

<p><b>Institution:</b> University of Portsmouth</p>
<p><b>Unit of Assessment:</b> 27 Area Studies</p>
<p><b>a. Overview</b></p> <p>Researchers in this UoA are members of the Centre for European and International Studies Research (CEISR). While the majority are based in the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences (FHSS), individuals are also drawn from Portsmouth Business School, the Faculty of Cultural &amp; Creative Industries and the Faculty of Science. Research in CEISR is organised into eight clusters which provide focus, mentoring and support for members. Researchers can belong to more than one cluster to facilitate collaboration and forge links within related fields of Area Studies. The clusters (and primary associated researchers) are, in alphabetical order:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Cohabited Space</b>, (<i>Hakak, Marten-Finnis, Tremlett</i>), diasporic and minority communities in historical and contemporary contexts;</li> <li>• <b>Francophone Africa</b>, (<i>Chafer, Majumdar, Rutazibwa, Vince, Warson</i>), the internal histories, colonial legacies and globalised futures of Francophone Africa;</li> <li>• <b>International Development Studies and Security Issues</b>, (<i>Bradley, Chafer, Cheng, Garrod, Holmes, Lee, Maniruzzaman, Rutazibwa, Spencer</i>) legal, social, cultural and political implications of security in a globalised international sphere;</li> <li>• <b>Language Across Borders</b>, (<i>Clarke, Crabbe, Evans, Fasulo, Polyzou, Saraceni, Wright, Zinken</i>) cross-boundary approaches to the study of language practices, through linguistics and associated disciplines;</li> <li>• <b>Social and Cultural History</b>, (<i>Andress, Beaven, Bell, Burkett, Esbester, Gibbons, Hough, James, Krause, Mathisen, McCall</i>) modern and contemporary American, British and European histories;</li> <li>• <b>Sociology and Social Theory</b>, (<i>Burridge, Hakak, Jabbar, Leddy-Owen, Peggs, Smart, Stewart</i>) social thought, social exclusion, the ethics of human/non-human interactions, sport and consumer culture;</li> <li>• <b>Transnational Europe</b>, (<i>Crack, Flenley, Germond, Heard-Lauréote, Kaiser, Stoddard, Tremlett</i>) international organizations, NGOs, expert networks, policy formation and diffusion, and transnational narratives in a museum and heritage context; and</li> <li>• <b>Women's and Gender Studies</b>, (<i>Bradley, Holmes, Peggs, Polyzou, Vince</i>) histories of feminism, gender and international development, and contemporary activism in Africa and Asia, language and sexuality.</li> </ul> <p>CEISR is managed by a Research Executive, comprising a Director, Deputy Director and the leaders of each of the research clusters. It reports to Faculty Research and Knowledge Transfer Committee (FRKTC) in FHSS, and through that body to University Research Committee, the University Director of Research and the Vice-Chancellor's Executive.</p> <p><b>b. Research strategy</b></p> <p>In RAE2008, CEISR was the vehicle for a wide multidisciplinary entry to European Studies. The notable success of this entry produced opportunities that had not been anticipated, leading to a reconfiguration of research centres. Researchers in criminology, literary studies and media studies formed new centres, and are entering REF2014 in UoAs 22, 29 and 36. Focused on Area Studies, CEISR research was concentrated into a closer core of historical, linguistic and social-science disciplines, while also developing a broader geographical scope and a greater focus on interdisciplinarity.</p> <p>The success of this approach can be attested by the fact that, despite transferring researchers to three new centres, CEISR has grown its entry once more to the level of 2008, with the majority of such staff being new to the centre.</p> <p>The core attribute of CEISR strategy since 2008 has been to develop a prioritised approach to</p>

supporting key areas of research strength, using these as leading elements to build national and international profile, drawing forward its wider membership into higher levels of productivity and profile as a result. We have maintained and enhanced the long-term underpinning support for CEISR members' research, and have also directed sustained funding towards those areas deemed most likely to offer substantial returns across a range of objectives:

- Creating and developing collaborations with other HEIs on a national and international scale;
- Participating in emergent research agendas where Portsmouth can play a leading role;
- Pursuing external funding through individual and collective collaborations;
- Crossing disciplinary and institutional boundaries to create new possibilities for outputs, engagement and impact;
- Developing early-career researchers (ECRs) and mid-career researchers towards PI status to ensure our future sustainable research base;
- Broadening a base of PGR activity in key areas for the overall research profile.

