am to 3pm at Sharjah Archaeology Museum

5th November: Conference Day 2 from 9am to 3pm at Sharjah Archaeology Museum

## **Phase IV (ONLINE)**

**November and December : Online Seminar daylight savings time: 10 am-12 pm  
CET/1-3 pm Sharjah**

**A Monday each month for participants with facilitators (2 hours)**

*Topics: e.g. Coaching - Finalise work on Glossary Entries - Reflect on Learning*

- **November 11<sup>th</sup>**

## **Final Meeting**

- **December 9<sup>th</sup> SAWA Wrap Up**

**Please note: This preliminary program might be subject to modifications. The final program will be published once all applications have been reviewed.**