



**4<sup>th</sup> HERA Annual Conference**

**“European diversities –  
European identities”**

**1<sup>st</sup> European Conference for  
Collaborative Humanities Research (ECCHR)**

**Maison de la Région Alsace,  
Strasbourg, 8-9 October 2008**

## OBJECTIVES

Three HERA<sup>1</sup> annual conferences have helped to bring together, since 2005, Humanities scholars and policy makers to debate, in new ways, the role of Humanities in contemporary society under topics such as global development and culture, security and identity, the digital age and foresight.

For the first time, this 4<sup>th</sup> HERA conference will feature researchers supported by all major supra- and transnational public research funders for the Humanities in Europe:

- the European Commission’s FP6 and FP7 (“Cooperation”/“Ideas” (ERC));
- European Science Foundation (ESF) supporting through its Standing Committee for the Humanities (SCH) and together with its Member Organisations, collaborative research in the Humanities;
- COST which, through intergovernmental arrangements, is supporting the networking of research;
- HERA (“Humanities in the European Research Area”) which, through inter-agency arrangements, is supporting collaborative research in fields of economic and cultural relevance (“Creativity and Innovation” and “Cultural Dynamics”).

Under the title “European diversities – European identities” this conference will gather some of the best contributions of collaborative Humanities research in Europe – from innovative excellence by small research teams all the way to directly policy-relevant research production of major networks engaged in comparative and collaborative work.

Humanities scholarship, with its understanding of diversity and identity – in race, gender, culture, religion and language – is uniquely equipped to address some of the main problems in contemporary, rapidly changing European society. Humanities scholarship possesses the tools to link human prehistory and present-day concerns (e.g. environment, food, mobility) and is well placed to pinpoint the position of Europe in global change processes that are encompassing humanity at large.

With its focus on emerging trends in Humanities research and the growing demand for insights from Human Sciences, this conference will discuss the necessary links between policy-related research and blue sky research: scholars and policy-makers alike will explore to what extent support for curiosity-driven research is needed, so that advances in applicable knowledge can be made.

### Local Organisers:

- **Dr. Rüdiger Klein** and **Ms. Julia Boman** (European Science Foundation)

### Organising Committee:

- **Ms. Annemarie Bos** and **Ms. Alice Dijkstra** (Netherlands Organisation for Scientific Research (NWO); HERA coordinator)
- **Dr. Johannes Klumpers** and **Dr. Pascal Dissard** (EC Directorate-General for Research)
- **Dr. Rüdiger Klein** and **Ms. Julia Boman** (European Science Foundation)
- **Ms. Francesca Boscolo** (COST Office)

**1.** HERA is a consortium of (inter)national funding organisations and European Science Foundation (ESF) committed to further the importance of humanities research and to create new funding opportunities for humanities research.

**WEDNESDAY 8 OCTOBER 2008**

9:00 - 11:00 Registration of participants and welcome coffee

**I. "Humanities Matter"****11:00 Session 1 (Hemicycle):****Opening statements****"Humanities at the heart of the European Research Area"**

Mr. Jean-Michel Baer (Director, Science, economy and society Directorate, European Commission – DG Research)

- **Prof. Philip Esler**  
(Chief Executive, Arts and Humanities Research Council; Chair, HERA Network Board)
- **Mr. Marc Ivaldi**  
(Director, the Division of Humanities and Social Sciences – Ministry of Higher Education and Research, France)
- **Prof. Alain Peyraube**  
(Directeur de recherche at CNRS and Directeur d'Études of Chinese Linguistics at EHESS, Paris; member of the ERC Scientific Council)
- **Prof. Gretty Mirdal**  
(University of Copenhagen; Chair, ESF Standing Committee for the Humanities (SCH))
- **Ms. Martina Hartl**  
(Chair, COST Domain Committee ISCH, Federal Ministry of Education, Science, Culture and Research, Austria)