Central to this strategy was the funding from 2010 of three strategic project groups:

- **Francophone Africa: Decolonisation and After (FADA)**, hosted by the Francophone Africa cluster, examining colonial and postcolonial discourse and events through comparative and transnational approaches to Francophone Africa. Core members: *Chafer, Majumdar, Vince* (and Prof Martin Evans until 2012)
- **Experts and Expertise in transnational policy-formation (E&E)**, hosted by the Transnational Europe cluster, exploring the role and definition of 'expertise' in the EU and other transnational contexts. Core members: *Crack, Germond, Heard-Lauréote, Kaiser, Tremlett*
- **Port Towns and Urban Cultures (PTUC)**, hosted by the Social & Cultural History cluster, developing a new historical focus on the 'sailor ashore' and the liminalities of port cities through the modern period, in the UK, European and imperial contexts. Core members: *Beaven, Bell, James*

These three strategic projects represented areas of historic strength and grouped together key researchers to maintain and develop CEISR's core activities. They have been a major driving force behind CEISR's publication output, external funding and international networks and collaborations:

The FADA strategic project uses the resources of contemporary history, political science and development studies. In 2009, its members won a British Academy-funded UK Africa Academic Partnership – the first with non-Anglophone Africa. Project members *Chafer* and *Vince* forged collaborations with the universities of Dakar and Algiers and the Ecole Normale Supérieure in Bouzareah to undertake an oral history project on veterans of the Algerian War. Other significant grants include a British Academy award for *Chafer* as PI (with Cumming of Cardiff University) in 2008, a Leverhulme Artist in Residence award and an AHRC Early Career Fellowship for *Vince* in 2012. The artist project has further strengthened the interdisciplinary approach of our research and *Vince's* fellowship has given rise to a monograph to be published by MUP (2014). Since 2010, the research group has held three international conferences on different aspects of the relationship between Europe and Africa, facilitating engagement with non-European scholars and establishing foundations for future collaboration. *Vince* has developed one such collaboration with Malika Rahal of the Institut d'histoire du temps présent (Paris), working towards a major joint bid to the AHRC for research on the 1960s and state-building in Africa.

The E&E project, embracing political science, contemporary history and heritage studies, has worked in two major areas, developing a strong focus on expert inputs in EU and other international-organisation policy-making mechanisms, and establishing new international networks of academics and heritage professionals around the question of 'European' narratives in museums and other cultural institutions. This project has secured a number of significant external awards, including two Marie Curie Intra-European Fellowships in 2008 and 2012. In June 2012, the research group hosted a major international conference, 'Towards a European Society? Transgressing Disciplinary Boundaries in European Studies Research'. The partnerships forged at

the conference enabled *Germond*, *Heard-Lauréote* and *Kaiser* to prepare a series of workshops on experts and expertise in policy-making scheduled to take place in Maastricht in January 2014, and Portsmouth in 2015. Building on these successes, in July 2013 the University was awarded the title 'Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence for Studies in Transnational Europe' (CESTE). Its research activities planned for 2013-16 include international conferences on identity formation in European Neighbourhood countries and European narratives in different political and cultural fields. To date, six PGRs have been associated with the project, working on areas including business expertise in EU external energy governance (*Stoddard* – subsequently recruited as a lecturer) and the role of think-tanks and experts in transnational socialist development policy (*Salm*).

The PTUC Project has worked across history and heritage studies (and in liaison with literary studies) to forge international networks with universities and heritage institutions, creating a distinctive and internationally-recognised research group that is actively shaping agendas in urban and maritime history. PTUC has developed a successful ongoing collaboration with the National Museum of the Royal Navy (NMRN). In addition to working closely on the content of a new 20th-century gallery at the museum, PTUC and the NMRN co-hosted a major international conference in July 2012, from which publications are forthcoming. Research on new issues in the emergent field of coastal histories has led to a rapid progress in ongoing and prospective external activities, with networks of both universities and heritage institutions developing strongly – further details given in Section e below. The PTUC group has in the last two years added six new PGRs (including five self-funding) to the AHRC Collaborative Doctoral Award won in 2009 for a project with the Portsmouth Historic Dockyard Trust.

In addition to focusing on core strengths through the funding of strategic projects, CEISR has promoted emergent research areas to enhance the centre's core activities and extend its global focus. Researchers in the International Development Studies and Security Issues cluster have benefitted from targeted funding. *Bradley's* work has developed strongly in terms of both outputs and further collaborations. Working with the University Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi, she secured a British Academy grant to work on press reporting of rape in India. Her collaboration with researchers at Leeds and Lincoln universities and Southall Black Sisters on dowry practices in the UK has produced a current bid for a major ESRC grant. Support in this area has also been given to *Cheng*, an ECR working in East Asian Studies on migrant women and issues of identity. She has been funded to undertake primary research in Taiwan that will lead to a number of articles to be published in 2014-15. She is also being supported to organise the 2014 Annual Conference of the European Association of Taiwan Studies, which CEISR will host.

