

Sir, The leading article confuses three different legacies facing European museums: indigenous human remains, Holocaust spoliation, and colonial spoliation. On the first two, there are robust procedures across the museum sector, and far more returns have been made from national museums than from university collections. On the third, you mention the decision by the governing body of Jesus College, Cambridge, to restitute a bronze cockerel looted in 1897 to the Royal Court of Benin. You rightly observe that in such cases local museums, trusts, and universities are not subject to the same legal constraints as national collections. However, there seems little rationale to support "a principle of justice" in cases of Holocaust loot but not in those of looting carried out by British forces in Africa.

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