

African-Asian-Latin American Collaborative Research Grants

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

The South-South Exchange Programme for Research on the History of Development (SEPHIS) would like to invite research teams consisting of 3 to 5 researchers from Africa (including North Africa), Asia (including the Middle East) and/or Latin America and the Caribbean to submit proposals for collaborative research projects covering at least two different continents in the Global South.

The broad theme of the collaborative research programme is “Rethinking Histories, Nations, Societies and Trans-Regional Connections.” Since the 1970s social scientists and historians have been concerned with redefining their disciplines as well as the objects and forms of narration including the non-academic and non-Western ways of writing and circulating knowledge. The issues raised in the context of the debates have been methodological, theoretical as well as geographical – questioning Europe and the West as the master references in relation to colonial and postcolonial peripheries. This collaborative research programme aims to enable further South-South comparative historical research, to break out of the mould of the usual comparisons and push the boundaries of the comparative method. For an elaborate programme description see the website.

Awards of a maximum of €40.000 are available for collaborative research projects for a period of 12-15 months (starting date 1 February 2010).

The eligibility requirements are:

- Applying research groups should consist of researchers with a PhD degree or its equivalent (some researchers without a PhD but with substantial research experience would also be eligible). There will be a particular interest in selecting younger researchers, though a balance of experience and enthusiasm will be important for the success of the teams.
- The members of the research team should be affiliated to institutions in the Global South.
- Applicants can come from any discipline as long as the proposed research is well grounded in historical and social theory and methodology.

- The team should consist of 3 to 5 researchers, with at least two researchers located in two different continents (Asia, Africa and/or Latin America). The team can also include research assistants, consultants, or resource people in addition to the core group of team members.
- The research should compare at least two different research sites in two different continents (Asia, Africa and/or Latin America). Intra-regional, cross-regional and global comparisons are encouraged.
- The collaboration plan must include research visits to the sites in which the researchers are located, public dissemination of the research results through a workshop organized by the team or through participation in a conference in Africa, Asia or Latin America and a collectively produced research output, whether in the form of books, articles, web-publications or other outputs.

Applications for this research programme should include:

- A research proposal (maximum of 5000 words), stating the research problem, reviewing the relevant literature, presenting the research methodology, describing the research sites and indicating the social relevance of the research project.
- A description of the research team members including CV's with a list of publications, with attached copies of relevant diploma's.
- A description of the envisaged output.
- A dissemination plan for an academic and a non-academic (policy-related) audience.
- Letters testifying the institutional affiliation of the research team members in the Global South.
- A budget not exceeding €40.000 (this budget can only contain research costs, such as travel and accommodation, limited per diems, the costs of organizing meetings and/or workshops etc. Salary costs cannot be included).

The deadline for applications is **15 November 2009**. Results will be made known in the first week of January 2010. The starting date of the research projects is 1 February 2010.

Applications and inquiries should be emailed to:

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