Researchers Funded For Collaborative Projects That Cross Boundaries

€19 million has been awarded to 20 research projects that will allow academics in Europe and Japan to collaborate on a range of exciting projects that will push the boundaries of our understanding of individual and social behaviour and influence policy.

The funding has come from the Open Research Area for the Social sciences (ORA), a scheme run collaboratively by the national funding organisations of France, Germany, the Netherlands and the UK. ORA aims at strengthening international cooperation in the social sciences while minimising bureaucratic obstacles and restrictions usually associated with international funding.

This is the fourth ORA open call and the sixth operation since the scheme launched in 2010. In this round, the four ORA agencies were pleased to associate the Japan Society for the Promotion of Science (JSPS), which has enabled Japanese researchers to participate in the applications of their choice. Two projects involving Japanese teams are funded, with JSPS providing an extra €0.5 million for the research of Japanese investigators.

The following projects will be funded for three years:

1) ABC  The ABC of Online Disclosure Duties: Towards a More Uniform Assessment of the Transparency of Consumer Information in Europe.
Joanna Luzak  University of Amsterdam (NL)
Alexander Wulf  SRH Hochschule Berlin (DE)
Disciplines: Law & Legal Studies; Economics

2) AIG  Agendas and Interest Groups
Amy McKay  University of Exeter (UK)
Patrick Bernhagen  University of Stuttgart (DE)
Joost Berkhout  University of Amsterdam (NL)
Disciplines: Political Science & International Studies

3) AIMS  Asian Educational Mobilities: A Comparative Study of International Migration of Japanese and Chinese Higher Education Students
Yasemin Soysal  University of Essex (UK)
Thomas Faist  University of Bielefeld (DE)
Disciplines: Sociology; Education

4) ASTA  Adaptive Social learning in Typical and Atypical Developing Adolescents
Anna van Duijvenvoorde  Leiden University (NL)
Wouter van den Bos  Max Planck Institute for Human Development (DE)
Essi Viding  University College London (UK)
Discipline: Psychology

5) BEAM Behavioral and Experimental Analyses in Macro-finance

Nobuyuki Hanaki University of Nice (FR)
Martin Weber University of Mannheim (DE)
Jan Tuinstra University of Amsterdam (NL)

JSPS associate partner:
Yukihiko FUNAKI Waseda University (JP)

Discipline: Economics

6) CAMS Control of Attention by the Motor System: A Motor Bias Theory of Attention

Daniel Smith Durham University (UK)
Thomas Schenk Ludwig-Maximilians-University Munich (DE)
Stefan van der Stigchel Utrecht University (NL)

Disciplines: Psychology

7) DOuBT Deltas? Dealings with uncertainty: Multiple practices and knowledges of delta governance

Arthur Petersen University College London (UK)
Jean-Philippe Venot Institut de Recherche pour le Développement - IRD (FR)
Margreet Zwartveen University of Amsterdam (NL)

JSPS associate partner:
Atsuro MORITA, Osaka University (JP)

Disciplines: Environmental planning; Science and technology studies; Anthropology of development

8) ESTRANCA Emergence and Significance of Transnational Elderly Care Arrangements

Cornelia Schweppe University of Mainz (DE)
Anita Böcker Radboud University (NL)

Disciplines: Social Policy, Sociology of Law, Law

9) FAD Food consumption, Advertising and Dynamics

Pierre Dubois Toulouse School of Economics (FR)
Rachel Griffith Institute for Fiscal Studies (UK)

Discipline: Economics

10) IPE Implicit partner evaluations: How they form and what they do to relationships

Francesca Righetti VU University Amsterdam (NL)
Wilhelm Hofmann University of Cologne (DE)
Disciplines: Psychology, Social psychology

11) KNOWING  The Knowledge Politics of Experimenting with Smart Urbanism

Rob Raven  Utrecht University (NL)
Eric Jolivet  University of Toulouse I Capitole (FR)
Moss Timothy  IRS - Leibniz Institute for Regional Development and Structural Planning (DE)
Simon Marvin  Durham University (UK)

Disciplines: Geography, science and technology studies

12) Knowledge Matters  Whose knowledge matters? Competing and contesting knowledge claims in 21st century cities

Paul Benneworth  University of Twente (NL)
Beth Perry  University of Salford (UK)

Disciplines: Geography, Sociology, Economics

13) META-EF TRAIN  Supporting cognitive and academic development in children at risk: Metacognitive executive function training in children from low socioeconomic backgrounds

Julia Karbach  Goethe University Frankfurt (DE)
Nicolas Chevalier  University of Edinburgh (UK)

Discipline: Psychology


Daniel Memmert  German Sport University (DE)
Geert Savelsbergh  VU University (NL)

Disciplines: Psychology

15) NEETS  Understanding NEETS. Individual and institutional determinants of youth inactivity in France, Germany, Japan, the Netherlands, and the UK.

