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OBJECTS OF AN ENCOUNTER

Balkan Materialities at the Mucem

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Musée des civilisations de l'Europe et de la Méditerranée (Mucem)

26–27 March 2026

Exploring Balkan material cultures through the Mucem collections

As an extension of the fifth AFEbalk Conference on Balkan Studies, dedicated to the question of materiality in the Balkans, this workshop proposes a collective inquiry into Balkan objects preserved in the collections of the Musée des Civilisations de l'Europe et de la Méditerranée (Mucem).

Bringing together researchers in history, art history, anthropology, sociology, museum studies and related fields, the workshop is conceived as a space for interdisciplinary experimentation centered on the direct study of objects from the museum's storage. Through close observation, collective discussion and methodological exchange, participants will examine not only the material qualities of these objects, but also the histories, circulations, uses and forms of knowledge that they embody.

At the crossroads of research and heritage practice, *Objects of an Encounter* invites participants to reflect on the ways in which objects from Southeastern Europe and the Mediterranean can open broader questions about memory, transmission, collecting, documentation and interpretation.

Programme

Thursday, 26 March 2026

1:30 p.m.—5:00 p.m.

Visit to the museum storage facilities with Raphaël Bories

Presentation of selected objects in the consultation room

- *Centre de Conservation et de Ressources (CCR)*
- 1 Rue Clovis Hugues, 13003 Marseille

Friday, 27 March 2026

9:30 a.m.—12:30 p.m.

Working session: collective discussion of the objects, bibliography, research questions, and shared methodological approaches

- *Mucem Lab, Fort Saint-Jean*
- Vieux-Port entrance
Prom. Robert Laffont, 13002 Marseille

12:30 p.m.

Lunch at the Mucem Lab

2:00–3:30 p.m.

Visit of the exhibition *Méditerranées*, with co-curator Raphaël Bories

- *J4, Mucem*
- 1 Esplanade J4, 13002 Marseille

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