Furthermore, CEISR has supported promising individual researchers in funding networking events and conferences to develop their research area and lay the foundations for future collaboration. For example, *Burkett* (Social and Cultural History cluster) received funding to hold an international networking event in July 2013 on students in the twentieth century which has led to further workshops. These will result in an edited volume, which will be published in 2015. *Tremlett* (Cohabited Space cluster) has been supported to develop innovative methodological work that has allowed transfers between disciplines of ethnographic research, anthropology and sociology, leading to a new range of publications on images of Roma communities in education and the media in the UK and Europe. *Stoddard* (Transnational Europe cluster) was fully included in the cluster's activities as a PhD student, gave a number of papers at international conferences and had completed several publications by the time of submission of his thesis. As well as contributing to his subsequent employment at Portsmouth, this helped him secure a postdoctoral fellowship in the Research College 'The Transformative Power of Europe' at Free University Berlin.

CEISR's overarching aim in the period 2014-20 is to consolidate its international research profile and enhance its long-term sustainable research environment. To this end we will:

- Maintain focus on CEISR's core research areas through supporting the strategic projects. Strategic project leaders will continue to align their projects with UK cross-council funding priorities and widen the range of funding applications. For example, the E&E project is currently bidding to Research Council Norway on new social movement actors in policy-making in the 1970s with researchers from Trondheim, as well as developing plans for an outgoing Marie

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Curie fellowship. PTUC and FADA will both target the AHRC-led 'Connected Communities' programme for projects on mapping 'sailortowns' and the oral history of the Algerian War, respectively. In addition, PTUC, in partnership with the NMRN, will pursue funding through the AHRC 'Care for the Future' theme for a project on the digitisation of sailor diaries.

- Support areas of developing strength and opportunity:
  - A new strategic project on veganism in contemporary culture was launched in 2013, bringing together the key researchers in the Sociology and Social Theory cluster.
  - A new opportunity to form a research cluster around Military History has arisen with the 2012 incorporation of academics at RAF College Cranwell into the University of Portsmouth. The parallel connection to the research work of the NMRN will be developed for future mutual benefit.
  - International Development Studies, which is rapidly growing, provides key opportunities for international collaborations and future strategic projects to enhance our global reach in this increasingly important field, notably into South and East Asia, and Sub-Saharan Africa.
  - The Language Across Borders cluster, with several ECRs joining in 2012-13 (*Clarke, Crabbe, Evans, Polyzou*), represents our commitment to a long-term engagement with language research at a time of great difficulty for the discipline at a national level.
- Grow future collaborations and publications through our commitment to organising networking events and by hosting international conferences. A permanent full-time position in FHSS will be created in 2014 for logistical support of this goal, and to build capacity in impact-related external liaison and coordination.
- Through the above means, make a significant contribution to the sustainability of the UK research base in Area Studies.
- Maintain and develop relationships with non-HEIs that will lead to impact in the wider community and have the potential to re-channel third-sector research activity into UK and international funding bids, building on the work of *Beaven* (PTUC) and *Kaiser* (E&E) to forge partnerships with international, national and local heritage bodies, and to widen the engagement of colleagues in these areas.

### c. People, including:

#### i. Staffing strategy and staff development

In the period since RAE2008, CEISR has managed a major disciplinary and generational shift in its membership. With a large number of senior colleagues either joining new research centres within the University of Portsmouth or moving into retirement, this added a new dimension to the management of normal staff turnover. The continuing breadth of the submitted staff cohort, and the significant number of ECRs returned, are indications of our success in continuing to develop staff to their full potential. Of the 42 individuals entered (39.4 FTE), we have 16 ECRs (8 female, 8 male), 14 mid-career researchers (4 female, 10 male) and 12 senior researchers (5 female, 7 male). Individuals at each career-stage are distributed broadly across the eight research clusters, with a good balance in all areas.

The University of Portsmouth is working towards full adoption of the Concordat to Support the Career Development of Researchers, and adheres to best practice in the conduct and monitoring of recruitment and promotion practices at all levels. Fully committed to the goals of equality and diversity, we are the holders of an HR Excellence in Research award from the European Commission, actively engaged with the Athena SWAN process, and anticipating engagement with the forthcoming Gender Equality Charter Mark scheme. All of these aspects inform CEISR's engagement with staffing strategy.

