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Individual winner

Dr Charlotte Galloway

Dr Galloway completed her PhD at ANU in the Buddhist imagery of the early Bagan period, Myanmar. She worked as an Asian art curator at the National Gallery of Australia, and then as Associate Registrar Loans and Exhibitions before returning to ANU to lecture in Asian art history and Curatorial Studies.

Prior to the 2021 military coup, Charlotte was a frequent visitor to Myanmar, and she has undertaken museum collection projects at Sri Ksetra, Myanmar's first UNESCO listed site, and Bagan. She also lectured to students at the Field School of Archaeology and Department of Archaeology University of Yangon, and was a UNESCO Expert for the nomination dossier for Bagan's 2019 successful UNESCO world heritage listing. Charlotte was also teaching Museology at the Field School of Archaeology in Pyay, where she has also prepared an inventory of the Sri Ksetra Museum collection with local staff.

She has also been part of a number of research projects related to the ongoing conservation of Myanmar's cultural heritage including for the Getty Conservation Institute.

With strong interests in Myanmar's higher education development, Dr Galloway has run numerous workshops, and was the project lead for the DFAT funded drafting of higher education components for Myanmar's next national education strategic plan. Dr Galloway continues broad engagement with Myanmar and is the former Director of the ANU Myanmar Research Centre.

Dr Galloway is a member of a number of professional organisations including ICOM and the Australian Museums and Galleries Association, ICOMOS, the Association of Asian Studies, and the Asian Studies Association of Australia. Charlotte is an active Board Member of the MRC. She is a member of the Advisory Board Bloomsbury Academic book series Contextualizing Art Markets, and provides expert advice on the provenance and illegal movement of antiquities from the Asian region. In 2023 Charlotte received an Order of Australia medal for her contributions to education, and history.