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Scientific Analyses at the National Museum of Slovenia

For decades, the findings of natural science research have been used by both conservators-restorers and curators at the National Museum of Slovenia, as both are often interested in the material composition of museum objects and their properties. The development of non-destructive analytical methods, which allow us to study museum objects without damaging them, is of exceptional importance for research in the museum.

The lecture will present several examples of research conducted in recent years, such as the question of the authenticity of bronze objects, determining the purpose of a small stone fragment, and searching for suitable environmental parameters for storing oil paintings on iron plates.

Eva Menart has a diploma in Chemistry (University of Ljubljana) and a PhD in Heritage Science (University College London). She is the head of the Department for Conservation and Restoration of the National Museum of Slovenia, where she focuses on (mainly non-destructive) scientific analysis of historic/museum objects and preventive conservation. She is additionally employed as a researcher at the Jožef Stefan Institute.

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