CEISR has also worked with wider University structures to assist with transitions in key areas. Thus, following the departure of Prof Martin Evans in July 2012, a package of measures, including a postdoctoral fellowship, the appointment of *Majumdar* (previously visiting professor) as a 0.2 research professor in Francophone Studies, and the appointment of a new member of staff (*Rutazibwa*) was agreed to maintain capacity and develop new research directions. Similarly, *Wright* accepted a 0.2 position, returning from Emeritus status, to offer leadership to the Language Across Borders cluster after the departure of Dr Carol O'Sullivan in July 2013, allowing her very

valuable work of developing new staff in this area to be sustained.

As a multidisciplinary centre, CEISR's strategies for staff development necessarily sit within those of the faculties and departments from which its members come. All staff at Portsmouth are part of an annual Performance Development & Review process which incorporates both appraisal and mentoring for all aspects of their academic roles. They have an annual entitlement to dedicated staff-development funding for external events (including key research conferences), and access to a wide range of internal workshops, conferences and training sessions. CEISR's key role is complementary to this, in monitoring specific aspects of research development through an annual Research Evaluation process. In this, which has both reporting/recording and mentoring aspects, researchers at all career levels are required to focus on the balance of their long- and short-term goals for outputs, funding and engagement with external bodies. The types and levels of support available are mapped into outlines for future plans.

CEISR, through its clusters and the strategic project groups, also works to ensure that newly-joined staff are mentored by appropriate senior colleagues, provided with both informal and formal opportunities for training and development towards research leadership, and supported to become fully active members of the relevant research communities. ECRs are a focus for support within CEISR, and in addition to giving them a lighter teaching load through their first year in-post, particular attention is given to guiding them through the above structures, and into full engagement. Notable beneficiaries of this range of support include *Vince* and *Burkett* who play leading roles in the Francophone and Social and Cultural History clusters respectively. *Vince* secured an AHRC Early Career fellowship in 2012, while *Burkett* was funded to develop her new project on student activism and enable her to take a national role in the Social History Society. In the Language Across Borders cluster, *Cheng* and *Evans*, both very early-career scholars, are being supported to develop research networks and collaborations. In addition to *Cheng's* Taiwanese Studies conference noted above, *Evans* is similarly being assisted to organise the Portsmouth International Translation Conference in November 2013. Another example of ECR success is *Esbester*, who has been supported and mentored towards a successful grant bid to the Institute of Occupational Safety & Health for his groundbreaking research on the history of safety campaigns, which will see him employing a Research Assistant in 2013-15.

All staff have an entitlement to apply for research leave. Funding for complete or partial relief from teaching and other duties is awarded through transparent procedures linked to appropriate evidence of track-record and/or prospects, and an evaluation of the strategic benefits of the intended activities. Funding is also made available for regular smaller-scale research and dissemination activities on the same transparent and strategy-oriented basis.

Staff on fixed-term and fractional contracts are eligible for CEISR support and mentoring on the same basis as permanent and full-time staff during their term of employment, as part of an explicit commitment to their career development and equal opportunities. While transitions from fixed-term to open-ended contracts depend to a significant extent on wider decisions about teaching needs and departmental income, CEISR has been notable for the number of individuals it has guided to develop into longer-term positions. Routes to further promotion are open, based on published University criteria that, particularly for Readers and Chairs, emphasise leadership and activity beyond the bounds of the institution. Many of CEISR's leading researchers, including *Beaven*, *Heard-Lauréote* and *Peggs*, have risen to senior positions through this route in recent years.

Since 2008, post-doctoral researchers have significantly contributed to existing strengths and to developing new lines of research and long-term international collaboration beyond their stay at the University of Portsmouth. CEISR has hosted two EU-funded Marie Curie fellows in the current REF period. Jan-Henrik Meyer (2008-10) worked with *Kaiser* on the origins of the EU and other IOs' policies of environmental protection which generated workshops, international networks and publications (Palgrave 2013, Berghahn 2014 forthcoming). Current fellow *Germond* (2012-14) has contributed to the extension of the E&E Strategic Project and is co-organising an international workshop in Maastricht in January 2014. *Warson* has recently been appointed as an internally-funded post-doctoral Research Fellow, with the aim of sustaining the excellence of the

Francophone Africa cluster. Former postdoctoral researchers have gone on to take up full-time posts in higher education: for example, Le Foll is now Lecturer in East European History at the University of Southampton, and Winkler is now Lecturer in German Studies at the Catedra de Germanistica, Universitatea 'Al. I. Cuza', Iași, Romania.

