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Internationalisation newsletter November 2022

Your briefing from the
Humanities Internationalisation team



Associate Dean's update

Update from Prof. Angelia Wilson

The number of Humanities colleagues engaging with international partners continues to grow – and there are more opportunities emerging! Over the last few months, I have worked closely with School Internationalisation Leads to share various possibilities for research and teaching and learning (T&L) collaboration with our University strategic partners and our Faculty partners. The Global Alliance with the University of Melbourne and the University of Toronto is growing, with colleagues in SCI, SEED and SALC receiving research funds to work with either or both institutions. Calls for applications for Global Alliance seed-funding for collaborative research should be out in the next few weeks. This year the Humanities Global Scholars Fund (GSF) has supported researchers in each School to begin and progress collaborations in the US, Singapore, Europe and China. The call for GSF applications for 2023/24 will be out in February but if you have a research project proposal, particularly with a current partner institution, I am happy to discuss possible avenues for research funding.

The Global Classrooms initiative offers colleagues a way to engage in T&L collaborations with partner institutions. We now have in place conduits for collaboration with the Universities of Melbourne, Toronto, Indiana and a new development with Vassar College. SoSS T&L Director, Mario Pezzino, has circulated a survey within SoSS to identify those interested in the Global Classroom opportunity, and other Schools will be doing the same shortly. Please watch out for this and complete the survey as we are trying to build a database of those interested. Material to explain and support these T&L collaborations will

be available before the end of term in order to facilitate those who wish to plan for next year's classroom experience.

I want to thank colleagues who have joined me in meetings with the US Cultural Attaché , representatives from the University of Melbourne and Indiana University. Thank you for sharing your research expertise and exploring new ways in which the Faculty can enhance our international reputation, research and T&L portfolio.

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Global Scholars Fund update

Congratulations to all recipients of the newly launched Global Scholars Fund (GSF), previously known as HSIF. We had seven successful applications from across the four Schools and each of the four categories now have projects which support research and teaching collaborations with international partners.

This year's projects, and lead PI, are:

1. The role of entrepreneurs and the state in driving corporate investments in poverty eradication. Evidence from China's targeted poverty alleviation initiative: Dr. Renfei Gao (AMBS)
2. Political languages and the battle between democracy and dictatorship in 20th-Century Europe: Dr. Christian Goeschel (SALC)
- 3 Establishing a University of Manchester - Harvard Global Research Network: Byron Bitanihirwe (HCRI)
4. From North to South: The global shift of UNESCO Creative Cities Network as a tool of international cultural Policy: Dr. Biyun Zhu (SALC)
5. Manchester-Melbourne Doctoral Scholars Network on Chinese water governance: Dongyang Mi (SEED)
6. Developing a Global Doctoral Network for ageing research on China: Jingwen Zhang (SoSS)
7. Developing History's Global Classroom: Dr. Christopher Godden (SALC)

Looking back at HSIF 2021-22



Legacy projects

Reflecting on internationalisation activity in previous years, a number of Humanities Strategic International Fund (HSIF) projects have now come to an end. As mentioned above, the HSIF has now been replaced by the new Global Scholars Fund to allow for more breadth in the activities.

Recently completed projects are:

Dr Ian Mell from SEED

Internationalising green infrastructure in research, funding and teaching in Manchester & Copenhagen

Dr Nicola Banks from SEED

Challenging inequalities in the global aid system for NGOs: an intervention and research agenda.

Nicolette Butler from SoSS (Law)

UK-US Free Trade Agreement (UKUSFTA): unlocking the potential of transatlantic trade and investment

Dr Alice Bloch from SoSS

Jewish embodiment through body art

Dr John Haskell from SoSS (Law)

Digital currencies initiative in cultural, economic, legal and political contexts

Dr Abigail Gilmour from SALC

Academic mobility: global arts and cultural management – developing joint offers with Melbourne and China University Hong Kong

Spotlight on AMBS



Global AMBS

The Alliance Manchester Business School (AMBS) has always been at the forefront of The University of Manchester's internationalisation endeavours. This is most clearly reflected in the global footprint of programs like the Global MBA and our large and diverse on-campus student base. It is also seen in our very culturally diverse academic staff who have many strong relationships with scholars across the globe.

In 2020-21, AMBS went through a broad examination of our internationalisation activities and has created a set of strategic goals that we have linked to existing and potential partners. The three key strategic criteria are:

- (1) the capitalisation on our reputational and intellectual assets in foreign locations;
- (2) the acquisition and access to the reputational and intellectual assets of foreign partners;
- (3) the utilisation our reputational and intellectual assets in foreign locations to further the social mission of the institution.

Guided by these criteria, we have examined not just where we have existing personal and institutional interactions but where our academic staff believes we should have relationships. This has allowed us to generate very specific institutional priorities and targets by country and region. With this as a beginning, we are currently working to expand our international footprint based on this information.

