

Constructing cultural heritage: defining, selecting and understanding

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The aim of the training day is to investigate how cultural heritage is understood in society and how this affects our interpretation and research perspectives.

We will visit the Eidsvoll Manor (Eidsvollsbygningen), approximately 50 kilometres north of Kjeller. The Eidsvoll Manor is full of exciting history and for Norwegians one of the most important national symbols, inextricably tied to the constitution, independence and the related dramatic events of 1814, which are celebrated on the 17th of May every year. The Eidsvoll Manor became Norway's first national monument in 1837 and has undergone restorations in 1864, 1914 and 1964 as well as the current one which started in 2007. The restoration operations have all been directed towards recreating the historic site of the birth of the modern Norwegian state or what has been the current conception of what 1814 represents.

We will explore the recent reconstruction and preservation work carried out in connection with the impending 200 year anniversary of the Norwegian constitution. Due to current restoration work, there will be a maximum of 20 participants for this training day at Eidsvoll Manor.