## ii. Research students

PGRs are fully integrated into the research culture of CEISR. In addition to having desk space, office and computing resources and social facilities in the FHSS Postgraduate Centre, all PGRs are members of the relevant research cluster, take part in the regular seminars, periodic conferences and other collective activities of the clusters and benefit from the supportive research environment that the clusters provide. In addition to holding an annual Postgraduate Conference, at which PGRs present papers alongside invited speakers, there is a regular series of postgraduate themed Study Days, advertised nationally, and co-organised by the PGRs themselves.

CEISR currently has over 30 registered full-time PGRs, and more than 20 part-time enrolments. We are committed to maintaining support for both routes to PhD, in the interests of maximising the research potential of a varied cohort of individual PGRs and their overall contribution to the research culture of the Centre.

PGRs are strongly supported to develop their academic profile, and to engage with outside institutions and funders. As a result, CEISR PGRs have been awarded over £63,000 since 2008 for travel, research in archives and workshop participation from the AHRC, the Royal Society, the Smithsonian Institution, the German Historical Institutes in Washington, Paris, Rome and Warsaw, the Luxembourg *Fonds National de la Recherche* and the ZEIT Foundation.

CEISR PGRs have been central to the launch of an online postgraduate research journal, producing bi-annual issues since May 2011 at <<http://ppr.port.ac.uk/>>. PGRs have also taken up roles of national and international significance in disciplinary representation, for example in the Society for the Study of French History, the History of European Integration Research Society (HEIRS) and the Association for the Study of Modern and Contemporary France. The Transnational Europe cluster's students remain pivotal in HEIRS, which a previous generation of CEISR PGRs co-founded in 2004, and in the organization of their annual interdisciplinary thematic conferences. The 2012 conference in Berlin and the 2013 conference in Aarhus were co-organized by CEISR PGRs, and the 2015 conference will be hosted in Portsmouth.

CEISR offers a range of student support. This includes fees-only studentships linked to a language assistantship and to packages of hourly-paid seminar tutoring, in addition to a long-term programme of full bursaries. In recent years, the latter have been targeted to add value to strategic projects. Recruitment to these bursaries is by open advertisement and interview, following HR best practice. As noted above, these projects themselves have helped to attract new students, and augmented the PGR experience – for example, PGRs working with colleagues on the PTUC project have fostered a lively research culture and a significant social media presence that publicises their research and that of project members. For 2014, members of CEISR are centrally involved in the development of a new Faculty-wide MRes in Humanities and Social Sciences. This will provide a stepping-stone to doctoral research, enabling students to undertake research training while completing an extended original project tailored to their interests.

All PGRs are members of the University Graduate School, which provides opportunities for interdisciplinary contact and student representation and administers the Graduate School Development Programme. This is a menu of generic and discipline-specific skills workshops and seminars that forms the spine of a requirement for all full-time PGRs to undertake 10 days of training per year (part-time students pro rata). Each PGR has a personalised programme of training activities worked out in agreement with, and monitored by, their supervisory team, including individual tasks and assignments appropriate to their project development. This training includes a significant amount of career-awareness and preparation for post-doctoral roles and opportunities. In this University-wide programme, CEISR members contribute to key areas of

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research training. For example, *Peggs* runs workshops on Survey Research, Analysis of Talk and Text, and Getting Published. In addition, the Graduate School supports the development of supervisors, coordinating induction courses for new supervisors and a wider Research Supervision Events programme (approximately 10 events a year). This includes formal recruitment and selection training to ensure that equal opportunities are safeguarded.

PGR supervision is undertaken on a team basis, to enhance contact with supervisors and broaden the range of experience developed by both students and staff involved. Progress of all PGRs is formally monitored by their supervision teams, who report to the Faculty Research Degrees Committee and subsequently to the University Research Degrees Committee. For non-confidential matters of policy and welfare, student representatives sit on these committees. All students undertake an Annual Review process, with a Major Review after their first year to confirm PhD registration, which includes two assessors from outside the supervisory team. Students also keep a mandatory log of meetings with their supervisors and the targets for chapter submission.

Former PGRs have built on their research in a variety of ways in their future careers. For example, *Brosig* (2008) is Senior Lecturer in International Relations at Witwatersrand University. *Gully* (2010) is Senior Lecturer in Sociology at the University of Chichester. *Dittrich* (2011) is a Lecturer in the Research Institute of Comparative History and Culture at Hanyang University, Seoul. *Lichy* (2011) is now Programme Leader for the International Business Masters programme at IDRAC, Lyon, designing and delivering International Marketing, e-Business and Research Methodology programmes. *Evans* (2012) and *Stoddard* (2013) are now Lecturers at the University of Portsmouth, entered as ECRs in this submission.

