



Praxis Launches the First in a Series of Events on the Theme of Heritage

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Over the past two months, the team at [Praxis](#), based at the University of Leeds, have engaged in conversations with Principal Investigators, Challenge Leaders, and project partners across the AHRC-GCRF and Newton portfolios.

Today, we are excited to write to you to announce the first series of events on the theme of Heritage. They include two 1-day Learning Events (6 December 2019 on “Heritage and Policy” and 10 January 2020 on “Food and Heritage”) and a 3-day international workshop on “Heritage for Global Challenges.”

Heritage for Global Challenges

West Bakaa, Lebanon 24-26 February 2020

At “Heritage for Global Challenges” *Praxis* aims to bring together an international group of delegates to engage in 3 days of workshops and group activities to address the question of how the collective learning from AHRC-GCRF projects on heritage has shaped global challenges in the past four years, and how it should continue to do so in the future.

The event builds on and is informed by conversations with project Principal Investigators and partners, and it champions an expanded and nuanced conceptualization of heritage that has emerged from within the AHRC-GCRF and Newton portfolios. A framework of the scope of these discussions, and the questions they raise, is attached.

The 3-day event will include brief lightning talks by all delegates, group work, as well as a session at the end of each day for the collective writing of a briefing report that will emerge from the event and be co-authored by all those present.

Praxis is able to sponsor delegates attendance, including covering flights and accommodation. For more information and to register your interest in attending, please review our [website](#).

We will review all interest by the end of October 2019.

Learning Event: Heritage and Policy

University of Leeds, UK 6 December 2019

In collaboration with Dr Hana Morel from University College London (UCL) and AHRC’s Heritage Priority Area, this 1-day workshop aims to explore the intersections and relevance of GCRF heritage research and public policy, including ways of ‘bringing learning back to the UK’, by providing participants with a useful guide and practical tips on how to engage with the policy process.

The areas the workshop will be focusing on specifically are: introducing the policy process and stages of advocacy, including open calls for evidence and responding to them, facilitating change through bridging heritage research with evidence-based policy, and suitable ways of engaging with policymakers.

Keynote speakers include: Rosie Weetch (Policy Advisor, Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport), Professor Andy Gouldson (Director of Policy@Leeds), and Professor Ian Baxter (Director of Scottish Confucius Institute for Business & Communication).

Kindly note, for our Learning Events we are only able to cover rail travel for up to 15 UK based delegates. This is at the request of AHRC to build and support a cohort of UK researchers able to respond to global challenges.

For more information, please visit our [website](#).

To register your interest in attending please email Dr Deena Dajani at d.s.dajani@leeds.ac.uk

Learning Event: Food and Heritage

University of Leeds, UK 10 January 2020

In collaboration with Dr Tahrat Shahid, GCRF Challenge Leader for Food Systems at UKRI, this 1-day workshop aims to ask critical questions about how AHRC-GCRF multi-disciplinary collaborations navigate the balance between the local and the global. The arts and humanities offer approaches to global development that attend to local context, unlocking and mobilizing local knowledge as a way of addressing development challenges. How can arts and humanities research projects attend to this crucial context, while also addressing the need to scale up learning so that it can inform development work more broadly?

Keynote speakers include: Professor Naomi Sykes (The Lawrence Professor of Archaeology at the University of Exeter), Dr Sandip Hazareesingh (Director of the Ferguson Centre for African and Asian Studies at the Open University) and Dr Theano Moussouri (Senior Lecturer in Museum Studies at UCL).

Click [here](#) to see a video introduction to the event by Dr Tahrat Shahid.

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Thank you for sharing your time and insights with us. We hope you are keen to continue and take these conversations further at one (or more!) of Praxis's upcoming events. We look forward to hearing from you soon.