**Humanities in the European Research Area: HERA Joint Research Programme****12:30 Key note statement 1: "Cultural Dynamics: Inheritance and Identity"**

(Prof. Joep Th. Leersen, University of Amsterdam)

**12:45 Key note statement 2: "Humanities as a Source of Creativity and Innovation"**

(Prof. John Caughie, University of Glasgow)

**13:00** Lunch**II. "Humanities are Changing"****14:30 Session 2 (Hemicycle):****"Young Scholars' Visions: New Research through New Research Infrastructures"**

(6 x 10 min. presentations; 15 min. general discussion)

- **Common Language Resources and Technology Infrastructure Network (CLARIN)**  
(Dr. Hanne Fersøe, University of Copenhagen)
- **"1641 Depositions Project" in the context of project "Digital Research Infrastructure for the Arts and Humanities" (DARIAH)** (Dr. Elaine Murphy, Trinity College Dublin)
- **Investigating Human-Environment Interactions via Eco-Cultural Niche Modeling: Results and Prospects**  
(Dr. William E. Banks, PACEA – UMR 5199 du CNRS, Talence; NSF International Research Fellow; ESF-NSF Initiative "Eco niche modelling of past human populations")
- **Time-enabled GIS as a Humanities Research Infrastructure for Europe**  
(Dr. Ian Gregory, Lancaster University; ESF EUROCORES Programme "Technology and the Making of Europe, 1850 to the Present" (Inventing Europe))
- **"From Medioevo Latino to Medioevo Europeo. A Digital Archive for the European Cultures in the Middle Ages"**  
(Prof. Lino Leonardi, Università di Siena; Fondazione Ezio Franceschini, Florence; ESF-Union Académique Internationale (UAI) Research Infrastructure initiative)
- **"An Interoperable Supranational Infrastructure for Digital Editions (Interedition)"**  
(Mr. Joris van Zundert, Royal Dutch Academy of Arts and Sciences; COST Action IS0704: An Interoperable Supranational Infrastructure for Digital Editions (Interedition))

**Chair:** Prof. Maria Ågren (Uppsala University)

15:45 Coffee Break

16:15 **Session 3:**

**Three breakout sessions “On Global Changes and Challenges”**

(4 x 15 min. presentations; 15 min. general discussion)

**Room 1: Securities**

**Humanities Research Adds New Dimensions to the Concept of “Security”:**

- **“A Cultural History of Technologies: Technology and the Making of Europe, 1850 to the Present”**  
(Prof. Johan W. Schot, the Technical University Eindhoven, Chair, Scientific Committee ESF EUROCORES Programme “Technology and the Making of Europe, 1850 to the Present” (Inventing Europe))
- **“Converging and Conflicting Ethical Values in the Internal/External Security Continuum in Europe”**  
(Dr. Stephan Davidshoefer; International Peace Research Institute (PRIO), Oslo; FP 7/COST Action A24: The Evolving Social Construction of Threats)
- **“New Sciences of Protection: Designing Safe Living”**  
(Prof. Cynthia Weber, Lancaster University; ESF-NATO Forward Look “Security: advancing a framework for inquiry (SAFE)”)
- **“Standard Drugs and Drug Standards. A Comparative Historical Study of Pharmaceuticals in the 20<sup>th</sup> century” (DRUGS)**  
(Prof. Christian Bonah, Université Strasbourg I Louis Pasteur; ESF Research Networking Programme “DRUGS”)