#### d. Income, infrastructure and facilities

One of the impacts of CEISR's generational change and restructuring was a dip in external funding successes, notably in 2011/12. Many of the measures discussed above have begun to counter this, and we can point to a significant upturn from 2012. We support the pursuit of external funding from all available sources, and have achieved a range of successes, as indicated below (rounded figures given, as indicative of the nature of awards):

- **AHRC:** Major Research Grant, £100,000, *Marten-Finnis* (2008/9); CDA, *Beaven*, £50,000 (2009); Early Career Fellowship, *Vince*, £36,000 (2012)
- **British Academy:** Major Research Grant, *Chafer* (with Cumming, Cardiff University), £75,000, (2008-10); UK Africa Academic Partnership, *Chafer/Vince*, £27,500 (2009); Small Grants: *Tremlett*, £8,000 (2012); *Holmes*, £8,000 (2013); *Bradley*, £9,800 (2013)
- **ESRC:** Research Grant, *Zinken*, £90,000 (2009)
- **European Union Marie Curie Intra-European Fellowships:** *Kaiser*, £125,000 (Meyer 2008-10) & £220,000 (Germond 2012-14)
- **Foundation for the History of Technology (Netherlands),** *Kaiser*, £26,000 (& £8,000 in additional externally-administered expenses) (2010-11)
- **German Research Council:** Collaboration with Research College "The Transformative Power of Europe", Free University of Berlin, *Kaiser*, £61,000 & 30,000 in workshop funding administered by FU Berlin (2013-16)
- **Leverhulme Trust:** Jewish Studies Academic Network, *Marten-Finnis*, £1,250 (2009); Senior Research Fellowship, *Marten-Finnis*, £43,000 (2010)
- **Nuffield Foundation,** *Heard-Lauréote*, £7000 (2008)
- **Research Council Norway,** *Kaiser*, £82,000 (& £20,000 in workshop funding administered in Norway) (2008-11)

The award of Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence status for the CESTE group also brought funding of €75,000 in 2013.

CEISR's Research Executive manages its own budget for direct research expenses, and liaises closely with departmental and Faculty structures about the application of larger strategic investments, including the multi-year strategic project budgets. At all these levels, but particularly in the relationship with FHSS Research & KT Committee, a permanent active process of discussion,

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monitoring and prioritisation ensures that organisational and operational infrastructures are working efficiently to support key research objectives, and that scholarly infrastructure is funded on a sustainable basis.

Infrastructural support for CEISR is provided in a number of further concrete ways:

- Access to the services in FHSS of a full-time Faculty Research Secretary for general administration, of the Faculty Business Development Manager in support of financial costings for events and external funding bids, and of the FHSS Web Communication Officer for the promotion of the Centre's online presence;
- At University level, the services of the Research and Innovation Service, including two Research Grants Officers and a Research Impact Officer, who work closely with researchers, and especially with the strategic project teams, to develop funding plans and to progress the elaboration of specific bids;
- A dedicated library budget for research purposes, and additional library investments in substantial standalone resources over the REF period, including Mass Observation releases II and III (£18,000), Victorian Popular Culture collection (£23,500), Illustrated London News archive (£18,900), First World War personal experiences archive (£12,600), Spanish Civil War archive collection (£6,800), some £12,000 for additional access to politics and linguistics journal archives, and over £12,000 annually for Nexis UK global newspaper access.

### e. Collaboration and contribution to the discipline or research base

#### Networks

CEISR research has been a driving force in establishing international networks. In addition to the work of the strategic project groups already highlighted in Section b, a range of other important activities have built our profile substantially:

The PTUC strategic project is currently leading an international consortium of universities (Liverpool, Gothenburg, Helsinki) and museums (NMRN, Rotterdam, Aland Maritime) to investigate the nature and liminalities of 'sailortowns' as an international and transnational phenomenon. This grouping held an initial research workshop in Finland (April 2013), with a forthcoming meeting in Sweden (2014), and is developing major collaborative funding bids. PTUC is also a partner in the 'Port City Lives' research network involving Liverpool John Moores, Warwick and Hull Universities along with the National Museum of the Royal Navy, the Mersey Maritime Museum and the Hull Maritime Museum. Portsmouth is one of three centres selected for workshops, from which will emerge new international research projects linking interdisciplinary academic researchers and heritage-sector stakeholders. Helping to cement these connections, PTUC's website hosts regular original content from UK and international researchers, including a series of analytical posts from Isaac Land, a leading US-based coastal historian.

