



\$82,000 TO SUPPORT VIBRANT NEW INTERNATIONAL COLLABORATIONS IN THE ARTS AND HUMANITIES

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The Australian Academy of the Humanities congratulates the 17 successful recipients of 15 grants worth a total of \$82,000 from the first round of the inaugural International Science Linkages – Humanities and Creative Arts programme, funded by the Australian Government through the Department of Innovation, Industry, Science and Research.

The successful projects highlight the rich diversity of humanities research in Australia, the international scope and the collaborative nature of much of the work in the sector.

Two separate schemes were available in the first round to provide funds for humanities researchers to undertake international collaborative research:

- Visiting fellowships for eminent international researchers to visit Australia;
- International research fellowships for early to mid career scholars from Australia to collaborate with overseas counterparts.

Recipients of grants under each scheme are detailed below. They were chosen from a strong field of applicants after a rigorous selection process undertaken by leading scholars in the fields. A second round of the programme has recently opened which will provide total funding of over \$300,000 for these two schemes as well as a third scheme for international collaborative research workshops.

On behalf of the grant recipients and the humanities and arts community of scholars more generally, the Academy wishes to thank the Commonwealth Government for this support, bringing new opportunities to humanities and arts academics that their colleagues in the sciences have enjoyed for some years.

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The 4 ISL-HCA Visiting Fellowships awarded:

Dr Christine Garnaut and Professor Alan Mayne, University of South Australia

Taking stock and expanding horizons: key directions, intersections and tools for exchange in urban and planning history (e)research: Visiting Fellowship for Professor Erik Olssen University of Otago, Dunedin, New Zealand and Professor Helen Meller, University of Nottingham, UK.

Two leading international scholars will visit Australia to work with a team of researchers from the University of South Australia and the History Trust of South Australia, who are currently developing a multi-disciplinary project focused on the urban and planning history of Adelaide. The funding will allow comparative discussion of existing city history projects across Australia, identify lessons from Adelaide's history that might be applied in shaping the future urban environments of both Adelaide and other Australian cities, and to situate these studies within the context of similar international projects. The project will explore new opportunities for disseminating historical research findings and developing research collaborations in the emerging online research environment.

Associate Professor Greg Noble, University of Western Sydney

Visiting Fellowship with migrant communities expert Professor John Eade, Professor of Sociology and Anthropology at Surrey and Roehampton Universities, United Kingdom.

Associate Professor Greg Noble's successful application allows Australian humanities scholars to collaborate with Professor John Eade, an internationally renowned expert on migrant communities, to further develop research into the field of transnationalism. This has become a central category in understanding the dynamics of globalisation and cultural diversity in contemporary societies. The complex dynamics of transnational processes have profound consequences for social inclusion, economic growth, technological development, urban planning, and multicultural policies and programs.

Professor Alan Petersen, Monash University

Bioethics horizons: Fostering international collaborative research on the social and ethical implications of new biotechnologies: Visiting Fellowship for Professor Barbara Katz Rothman, City University of New York.

Professor Petersen will facilitate a series of focused events designed to foster international collaborative research between Australian and US scholars working on the social and ethical implications of new biotechnologies, particularly stem cell technologies. Professor Barbara Katz Rothman is a scholar of international standing across a range of fields encompassing medical sociology, bioethics, gender and the sociology of knowledge, and her visiting fellowship will help forge new international, interdisciplinary alliances and develop opportunities for future research collaborative projects in this field.

Professor Robyn Sloggett, The University of Melbourne

Artists Paints and Deterioration in Tropical Climates: Visiting Fellowship for Professor Supanee Chayabutra, Director of Material Research Centre for Art and Design of Silpakorn University, Thailand.

Professor Robyn Sloggett's successful grant application provides for collaborative opportunities with Associate Professor Supanee Chayabutra, a leading scholar of paint, dye and ink manufacture in Southeast Asia. Although the preservation of modern paints has been addressed by scholars in the northern hemisphere, the impact of climatic conditions of Southeast Asia and Northern Australia is less understood. Dr Chayabutra's interdisciplinary work is grounded in artistic, scientific, material and industry-based research, and her visiting fellowship will provide for collaboration, capacity building and knowledge development with Australian researchers in the preservation of twentieth century paints aged in tropical environments.

The 11 ISL-HCA International Research Fellowships awarded:

Dr Merridee Bailey, The Australian National University

Sixteenth-century apprenticeship: Collaboration with the Centre for Metropolitan History, UK.

