The study of art markets has gained remarkable momentum in recent years. Conferences, lectures and publications are devoted to their history and present state. Today, scholarship not only addresses general developments such as the evolution of the trade’s networks or its financialization, it also examines the impact of individual art galleries and dealers on the history of taste or the ‘making’ of certain artists and styles.

The growing interest in the provenance of cultural artefacts has further strengthened the consensus that the trade plays a significant role in the history of art. Its study seems presently all the more promising as new data become available on a regular basis. At the same time, however, many of the market’s extraordinary sources and documents are still largely unexplored or indeed undiscovered. Much work remains to be done.

Moreover, the study of this fascinating field is still fragmented. The market is investigated by academic disciplines as diverse as art history, economics, sociology, anthropology and cultural studies. Working from this variety of backgrounds, scholars lack many of the resources and networks common in other, more cohesive areas of research. In order to address this situation and to encourage students and colleagues to engage in the study of art markets, a group of thirteen international founding members has therefore established TIAMSA – The International Art Market Studies Association.
The purpose of The International Art Market Studies Association is to support the study of art markets of all periods and geographic areas. Following the time-tested model of comparable organizations, the association runs a website at artmarketstudies.org, serving as a hub for information. We also send regular posts with news on events, conferences, publications etc.

The association organizes conferences and events on issues of particular interest, as well as field trips to archives, galleries, fairs, congresses, etc. An annual general meeting is scheduled to coincide with these gatherings.

The association is open to all individuals, institutions and commercial galleries interested in the study of the art market. It welcomes art market professionals, collectors, students and scholars from all disciplines such as economics, law, sociology, art history, history, or provenance studies.

Join us!

Founded in July 2016, TIAMSA has rapidly attracted many members from countries worldwide. As of January 2018, TIAMSA has 230 members and continues to grow fast – so this is a great moment to join us, get involved, and contribute to the shaping of this association!

Purpose and Aims

Membership benefits

- discount on fees for the conference and other events
- advance conference booking
- exclusive attendance of TIAMSA events, seminars and gatherings
- publishers’ discounts
- regular membership letters via e-mail

Our website features an exclusive members’ area providing easy access to privileged information and membership benefits.

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