*Bradley's* research on the international development of contemporary Africa and Asia led her to build and direct the 'The Dowry Project', an international network of scholars and activists who work to end dowry practices. This has received funding from the Department for International Development as part of the latter's five-year research programme 'Religion and Development'. She has given papers at a number of key conferences in her field, including the British Association of South Asian Studies 2013. This innovative research feeds into policymaking at national and international level and her work is also being used by community organisations in the UK (such as Southall Black Sisters) and by International NGOs (such as the Karuna Trust). Working at all levels from the global to the local, she has recently collaborated with the Southern Domestic Abuse Service to secure funding from the Rosa Trust to investigate female genital mutilation in Hampshire.

*Marten-Finnis* leads the international research network 'Arbeitskreis Czernowitzerpresse', which comprises scholars from UK, Austrian, German, Romanian and Ukrainian universities. Between 2009 and 2011, she was a member of the steering committee in the research network 'Cultural Continuity in the Diaspora', a collaboration between the universities of Bath, Portsmouth and UCL from 2008 to 2012.

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The PTUC group has a leading role in a Heritage Lottery Fund-AHRC application to establish a South East Hub for the commemoration of the First World War (notification received that the bid is successful, November 2013). Beaven is a Co-Investigator in the 'Gateway to the First World War Consortium' which includes the Universities of Kent, Greenwich, Sussex, Brighton and Southampton, along with County Archives in the region and Historic Dockyard Chatham, the War Memorial Trust and the National Museum of the Royal Navy. The project will foster sustainable collaborations between academic researchers and the wider community through conferences, public lectures, exhibitions, performance art and workshops on archives and sources of the First World War.

**Conferences**

Since 2008, CEISR has hosted over twenty conferences and study-days open to external academics. This included the large international conference 'Towards a European Society? Transgressing Disciplinary Boundaries in European Studies Research', 28-30 June 2012. Organised by *Heard-Lauréote* and *Kaiser* from the Transnational Europe research cluster, this UACES-sponsored conference brought together more than 100 academics from sociology, political science, contemporary history, anthropology and allied disciplines. Each of the 18 panels had an interdisciplinary theme and composition. In addition, leading international researchers delivered keynote lectures and contributed to a plenary panel on interdisciplinarity in European Studies research, including Tanja Börzel (FU Berlin), Didier Georgakakis (Paris I), Kiran Patel (Maastricht), and Martin Schain (New York). The conference made a significant contribution to overcoming the disciplinary fragmentation of research on Europe and the European Union, which characterises many professional disciplinary conferences, and has led to ongoing research collaboration by *Heard-Lauréote* with the Free University in Berlin.

There were also important conferences on the relations between Europe and Africa to mark key dates in independence and revolution. The 'Year of Africa' conference in 2010 explored independence experiences comparatively, challenging the enduring depiction of French colonisation, decolonisation and post-colonial relations in the region as 'exceptional'. The resulting volume, *Francophone Africa at Fifty* (MUP 2013), edited by *Chafer* and Keese (CEISR Visiting Scholar), brought together new research from a range of international scholars to provide new insights into, and an innovative framework for studying, the complexities of Franco-African relations. In addition, the 'Algeria and Arab Revolutions' conference in 2012 established a new structure for the study of Algeria. Widening beyond the Franco-Algerian relationship, this approach adopts a pan-Arab and pan-African perspective to work on Algeria that extends beyond the echoes of its colonial past. The conference brought together academics, political activists, historical eyewitnesses and international journalists and led to a series of articles on the *Open Democracy* website and coverage in *Le Monde diplomatique* and *History Today*.

The Cohabited Space cluster has also hosted a series of conferences: 'The Press Landscape of Bukovina and Neighbouring Regions: Protagonists - Contents - Aims, 1900-1945', 28-30 March 2008; 'The PRESSA: International Press Exhibition in Cologne 1928, and the Jewish Contribution to Modern Journalism', 18-21 May 2008; 'Between Metropolis and Diaspora', 15-17 February 2009 (this included a public exhibition on 'Russian Jewish Artists and Book Design'); 'The Experience of Cohabited Space. Representations of Contested Areas in Text, Cinema and Sound, 1920-50', (14-17 July 2012). In this context, *Marten-Finnis* collaborates with University College London through her honorary Research Fellowship in the Dept. of Hebrew and Jewish Studies; she is also the co-editor of a bilingual series from the University of Bremen: *The European Jewish Press. Studies in History and Language*.