Dr Bailey will visit the Centre for Metropolitan History, a high profile research institute with a strong track record of research into early modern London history and urban living, to explore a collaborative research project on apprenticeship in the sixteenth century.

Dr Stefania Bernini, University of New South Wales

Collaborative research on 'Family life and family politics in postwar Europe'.

Dr Bernini will develop an agenda for an international collaborative research project on family and family politics in Central Eastern Europe with researchers from the Institute of Social Policy at Warsaw University. She will meet with specialists in the fields of family sociology, welfare policy, economics, gender and sexuality, family politics and the legal regulation of the family.

Dr Catriona Elder, The University of Sydney

White Spaces: Connecting critical race, gender and policy studies.

Dr Elder's grant provides an opportunity to work collaboratively in the UK and South Africa with key international networks of scholars to further develop theory from the relatively new area of whiteness studies and apply it to studies of race, ethnicity and racism. Her visits will help co-ordinate an international comparative

research project on the role of memory in shaping understandings of ethnic and racial inequality in various settler colonial contexts.

Dr Kári Gislason, Queensland University of Technology

Authorship in Medieval Iceland: An interdisciplinary approach.

This international research fellowship will allow Dr Gislason to collaborate with an interdisciplinary team of scholars at the University of Tübingen to further develop new research approaches to authorship theory in Old Norse-Icelandic studies.

Dr Jorge Paredes, The University of Adelaide

Portrayal of Spain and the Spanish Civil War in the English-speaking World.

Dr Paredes will travel to the Universitat Rovira i Virgili (Tarragona), Barcelona and Madrid to explore collaborative publishing opportunities with Professor Joan Maria Tomás, a leading scholar of the history of 20th century Spain. The aim of the joint project is to better understand Spanish culture in Australia and other English speaking countries around the world.

Dr Patricia Pender and Dr Rosalind Smith, University of Newcastle

EMWRN: Early Modern Women Research Network.

Dr Pender's and Dr Smith's fellowships will help expand a flourishing, though currently small-scale, Australasian research cluster on Early Modern Women, by establishing new alliances with researchers and high profile institutions in the US. The fellowship also provides an opportunity to strengthen existing informal alliances with colleagues and research centres in the UK.

Dr Craig Taylor, Flinders University

Examining the vice of moralism.

Dr Taylor will undertake collaborative research with a number of leading international philosophers at the School of Philosophy at the University of East Anglia (UEA) and the Wittgenstein Research Centre. An examination of moralism, understood as an excessive or unreasonable indulgence in moral judgment, and particularly in relation to public debates on ethically contentious issues, is the focus of the project.

Associate Professor Mark Staniforth, Flinders University

Archaeological research at Bach Dang – a naval (river) battle site from the Chinese (Mongolian) invasion in AD1288.

Dr Staniforth's fellowship assists his participation in the development of a long-term international collaborative research project to progress the study of maritime

archaeology in Southeast Asia. The project also aims to develop strategies for investigating and preserving maritime cultural heritage in this region.

Dr Michael Ure, University of Queensland

The Politics of Compassion.

This fellowship assists Dr Ure to contribute to the development and consolidation of nascent international research networks focused on the politics and the philosophy of the emotions. Dr Ure will also continue to work on building a broader ongoing research cluster with significant UK scholars working in the field of European philosophy.

Dr Heather Wolfram, University of Queensland

Developing international networks in the History of Psychiatry.

This fellowship assists Dr Wolfram's efforts to forge a strong research network between scholars at the University of Queensland and the University of Edinburgh working on the history of psychiatry. This field of research is currently underdeveloped in Australia but is a major component of history of science and history of medicine programmes at both American and European universities. This highly interdisciplinary research field attracts scholars from the humanities, the social and behavioural sciences and medicine, and contributes to a better understanding of issues surrounding mental health. Dr Wolfram's fellowship also provides an opportunity for her to help establish an international network of scholars working on the history of psychiatry.

Dr James Smith, University of Queensland

The development of new projects, links and networks with British modernist scholars.

Dr Smith will travel to the UK to forge links with leading researchers and institutions involved in the field of modernist studies. He aims to develop firm links between the Australian Modernist Studies Network and the British Association for Modernist Studies and pave the way for future scholarly exchanges, joint conferences and symposiums, and research initiatives.