Any query regarding AMBS Internationalisation can be addressed to Timothy Devinney (timothy.devinney@manchester.ac.uk) AMBS Internationalisation Lead.



Academy of Management

At this year's Academy of Management Meetings in Seattle, the AMBS held two internationalisation-related events. Now that the conference has moved back to a face-to-face format, the School held its well-established reception at the conference. This was an open event that brought together over 200 academics from around the globe to mingle informally. In addition, the AMBS also hosted a private breakfast so that our academics could meet up with academics from our partner schools (and potential partners) to discuss their work and see each other informally. This event brought together more than 30 academics from the AMBS and Toronto, Melbourne, Chile, Indiana and Copenhagen Business Schools, and Nanyang University.

School updates and events

Alliance Manchester Business School

The AMBS hosted meetings with representatives from the Business School at the University of Chile in September 2022.

Timothy Devinney, the AMBS Internationalisation Lead, along with AMBS Alum Mark Hughes and Walid Hejazi from the University of Toronto presented at an Alumni Symposium on International Business and Conflict in Toronto in July 2022. This was followed up with meetings at the University of Toronto. A similar event is planned to be held in New York in November 2022.

School of Social Sciences

The Political Economy Centre (PEC) and Politics Department welcome two Hallsworth Visiting Professors this semester: Professor Laura Macdonald from Carleton University (Ottawa, Canada) and Professor Adam David Morton from the University of Sydney (Australia).

Professor Macdonald delivered a PEC research seminar on 28 September entitled 'An inclusive trade agenda and the US-Mexico-Canada Trade Agreement: feminist and labour rights contestation'. It was well attended by staff and students across the School of Social Sciences. On 18 October she worked with colleagues from The University of Manchester (Aiki Koutlou and Silke Trommer) and King's University College at Western University, Canada (Erin Hannah) to deliver a special PhD

Masterclass focused on how to conduct research across the areas of social movement studies, feminist politics, international political economy, development studies and international trade law. All are working towards just and equitable global political economies.

Professor Morton delivered a PEC research seminar entitled 'A world order of racial capitalism' on 26 October. Politics also hosted a joint book launch for Professor Morton's recently published book on the writings of Henri Lefebvre, *On the Rural: Economy, Sociology, Geography* (University of Minnesota Press, co-authored with Stuart Elden), and Paul Cammack's *The Politics of Global Competitiveness* (Oxford University Press).

School of Environment, Education and Development

SEED has launched its International Stimulation Fund 2022/23 call early in the academic year to allow time for academics to plan and execute their small internationalisation projects during the current year. This call was launched along with all other seed corn funding calls in the School (ECR, New Horizons, Impact and Industry). Three projects were awarded, involving partner universities in India, USA, Singapore, Hong Kong and Portugal.

For further information, please contact nuno.pinto@manchester.ac.uk.

International Funding Calls



Applications for the final Erasmus+ Staff Mobility Scheme are now open

Are you interested in spending a short period of time teaching or training in another European country?

The International Programmes Office, on behalf of the European Commission, administers the Erasmus+ Staff Mobility scheme. The scheme provides funding to enable staff to undertake a period of teaching or training in a participating European country.

Please note that the 2022/23 academic year is the final year that the UK can participate in the Erasmus+ Programme, and no funding will be available after 31 May 2023.

All successful applicants are eligible to receive funding to support their travel and subsistence expenses.

The scheme is split into two strands:

Teacher Mobility (for academic staff only), which provides funding to enable academics to teach at another European university for a short period of time.

Staff Training (for non-academic or academic staff), which provides funding for staff to acquire training at another university or enterprise, which can be applied to their current position at The University of Manchester. Training may include: job-shadowing, language training, workshops or courses. The training period can be from two working days to two months.

Erasmus+ Staff Mobility funding cannot be used to support conference attendance.

All academic and Professional Services staff directly employed by The University of Manchester are eligible to apply for funding, regardless of pay grade. We particularly encourage applications from colleagues in the early stages of their career, and those on pay grades 5 and below.

Participating in the Erasmus+ Staff Mobility scheme is an excellent opportunity to enhance personal and professional development, and allows staff to develop and share knowledge relevant to their area of work. Previous examples of activities funded by the scheme include:

- A visit to Lund University in Sweden by a graduate intern, in order to learn about Lund's mentoring scheme for international students with the aim of implementing a similar scheme at Manchester.
- One of SALC's research grant writers spent a week in Germany receiving training on writing bids for high value research projects.
- An academic from Physics spent 10 days at Lisbon University teaching on a Cosmology course.

Staff are required to find a teaching/training opportunity themselves, and will then apply for Erasmus+ funding. For further information on how to find an eligible opportunity, or

contact Alison Needham at alison.needham@manchester.ac.uk. The team will ensure that your work and success stories are promoted across the widest range of channels.

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