**Disciplinary engagement**

CEISR members have served as peer-reviewers for the following national and international bodies: the European Science Foundation (*Chafer*), the EC FP7 programme (*Tremlett*), AHRC (*Beaven*, *Chafer*, *Marten-Finnis*), ESRC (*Burridge*, *Chafer*, *Peggs*, *Duggett*, *Zinken*), Leverhulme (*Beaven*) the French National Research Agency (*Chafer*), the Israeli national research council (*Chafer*), Research Council Norway (*Chafer*), Austrian Fonds zur Förderung der wissenschaftlichen Forschung (*Kaiser*).

*Andress* is a member of the *Commission Internationale d'Histoire de la Révolution française*. *Bradley* sits on the Council of the British Association for South Asian Studies. *Burkett* was elected to the Executive Committee of the Social History Society in April 2010 for a three year term, and serves on the Committee of History Plus, a national post-doctoral network organised by the Institute of Historical Research. *Chafer* has served as a special advisor to the FCO on West Africa, is Treasurer of UKCASA and an Executive Committee member of the AUPHF; he is a Research Associate of the Institute of Commonwealth Studies, University of London, and has recently become a Fellow of the West Africa Institute. *Crabbe* is a member of the British Standards Institute (BSI) Technical Committee TS/1 for the development of a new simplified natural language for industry (BS ISO 24620-1). *Marten-Finnis* is a member of the advisory board of the Institute for Newspaper Research, University of Bremen and a member of the Polish Academy of Sciences (Cracow branch). *Peggs* is a Trustee and Shadow Membership Director of the British Sociological Association. She is also an Elected Director to the Board of Minding Animals International and Fellow of the Oxford Centre for Animal Ethics.

CEISR members sit on the following journal editorial boards/panels: *French History*, *Oxford Research Directions (Andress)*; *Modern and Contemporary France*, *Journal of Contemporary European Studies (Chafer)*; *Journal of Critical Animal Studies (Peggs)*; *Journal of Classical Sociology*, *European Journal of Social Theory*, *International Journal of Japanese Sociology*; *Theory, Culture and Society (Smart)*; *World Englishes*, *English Today (Saraceni)*.

A wide range of CEISR members have reviewed book proposals and manuscripts for publishers including CUP, OUP, MUP, Yale UP, Anthem Press, Ashgate, Longman, Palgrave, Routledge and SAGE. Members have served as editorial referees for journal articles in a broad array of subject areas:

- Area Studies and Political Science: some 16 titles including *Globalizations*, *Europe-Asia Studies*, *Journal of Contemporary European Studies*, *Journal of Common Market Studies*, *Journal of European Public Policy*, *African Studies Quarterly*, *European Journal of International Relations*.
- History: over 20 titles including *American Historical Review*, *Cultural and Social History*, *English Historical Review*, *French Historical Studies*, *German History*, *Journal of Modern History*, *Twentieth Century British History*, *Vierteljahrschrift für Sozial- und Wirtschaftsgeschichte*.
- Language and linguistics: some 18 titles including *Romance Studies*, *International Journal of Educational Development*, *Language and Gender*, *Asian Journal of English Language Teaching*, *Language and Education*, *Research on Language and Social Interaction*, *Rivista Italiana di Psicolinguistica Applicata (RiPIA)*, *World Englishes*.
- Sociology and related social sciences: some 30 titles including *Journal of Classical Sociology*, *European Journal of Social Theory*, *British Journal of Sociology*, *Journal of War and Cultural Studies*, *Journal of Applied and Community Psychology*, *Men and Masculinities*, *International Journal of Qualitative Methods*.

CEISR members have given invited keynote speeches and addresses at many internationally-notable events, of which the following are a small sample. *Andress*: invited plenary speaker at the 2012 Rudé Seminar, a biennial conference of Australasian historians of France, in Auckland, NZ; invited contributor to an international Leverhulme-funded workshop on public political engagement in revolutions and anti-colonial movements, University of Pretoria, South Africa, 2013. *Bradley*: international keynote speaker at a forum organised jointly by the Canadian Association of International Development and Canada Aid, Ottawa, 2013. *Chafer*: Invited speaker at international conferences on decolonisation in Lisbon, 2010 and 2011, at Paris-Diderot University for a conference on British foreign policy in Africa, 2011, and at Nantes University for an international conference on 'Décolonisation à la française', 2012. *Marten-Finnis*: invited speaker at events at the University of Tshernivtsy, Ukraine, 2008, the Free University and Humboldt University, Berlin, 2009, and the Simon Dubnov Institute in Leipzig, 2009.