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## LAHP/AHRC Collaborative PhD Studentship Available

**Hospitality as Intangible Cultural Heritage? Concept and Practice in La Chapelle, Paris.**

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**Partner: PEROU (The Pole for Exploration of Urban Resources)**

The London Arts and Humanities Partnership (LAHP) are pleased to announce a LAHP/AHRC-funded Collaborative Doctoral Award at Queen Mary University London and in collaboration with PEROU (The Pole for Exploration of Urban Resources). This fully-funded studentship will commence in October 2019.

### Project overview:

Applications are invited for a three year LAHP Collaborative Doctoral Award studentship at Queen Mary University of London and the University of London Institute in Paris, in collaboration with the PEROU (Pôle de l'Exploration des ressources urbaines), a multidisciplinary group of researchers and writers based in Architecture, Sociology and Philosophy with a residency in La Chapelle. Beginning in October 2019, the studentship will be based in the School of Geography at QMUL, where it will be co-supervised by Prof. Alison Blunt and Dr Anna-Louise Milne (ULIP).

Through sustained fieldwork in the northern Paris district of La Chapelle, this PhD will consider the actions and practices of hospitality and will establish whether and how hospitality can be considered to constitute an 'intangible cultural heritage' under the UNESCO framework for safe-guarding. The practice of hospitality is commonly held to



transcend cultural differences, being recognizable on encounter for those who come from afar. Yet hospitality, like all social forms, is subject to cultural variance. This doctoral project will study the variations in modes of hospitality as it is enacted in an area of super linguistic and cultural diversity, at the hub of contemporary migration to and within Europe. Drawing on practices that traverse generations as well as faith and language groups, it will develop a comparative analysis of cultural representations and practices of welcome, drawing on situations of shared sustenance, narration and shelter. The research will investigate

the claim that hospitality is a common and potentially universalisable practice, which, across its linguistic variation, can inform an understanding of intangible cultural heritage. The student will work closely with the PEROU, contributing to their UNESCO-oriented project and learning from their methodology as an embedded and experimental research unit.

You will join a vibrant transnational and interdisciplinary group of academics working between the disciplines of Geography, Translation Studies and Urban Studies in London and Paris. You will be expected to engage in the work of the Centre for the Study of Migration (QMUL), the Centre for Studies of Home (QMUL and The Geffrye Museum of the Home), the Paris Centre for Migrant Writing and Expression (ULIP) as well as to develop your own research networks.

You will be expected to move between London and Paris during the studentship, which will be based primarily in the UK in the initial phase, and then in Paris for a sustained period during years 2 and 3. You will receive an additional travel budget to support this mobility.

You should be motivated, ambitious, able to demonstrate an interest in the advertised PhD area, and committed to working closely with PEROU and developing a series of collaborative outputs. Having high language skills in English and French will be an advantage.

#### **Studentship details:**

The AHRC-funded London Arts and Humanities Partnership (LAHP) brings together eight leading British research universities: King's College London, London School of Economics and Political Science, Queen Mary University London, Royal Central School of Speech and Drama, Royal College of Art, Royal College of Music, School of Advanced Study and University College London.

The studentship includes a stipend at Research Council UK 2019/20 rates of £17,009 per annum (plus fees at home/EU rates) for three and half years. The awarded candidate will also be entitled to a £550 per annum stipend top-up. As a LAHP student, the successful candidate will have full access to the LAHP Doctoral Training Partnership development activities and networking opportunities, joining a cohort of about 90 students per year. Studentships can be either full or part-time.

Applicants should have a good undergraduate degree in a relevant discipline, and a Masters-level qualification or equivalent which meets AHRC requirements for research training. Applicants with relevant work/professional experience who are considering doing a PhD are also encouraged to apply.

**Closing Date: 23 April 2019**

**For more information and to apply for the studentship, please see the [LAHP website](#).**