Mark Levels  Maastricht University (NL)
Jean-François Giret  University of Burgundy (FR)
Heike Solga  WZB - Berlin Social Science Center (DE)
Ewart Keep  Centre on Skills, Knowledge & Organisational Performance (UK)

Disciplines: Sociology, Labour Economics, Social Policy

16) PNAC  Positive-negative asymmetry of intergroup contact: A dynamic approach

Miles Hewston  University of Oxford (UK)
Disciplines: Social Psychology, Sociology

17) QUAD  
Quantification, Administrative Capacity and Democracy

Andrea Mennicken  
London School of Economics and Political Science (UK)

Fabian Muniesa  
Mines ParisTech (FR)

Michael Huber  
University of Bielefeld (DE)

Arjen Boin  
Leiden University (NL)

Disciplines: Management, Public administration, Accounting, Sociology, Science and technology studies

18) RVS4A  
Rapid visual stability for action

Artem Belopolsky  
VU University Amsterdam (NL)

Heiner Deubel  
Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität (DE)

Discipline: Psychology

19) SCoRE  
Sub-national context and radical right support in Europe

Kai Arzheimer  
Johannes Gutenberg-Universität Mainz (DE)

Gilles Ivaldi  
University of Nice (FR)

Wouter van der Brug  
University of Amsterdam (NL)

Jocelyn Evans  
University of Leeds (UK)

Discipline: Political science & international studies

20) TRILOGUES  
Democratic Legitimacy in the EU: Inside the “Black Box” of Informal Trilogues

Gijs Jan Brandsma  
Utrecht University (NL)

Ariadna Ripoll Servent  
University of Bamberg (DE)

Justin Greenwood  
Robert Gordon University (UK)

Disciplines: Political science & international studies

The ORA scheme provides a straightforward mechanism for social scientists to obtain national funding to collaborate with partners across four European countries and Japanese researchers as well in this round.

The organisations behind this bid are:

• Agence Nationale de la Recherche (ANR),
• Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft (DFG),
• Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC),
• Netherlands Organisation for Scientific Research (NWO)

In association in this round with: the Japan Society for the Promotion of Science (JSPS)
1. The Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC) is the UK’s largest organisation for funding research on economic and social issues. It supports independent, high quality research which has an impact on business, the public sector and the third sector. The ESRC’s total budget for 2012/13 is £205 million. At any one time the ESRC supports over 4,000 researchers and postgraduate students in academic institutions and independent research institutes. More at www.esrc.ac.uk

2. The French National Research Agency (ANR) provides funding for project-based research in all fields of sciences. Employing a method based on competitive peer reviews that complies with international standards, ANR attaches great importance to providing the scientific community with instruments and conditions that promote creativity and openness, and stimulate new ideas and partnerships, particularly between the public and private sectors. Its activity also contributes to enhancing the competitiveness and the influence of French research in Europe and across the world. Since 2010, ANR has also been the principal operator of the Investments for the Future programme in the field of higher education and research. In this role it ensures the selection, funding and monitoring of projects relating to the centres of excellence, health, biotechnologies, and the transfer of technology and the creation of value from research.

3. The Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft (DFG) is the central, self-governing research funding organisation in Germany. Its mission is to fund and promote all fields of science and the humanities. It does so by relying on its statutory bodies and its Head Office, which shape the work and structure of the DFG. In an international context, the DFG is a member of several scientific and science policy associations, thus contributing to international dialogue, cooperation among researchers, and to the formation of a European Research Area. More at www.dfg.de

4. The Netherlands Organisation for Scientific Research (NWO) is the national research council in the Netherlands and has a budget of more than 500 million euros per year. NWO promotes quality and innovation in science by selecting and funding the best research. It manages research institutes of national and international importance, contributes to strategic programming of scientific research and brings science and society closer together. Research proposals are reviewed and selected by researchers of international repute. More than 5000 scientists can carry out research because of funding by NWO. Twenty per cent of the funds and the projects are related to social and behavioural sciences. More at www.nwo.nl

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5. The Japan Society for the Promotion of Science (JSPS) is Japan’s core funding agency providing research funding to bottom-up research activities by universities and research institutes. JSPS covers all fields across the humanities, social sciences and natural sciences. JSPS has initiated and carried out a vast array of programs that are essential to promoting scientific research. More at http://www.jsps.go.jp/english/index.html