**Chair:** Dr. Gulnara Roll (University of Tartu)

**Commentator:** Dr. Maria Wikse (Riksbankens Jubileumsfond, Stockholm)

**Room 2: Environments**

**Humanities Research Explores New Faces of the Environment:**

- **“Humans in Outer Space”**  
(Prof. Luca Codignola-Bo, Institute of History of Mediterranean Europe (ISEM); Consiglio nazionale delle Ricerche (CNR); ESA-ESF “Humans in Outer Space” Initiative)
- **“Historical Biodiversity Research and Scientific Research Collections”**  
(Dr. Christoph L. Häuser, Staatliches Museum für Naturkunde, Stuttgart; OECD Global Science Forum)
- **“The Study of European Rural Societies” (PROGRESSORE)**  
(Prof. Gérard Béaur, CNRS-EHESS Centre de Recherches Historiques, Paris; COST Action A35: Programme for the Study of European Rural Societies (PROGRESSORE))
- **COST-ESF Network of Networks “New Perspectives for Landscape Studies”**  
(Dr. Almudena Orejas, Consejo Superior de Investigaciones Científicas, Instituto de Historia, Madrid; COST Action A27: Understanding pre-industrial structures in rural and mining landscapes)

**Chair:** Prof. J.H.F. Bloemers (Emeritus Professor Archaeological Heritage Management, University of Amsterdam; Chair, ESF-COST synergy activity “Landscape Studies”)

**Commentator:** Prof. Poul Holm (Trinity College Dublin)

**Room 3: Communication**

**Humanities Research Combines Culture and Cognition:**

- **Pioneers of Melanesia: Interdisciplinary Approaches to Linguistic History**  
(Dr. Eva Lindström, Stockholm University; ESF EUROCORES Programme “OMLL – Origins of Man, Language and Languages”)
- **Understanding and Misunderstanding: Cognition, Mind and Culture**  
(Dr. Andreas Roepstorff, University of Aarhus; HERA Working Group)
- **East of West: Setting a New Central and Eastern European Media Research Agenda**  
(Dr. Sabina Mihelj, Loughborough University; COST Action A30: East of West: Setting a New Central and Eastern European Media Research Agenda)
- **“DYLAN – Language Dynamics and Management of Diversity”**  
(Prof. Anne-Claude Berthoud, Université de Lausanne, FP6).

**Chair:** Prof. Wolfgang Mackiewicz (Freie Universität Berlin; Chair, the Expert Group on the Humanities (FP7))

**Commentator:** Dr. Arianna Betti (Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam; ERC Starting Grant)

17:30	<b>Reporting: new questions – any answers? (Hemicycle)</b> (3 x 10 min. reporting by Panel Chairs)
18:00	<b>Q&amp;A Session (Hemicycle): "New Humanities research in Europe – science policy perspectives"</b> Mr. Jean-Michel Baer (European Commission), Prof. Alain Peyraube (ERC), Prof. Gretty Mirdal (ESF), Prof. Philip Esler (HERA), Ms. Martina Hartl (COST)
18:30	Departure from Region Alsace by bus to Château de l'Île (drinks and dinner)

