

SSH – Project Search

- I offer my **Expertise to participate as a PARTNER in a Project**
→ **Please** complete all sections of the Form:

Call: FP7-2011-4.1-2. Topic: Connections between rural areas and cities in Sub-Saharan Africa

Offer valid until: 12 / 2010

Project Information

Activity of the SSH work Programme concerned :

8.4 Europe and the World; Area 8.4.1 Interactions and interdependencies between world regions and their implications

Field of expertise related to the topic:

General: Cultural and literary studies, communication and media studies; certified interdisciplinary engagement (urban studies and e-learning) and experience as coordinator of MEMURIES (see below) in answer to a 2010 EU call

Namibian Studies (one monograph, various articles and book reviews; member of the editorial board of JNS (*Journal of Namibian Studies*); teaching/dissemination experience: university seminars)

E-learning (various articles; Best E-Teaching Award 2004 and 2006 at TU Darmstadt, member/PhD supervisor of the research group “E-Learning” at TU Darmstadt 2005-2009; teaching/dissemination experience: computer-supported university seminars)

Urban Studies (teaching/dissemination experience: paper presentations and university seminars; member of the TU Darmstadt special research group “Stadtforschung” 2004-2006)

Potential Contribution to the project :

Historical/diachronic and culturally-synchronic analysis of Namibia’s agricultural heritage (cattle breeding etc.), its specific interconnectedness of urban and rural areas and the distribution of land in the present (e.g. communal land vs. commercial farms usually owned by white Namibians). Close examination of traffic, ICT and other infrastructures that co-determine the traditionally strong mobility of Namibian citizens between rural areas all over the country and the administrative and political centre, the city of Windhoek and its surroundings.

Derivation and development of a model or matrix from these finding, to be included in a comparative analysis with other (West, Central or East African) examples of connections between rural areas and cities.

Role in the project		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Research	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dissemination	<input type="checkbox"/> Other
<input type="checkbox"/> Training	<input type="checkbox"/> Technology development	
Project idea:		
To be developed/announced in cooperation with other partners covering the non-Southern African research areas		
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Already experience as a coordinator <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no or partner <input type="checkbox"/> yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no		
If yes, in which projects?		
MEMURIES (Memorials and Museums Re-assessed: Identifying the European Scope of Forced Labour) - submitted in February 2010; Topic SSH-2010-5.2.2 („Reinterpreting Europe's cultural heritage: towards the 21st century library and museum?“)		
Other partners in the consortium already identified (with their countries)		
<p>Contacts have been established and <i>letters of intent</i> have been exchanged with partners from the Southern parts of Africa. These include Dr. Janina Wozniak (School of Language, Media and Culture, Nelson Mandela University, Port Elizabeth/South Africa) and the professor colleagues (geography, history, rural and communication studies, language and literature studies) at the department of Humanities and Social Sciences at the University of Namibia/Windhoek.</p> <p>In addition, numerous contacts exist with colleagues from the theme-specific areas “African studies” and “urban studies”: Dr. Henning Melber, political scientist and former director of the Nordic Africa Institute (Uppsala/Sweden); Dr. Dag Henrichsen (Namibia resource Centre at <i>Basler Afrika Bibliographien</i>, Basle/Switzerland); Prof. Hans-Peter Hahn (Frankfurt/Germany), Dr. Andreas Eckl (Essen/Germany) and the urban studies research group at TU Darmstadt/Germany. Well-established and EU-application-proven contacts moreover exist with cultural and literary studies professor Luisa Juárez Hervás (Universidad de Alcalá/Spain).</p>		

② Target Partner Sought	
Organisation details :	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> higher education / university	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> industry/SME
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> research institution	<input type="checkbox"/> consultancies
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> public partner	<input type="checkbox"/> private partner
<input type="checkbox"/> NGOs / voluntary organisations	<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> education	
Expertise / competency :	
<p>Social scientists and experienced urban/rural studies experts (ethnologists, geographers etc.), ideally with competencies that complement mine/ours (e.g. qualitative and quantitative methods and empirical approaches)</p> <p>Partners should come from the other regions to be investigated – West, Central and East Africa – and from European private and public institutions, universities and others</p>	

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Short Profile of Organisation

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Date: August 4, 2010

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