

DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

Dear Colleagues and Friends of ICS,

I'm very pleased to congratulate Professor Alexandra Xanthaki, member of the ICS Advisory Board and UN Special Rapporteur in the field of cultural rights, who has released her first report to the UN General Assembly. The ICS is proud to have supported Professor Xanthaki in her expert consultations in Geneva on 27 April 2022 and online on 30 May 2022. Of particular importance for the ICS' work is Professor Xanthaki's assertion that development can only be sustainable if infused with cultural rights. You can [read the report in English, Arabic, Chinese, Spanish, French, and Russian here](#).

The ICS call for applications for funding 2022-23 is now open. The immense success of projects we funded last year (see our website for details: Institute of Communities and Society) has led to a fresh call. Please see application details at the end of this newsletter.

This week we are mourning the death of the great Hilary Mantel, who wrote in *Wolf Hall*: 'The English will never be forgiven for the talent for destruction they have always displayed when they get off their own island,' and (seemingly) more light-heartedly: 'At New Year's he had given Anne a present of silver forks with handles of rock crystal. He hopes she will use them to eat with, not to stick in people.'

Best wishes,



Professor Meredith Jones

INTERDISCIPLINARY CONFERENCES

The *17th International Conference on Interdisciplinary Social Science Studies* will be held in person in Oxford, 13th to 15th March 2023. The conference covers key interdisciplinary social science issues affecting law, international relations, business management, psychology, criminology, sociology and education

<https://www.flelearning.ca/icisss/>

Deadline for abstracts/proposals: 13th February 2023

INTERDISCIPLINARY EVENTS

PUBLIC POLICY

Brunel Public Policy is holding an event on Wednesday 12th October at 17:30 to showcase examples of how our research is actively informing policy. It features presentations from Hayleigh Boshier (Law), Vanja Garaj (Design) and Kate Hoskins (Education). The Eventbrite link is here:

[How Brunel Research is Informing and Enhancing Public Life Tickets, Wed 12 Oct 2022 at 17:30 | Eventbrite](#)

SOCIAL WORK AND THE BODY

The annual one-day conference on social work and the body will take place on Friday 14th October between 9:30 and 16:00 at Brunel University London and online. The conference will introduce you to leading practitioners and research focusing on the intersection between social work and the human body. This is a free event. For further details and registration, please see the Eventbrite link, here:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/centring-the-body-on-our-way-to-healing-tickets-419656462777>

INTERDISCIPLINARY RESEARCH SUPPORT

RANSOM CENTRE

After a two-year hiatus, the Ransom Centre is awarding 10 dissertation fellowships and up to 60 postdoctoral fellowships for its 2023–24 program. The fellowship projects must require substantial on-site use of the Center's collections, which support exploration of all areas of the humanities, including literature, photography, film, art, the performing arts, music, and cultural history, and interdisciplinary studies.

Application deadline: November 14, 2022, 5 p.m. cst (utc -6). More information and guidelines at:

<https://www.hrc.utexas.edu/fellowships/#program-guidelines><https://www.churchillfellowship.org/news-views/news/apply-here-for-a-churchill-fellowship>

UKRI ESRC

Pre-announcement: strategic coordination hub for Local Policy Innovation Partnerships Apply for funding to establish a strategic coordination hub (SCH) for the Local Policy Innovation Partnerships (LPIP) programme.

Pre-announcement: developing Local Policy Innovation Partnerships Apply for funding to develop Local Policy Innovation Partnerships (LPIP). The LPIPs will be commissioned through a two-phase competitive process. This is phase one of the opportunity.

UKRO MARIE SKŁODOWSKA-CURIE ACTIONS

2022 Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions (MSCA) Staff Exchange (SE) Call

An information webinar series will take place on 11th, 13th and 19th October 2022. The MSCA SE call will open on 6th October 2022 and close on 8th March 2023. Staff Exchanges, previously known as "Research and Innovation Staff Exchanges" (RISE) under Horizon 2020, fund collaborative research and innovation projects which involve organisations from the academic and non-academic sectors (including SMEs) from across the globe, in any subject area. The scheme promotes international, inter-sectoral and interdisciplinary mobility of research and innovation staff leading to the sharing of knowledge and best practices as well as the completion of a joint project. The scheme is open to all subject areas and sets out to foster a shared culture of research and innovation as well as to support creativity and entrepreneurship. The call supports researchers, as well as technical, administrative, and managerial staff

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INSTITUTE OF COMMUNITIES & SOCIETY FUNDING CALL

CALL FOR INTERDISCIPLINARY BIDS FOR FUNDING 2022/2023

Due Monday 31 October 2022.

- Applications are invited for funding of up to £5,000 per project.
- We expect that most bids will comprise activity that is directed towards external funding applications. All proposals must demonstrate a focus on interdisciplinarity.
- Partnerships with external organisations and co-investigators at other universities are encouraged.
- Funds are available for, but not limited to, the following:

(A) *Grant Capture:*

- facilitation of project development, including meetings or other activities to lead to grant capture.

(B) *Clusters:*

Clusters of mobile and flexible groups that come together to work on topics with a defined outcome. Clusters that produce match-funding or leverage external income are especially welcome. Cluster applications should include details of planned submission of an external grant proposal.

Activities might include:

- networking
- impact events
- research-led teaching activity
- roundtables
- symposia
- other innovative, collaborative, and outward-facing activities

(C) *Pilot Projects:*

Assistance related to early-stage research, with the aim of producing high-quality pilot projects that will lead to external grant funding applications, including but not limited to:

- paying for library work (e.g. where researchers cannot travel to a library abroad)
- survey management
- media monitoring
- data collection
- fieldwork
- any other activity that will encourage and support viable and well-designed projects in their early stages

(D) *Other Interdisciplinary Activity*

- For other interdisciplinary research projects that are not listed here please contact the ICS Director, Professor Meredith Jones meredith.jones@brunel.ac.uk, to discuss.

Application process

- Application is by the attached form **plus** a ONE-page CV for the proposed leader/s. Applications should be returned to info-ICS@brunel.ac.uk by **close of business Monday 31 October 2022**.
- Applicants should ensure compliance with Finance and HR policies and ensure that all relevant taxes and 'on-costs' are considered.

Criteria for the assessment of applications

- Bids must be clearly interdisciplinary—leaders must be Brunel academics but other participants can come from inside or outside Brunel.
- It is expected that all bids will comprise activity that is directed towards bids for external funding.

Conditions of award

Successful applicants will be expected to adhere to the following conditions:

- Ethics approval must be properly completed before work begins
- Expenditure must be completed **by Wednesday 31 May 2023**, including:
 - Purchase Orders raised, invoiced and receipted,
 - Credit card purchases completed; and
 - Payments to temporary employees/job shop assistants must have been approved.
- You must keep within the budget as specified on your application.
- Communications must be branded as **Institute of Communities and Society** activity.
- Information about your project will be required to be published on the ICS website.
- There is an expectation that all awards will lead to a future external funding bid (if this will not be the case please contact Meredith Jones to discuss).
- Award holders must submit an end-of-project report to maureen.senatore@brunel.ac.uk for the attention of the ICS Director detailing all the outcomes of the award by **Friday 14 July 2023**. These reports will be crucial if you apply for any future research support from Research Centres or University Institutes.