## THURSDAY 9 OCTOBER 2008

### III. "Europe Mobilises for the Humanities"

09:00	<p><b>Session 4 (Hemicycle):</b> <b>"Ways of Exploring the new Europe: Migrations/Minorities/Majorities"</b> <i>Humanities Research Unearths the Roots of European Diversity</i> (5 x 10 min. presentations; 30 min. general discussion)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>"Migration and identity formation from Antiquity to the Middle Ages"</b> (Prof. Walter Pohl, University of Vienna, Director of the Institute of Medieval Research; Wittgenstein Prize; Austrian Academy of Sciences)</li> <li>• <b>Islam and Judaism in Al-Andalus</b> (Dr. Esperanza Alfonso, Universidad Complutense de Madrid; Humanities Spring; ERC Starting Grant)</li> <li>• <b>Historical Cartographies of Europe: Mapping the Postcolonial Landscape</b> (Dr. Gurminder K. Bhambra, Warwick University; HERA JRP Networking Grants)</li> <li>• <b>"CRIC – Cultural Heritage and the Re-construction of Identities after Conflict"</b> (Dr. Marie-Louise Stig Sorensen, University of Cambridge; (FP7))</li> <li>• <b>"CLIOHRES.net – Creating Links and Innovative Overviews for a New History Research Agenda for the Citizens of a Growing Europe"</b> (Prof. Kathy Isaacs, Università di Pisa and Prof. Gudmundur Halfdanarson, University of Iceland, FP6)</li> </ul> <p><b>Chair:</b> Prof. Milena Zic-Fuchs (Academy of Sciences, Croatia; SCH Core Group) <b>Commentator:</b> Dr. Rüdiger Klein (European Science Foundation)</p>
10:20	Coffee Break
10:45	<p><b>Session 5:</b> <b>Three breakout sessions: "Mobilising in Time, Mind and Space"</b> (4 x 15 min. presentations; 15 min. general discussion)</p>
Room 1:	<p><b>Convergences and Commonalities</b> <i>Humanities Research Tackles the Nexus of Changing Knowledge and Technologies in a Cultural Context:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>"Converging Technologies for a Diverse Europe"</b> (Prof. Daniel Andler, Université Paris-Sorbonne IV (FP6))</li> <li>• <b>"Urban Flows: Inhabiting Trans-nationalism in European Cities"</b> (Prof. Maria Kaika, School of Environment and Development, University of Manchester; ESF Interdisciplinary Initiative "Urban Studies")</li> <li>• <b>SCH/SCSS Foresight Initiative "New Media Studies – New Literacies"</b> (Prof. Kirsten Drotner, Chair, the Danish Research Council for the Humanities; HERA Network Board)</li> <li>• <b>"Stability and Adaptation of Classification Systems in a Cross-cultural Perspective"</b> (Dr. Thekla Wiebusch, CNRS, Centre de Recherches Linguistiques sur l'Asie Orientale (CRIAQ), Paris; COST Action A31: Stability and adaptation of classification systems in a cross-cultural perspective)</li> </ul>

**Chair:** Prof. Jacques P. Dubucs (Director, Institut d’Histoire et de Philosophie des Sciences et des Techniques, CNRS, Paris; SCH Core Group)

**Commentator:** Prof. Arne Jarrick (Stockholm University; Secretary General, Humanities and Social Sciences, Swedish Research Council; HERA Network Board)

**Room 2:** *Consciousness and Culture*

**Humanities Research Explains Evolutionary and Cultural Diversities:**

- **“Cross-cultural Research into Partner Choice”**  
(Dr. William Brown, Brunel University, UK; project proposal under ESF EUROCORES Programme “TECT – The Evolution of Cooperation and Trading”)
- **“Consciousness and Religion”**  
(Prof. Armin W. Geertz, R., University of Aarhus; Pillar “Cognition” in ESF Forward Look “Religion and Belief Systems”; and FP6 NEST Pathfinder “Explaining Religion”)
- **“Cultural, Philosophical and Scientific Discourses of Human Dignity”**  
(Prof. Marcus Düwell, Utrecht University; SCH-UAI (Union Académique Internationale) initiative “Human Dignity”)
- **“Musomed – Mutual Sources on Modern Mediterranean Architecture: towards an open and shared system”**  
(Dr. Mercedes Volait, CNRS/Institut National d’Histoire de l’Art, Paris (FP6))

**Chair:** Prof. Ewa Dahlig-Turek (Dep. Director for Research, Polish Academy of Sciences; SCH member)

**Commentator:** Prof. Ulrike Landfester (University of St Gallen; Swiss national Science Foundation; SCH member)

**Room 3:** *Compositions*

**Humanities Research Identifies the Constituent Parts of European Identities:**

- **“BOREAS – Histories from the North”**  
(Prof. Gísli Pálsson, University of Iceland; ESF EUROCORES Programme “Histories from the North – environments, movements, narratives” (BOREAS))
- **“Balkan Histories: Shared, Connected, Entangled”**  
(Prof. Roumen Daskalov, New Bulgarian University; ERC Advanced Grant)
- **“Ramses2 – Network of Excellence of Research Centers in Human Sciences on the Mediterranean Area”**  
(Dr. Thierry Fabre, CNRS/Maison Méditerranéenne des Sciences de l’Homme, Aix-en-Provence (FP6))
- **“Representations of the Past: Writing of National Histories in Europe”**  
(Prof. Stefan Berger, Jean-Monnet-Centre of Excellence, The University of Manchester; ESF Research Networking Programme)

