

# Fundamentals of the Conservation of Photographs

**SESSION:** Identification of Silver Based Photographic Processes **INSTRUCTOR:** Dusan Stulik

## SESSION OUTLINE

#### ABSTRACT

Identification of all major silver based photographic processes and important process variants using basic visual and microscopic process signatures and advanced analytical methods (XRF and FTIR).

### LEARNING OBJECTIVES

As a result of this session, participants should be able to:

- Understand all major silver based photographic processes and important process variants that can be found in photographic collections.
- Learn basic visual and microscopic signatures of silver based photographic processes and understand when and how the advanced method of instrumental analysis might aid the identification process.
- Understand the most important identification problems.
- Understand limits of nondestructive analysis and ethics of sampling of photographic material.

#### CONTENT OUTLINE

- Hands-on laboratory session focused on identification of silver based photographic processes.
- Topics:
  - History of silver based photographic processes
  - Silver based negatives (paper, glass, film)
  - Silver based prints (photogenic drawings, salt paper, albumen, collodion, mat collodion, gelatin based processes and process variants)
  - Instant B&W photographic processes
  - The methodology of identification of silver based photographic processes

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