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SUMMARY

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THE SCIENTIFIC ACTIVITY OF ART MUSEUMS
The National Museum in Kraków and Muzeum Sztuki in Łódź as Case Studies

Museums are cultural institutions whose activities include scientific work. They carry out advanced research and scientific projects of a high standard. Some museums can even be considered research institutes. This article is a study on the specifics of the science carried out in museums. The first part discusses the legal and organizational situation of the scientific activities carried out in these institutions. This is followed by the case studies of the National Museum in Kraków, which is supplementing conventional conservation with advanced technological research and using science in art, and the Muzeum Sztuki in Łódź, whose activities reflect the trends located within the new humanities and self-referential reflection in museum studies. The article concludes a call to support museums and normalize the specific form of science they conduct.