**Chair:** Prof. Jerca Vodusek-Staric (Institute of Contemporary History, Ljubljana; University of Maribor; HERA Network Board)

**Commentator:** Prof. Vincent Comerford (National University of Ireland; Member, the Irish Research Council for the Humanities and Social Sciences)

**12:00** **Reporting: new questions – any answers? (Hemicycle)**  
(3 x 10 min. reporting by Panel Chairs)

**12:30** Lunch

## IV. “European Humanities move” (Hemicycle)

**14:00** **Session 6:**

**Perspectives on “Global Humanities”**

**European Humanities Research of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century will be Global**

(4 x 15 min. presentations; 30 min. general discussion)

- **“The Globalisation of Knowledge and its Consequences”**  
(Prof. Jürgen Renn, Max Planck Institute for the History of Science, Berlin)
- **“Providing Field Access for Classical Asian Studies”**  
(Prof. Franciscus Verellen, Director, École Française d’Extrême-Orient; Chair, Steering Committee European Consortium for Asian Field study, ECAF)

- **“EURESCL – Slave Trade, Slavery, Abolitions and their Legacies in European Histories and Identities”**  
(Dr. Myriam Cottias, CNRS/Université des Antilles et de la Guyane (FP7))
  - **“Tributary Empires Compared: Romans, Mughals and Ottomans in the Pre-industrial World from Antiquity till the Transition to Modernity”**  
(Dr. Peter Fibiger Bang, University of Copenhagen; COST Action A36: Tributary Empires Compared: Romans, Mughals and Ottomans in the pre-industrial world from antiquity till the transition to modernity)
- Chair:** Prof. Luís Adão da Fonseca (Universidade Lusíada Porto; former SCH member)
- Commentator:** Prof. Eila M. Helander (University of Helsinki; Chair, the Academy of Finland’s Research Council “Culture and Society”; HERA Network Board)

15:30 Coffee Break

15:45 **Session 7 (Hemicycle):**

**“A dawning ERA for Humanities”**

**European Humanities Research of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century will be under Global Scrutiny**

(4 x 10 min presentations; 20 min general discussion)

- **Dr. Kondlo Kwandiwe**  
(Human Sciences Research Council, Pretoria)
- **Prof. Ovid J. L. Tzeng**  
(Distinguished Research Fellow and Academician, Academia Sinica; Board Member, Chiang Ching-Kuo Foundation, Taiwan)
- **Dr. Nicole A. Stahlmann**  
(American Council of Learned Societies, New York)
- **Prof. Jean-Claude Guédon**  
(Université de Montréal; Vice-President, the Canadian Society for the Humanities and Social Sciences)

**Chair:** Prof. Milena Zic-Fuchs (Academy of Sciences, Croatia; SCH Core Group)

**Commentator:** Prof. Nicholas Mann (Vice-President, ALLEA; former Vice-President, the British Academy)

16:45 **Closing remarks**

- **Prof. Gretty Mirdal**  
(University of Copenhagen, Chair, ESF Standing Committee for the Humanities)
- **Ms. Martina Hartl**  
(Chair, COST Domain Committee ISCH; Federal Ministry of Education, Science, Culture and Research, Austria)
- **Dr. Pascal Dissard**  
(EC Directorate-General for Research, Unit L4 “Scientific culture and gender issues”)
- **Ms. Annemarie Bos**  
(Director, Netherlands Organisation for Scientific Research (NWO); Coordinator of HERA)

17:00 **End of Conference**

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