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AHRC Care for the Future: Thinking Forward through the Past and The Cluster of Excellence LABEX Pasts in the Present: History, Heritage, Memory – Joint Funding Call

Pre-announcement

New funding opportunity for transnational proposals

The call addresses common themes agreed by both LABEX and AHRC which are of interest and relevance to both the Care for the Future and the Cluster of Excellence LABEX *Pasts in Present: History, Heritage, Memory* (hereinafter known as LABEX PasP). The call focuses on areas where there is considered to be the greatest potential for collaborative transnational research involving UK and French scholars as well as non-academic partners. It aims to generate new research insights, to stimulate research innovation, and to add value to existing research activities in the UK and France.

The full call details will be published on Thursday 12th March 2015 and the deadline for submission of proposals will be Thursday 2nd July 2015.

Topics for the joint call

The aim of the call is to address common areas from both the [AHRC Care for the Future theme](#) and [LABEX PasP](#).

The Pasts in the Present: History, Heritage, Memory cluster of excellence is concerned with the presence of the past in contemporary society. The cluster of excellence seeks to understand mediations of history in the digital age, politics of memory, social appropriations of the past up - and downstream from heritage policies. The reflection is interdisciplinary and organised in two fundamental themes. The first, "Connections to the Past: Representations and Assessments," seeks a global analysis of representations of the past from every epoch (from prehistory to the present). The second, "Active Knowledge of the Past: Practices and Tools of Transmission," is based on documentary and archival resources and collections conserved by the cluster's different partners. It seeks to make available, for different audiences, new digitized collections, which, for some, contribute to the history of disciplines (archaeology, ethnology, ethnomusicology).

Care for the Future: thinking forward through the past is concerned with questions of how the way we account for the past can influence interpretations of the present and provide a mandate for the future; how what happens in the present can shift our views of the past; how the past can be better cared for in the future; how the future may be

better cared for through and appreciation of the past; and how different and diverse ways of thinking about time can shape our sense of connection to the past as well as our conceptions of the future. The theme is organised around five strands: questions of temporality and history; inter- and cross-generational communication, justice and exchange; trauma, conflict and memory; environmental change and sustainability; and cultural notions of the future. The relationship between heritage and history is also a major concern of the Theme, as are newly-emerging Heritages in the present, and the Heritage of the future.

We would therefore particularly welcome applications that address the following areas:

1. Understanding the relationship between history and heritage, and memory.
2. Representations and uses of the past in the present.
3. Mediations of the past; cultural and social appropriations of the past (including yet not limited to studies on digital practices).
4. Entangled histories; entangled heritages: towards transnational perspectives.
5. How societies remember and try to come to terms with the legacies of difficult and divisive pasts.
6. The "digital age" and its effects on tangible and intangible heritage.

While applicants will be asked to identify a main topic to be addressed by their project, they are not required to limit the scope of their project to only one of the above topics. It is acceptable for a project to address more than one or multiple topics, but applicants should nevertheless identify which of these topics is their primary concern.

Who can apply?

Applications should bring together research expertise and collaborative partners from France and the UK and involve substantial contributions from both. Each proposal **must** identify one Principal Investigator from France and one Principal Investigator from the UK. In addition, collaborators from outside of France and the UK may be included in the application where this would add value to the research. We would also encourage applicants to involve non-academic partners from the Heritage and other sectors.

Applications from France may be from within any subject area covered by the LABEX PasP and from the UK from any subject area included within the remit of the AHRC. Researchers within the UK must meet the AHRC's eligibility criteria which can be found within the [AHRC's Funding Guide](#). French researchers from the research units and heritage institutions who are partners of the LABEX Past in Present Programme are eligible alone or in partnership with a member of the community of universities "Paris Lumières".

Detailed eligibility criteria for researchers in each country will be published alongside the full call guidance on 12th March 2015.

In order to help researchers or interested partners to find partners and organisations, an **email group (called AHRC-LABEX)** has been set up so that researchers can subscribe to receive such requests, and to post requests themselves.

To use this service, you need to subscribe at the following link - <http://www.jiscmail.ac.uk/AHRC-LABEX>.

We recommend subscribing immediately but waiting until after **Monday 2nd March** before posting your request in order to allow time to distribute information on the email group and for interested parties to subscribe.

Further detail on how to use this mailing list will be provided in the full call guidance to be published on 12th March 2015.

Call basics

- For each project, research teams based in each country can request costs up to the available relevant national funding budget limit. Applicants can apply between **60,000-80,000 MAX Euros** for the French component and up to **£100,000** for the UK component. (Please note the eligibility rules for AHRC state that the Council will pay 80% of the full economic cost, and that UK research organisations pay 20%).
- It is hoped that around 6-10 projects will be supported
- Projects should be of **18 - 30 months** in duration. Projects can start from 1st January 2016 and *no later* than 28 February 2016

Application Procedure

- Full call details, including how to apply will be published on theme/programme websites on Thursday 12th March 2015
- The closing date for proposals will be Thursday 2nd July 2015
- Outcomes will be announced in October 2015

Contact Details

For advice on the content and fit to the themes, applicants are encouraged to seek advice from Mrs. Ghislaine Glasson Deschaumes (LABEX PasP) and Professor Andrew Thompson (AHRC).

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For advice on eligibility of potential applicants, applicants should contact the relevant funding agency:

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