
INVITATION TO THE 4TH YCPRF CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

4TH Young Cultural Policy Researchers Forum Brussels, 6-7 October 2010

To register for the Forum, please go to www.encatc.org/register

Dear Members,
Dear Colleagues,

Younger researchers who are exploring aspects of Cultural Policy at a European level can too easily be or feel isolated, especially when the outcomes of their work are expected or predicted to have a real impact on future developments. Those who have been in the field for some time are likely to have developed cross-border contacts and experience, but the 'younger' researchers (young in years or young in this field) may find it a little hard to push the door open.

That is why the European Cultural Foundation, ECF, in partnership with The European Network of Cultural Administration Training centers, ENCATC, run each year, a Forum for Young Researchers. It gives up to 40 of them, drawn from a wide range of different countries, the chance to come together face to face, to discuss common themes, to share and develop ideas, to learn from each other, to consider different approaches to methodology, and often to find partners in cross-border affiliations.

This year's Forum, the fourth, will take place in Brussels on Wednesday 6 and Thursday 7 October. It will be linked with the Cultural Policy Research Award (CPRA) and will start the day before the annual ENCATC conference for educators in the field of arts and cultural policy & management. There is no fee to be paid for attending the forum.

There will be planned events (themed presentations and workshops) as well as excellent opportunities to meet independently to follow up themes and potential identified in the more-formal sessions. In addition, the six candidates shortlisted for the CPRA will be presenting their research proposals, and the Award will be presented at a Reception on the second day of the Forum. The first evening will see the initial coming-together of the ENCATC conference, so it will give an additional opportunity to meet and engage with leading arts management/policy educators from institutions across the wider Europe.

The detail of the Forum's themes will be prepared in the light of those who are planning to attend, but parallel thematic workshops will be addressing themes such as international cultural co-operation, cultural rights and social cohesion, intercultural dialogue and cultural diversity, integration through culture and the assurance of minority cultures, cultural industries and cultural policy, local & regional cultural policies and market regulation, the mobility of artists, cultural heritage and tourism, changing and developing responsibilities for cultural development, and even questions around the application of different methodologies.

The precise set of themes will be selected to reflect the stated interests of those attending.

Please note that:

- A contribution of max 500 Euro towards accommodation and travel costs will be granted to some (around 9) young researchers. Applicants for these grants should fill the attached application form before **August 23rd** and send it to the attention of Michael Quine (m.w.quine@city.ac.uk) with cc to Gemma Papió (projects2@encatc.org). It is intended that decisions will be made by 1/09/2010. Any questions about the Forum should be addressed to Michael Quine (m.w.quine@city.ac.uk).

- Students who already applied for the CPR Award are not required to fill the application form for the YCPR Forum Grant. They just have to email their interest for the YCPR Forum Grant to the attention of Gemma Papió Montserrat: projects2@encatc.org.

The provisional timetable is as follows:

Wednesday 6 October:

12.45 Forum starts, introductions by attenders, presentations and open questions and discussion on presentations by those shortlisted for the CPRA;

19.00 Opening Reception / cocktails for the ENCATC conference providing extended networking opportunities.

Thursday 7 October:

09.00 – 13.30 Three sessions, two with various parallel workshops on selected themes, and then one plenary to consider the future needs and opportunities for cultural policy research in, around and for Europe.

13:30 – 14:30 Lunch time at your own expense. There is a snack bar in the Communauté Française's building. We estimate that approximately the cost for the lunch is about €10.

14.30 Presentation of the year's Cultural Policy Research Award.

15.30 End of Forum

Those attending will have the opportunity to stay longer and join the Scientific Session of the ENCATC Annual Conference which will last till 18h00 and be coordinated by François Colbert (HEC, Montreal) and Jacques Bonniel (Université Lumière Lyon II, Lyon)

We look very much forward to read your projects and to welcome you in Brussels in few months.

Best regards,

Michael Quine
Forum coordinator

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Forum manager / ENCATC

Attachment:

Application form for grant for accommodation and travel costs.