

Strangers to Citizens (S2C)

This interdisciplinary project on migratory history will be financed by an EU Horizon 2020 MSCA individual fellowship. It will be of two years' duration and act as a pilot for a later EU-wide project, all under the thematic umbrella of Refugees and Migration.¹

Project coordinator and location

Dr. Ben Shepherd is a historian of military history and of the Third Reich within the Department of Social Sciences, Media and Journalism, within the Glasgow School for Business and Society at Glasgow Caledonian University, Scotland. Details of Dr. Shepherd's most recent book can be found here: yalebooks.co.uk/display.asp?K=9780300179033 The GSBS website can be found at www.gcu.ac.uk/gsbs/. Dr. Shepherd is collaborating on the project with colleagues from SSMJ, and from across GCU, from the areas of History, Media Studies, Sociology, and Tourism. The project team also incorporates colleagues from the University of Stirling, working in the area of Education.

General scope of the project

For the pilot scheme, S2C will assemble a network of scholars, based primarily in Glasgow and central Scotland but also including wider EU-based externals, primarily from the fields of History and Media Studies, but also involving Sociology, Tourism and Education, and practitioners from the creative media, tourism and heritage, and Schools sectors. Throughout the pilot scheme and an EU-wide follow-up project, S2C will seek to provide the publics of EU nation states with a greater understanding of three interrelated areas of migratory history:

- i) the ongoing importance of connectivity, dialogue and mutual understanding within our public and civil society as we engage with understanding the impact of immigration on all of us;
- ii) the hardships suffered by immigrants, balanced against the (in the case of economic immigrants) 'pull' factors that motivate immigration positively;
- iii) the shared challenges and benefits of integration to immigrants and to established populations,

through a range of geographically diverse historical case studies.

Such histories will be disseminated to the public through means including, but not necessarily limited to, creative performance, education materials, heritage tours, written publications and online resources. This will be undertaken in the cause of ensuring better informed, less polarized, more inclusive and integrated societies. Given the ever more pressing need for this in the UK, the EU, and more widely, S2C will be a timely, urgently needed project.

Focus on Glasgow

S2C's level of analytical focus will be not the nation-state, but the city. This is a more manageable level of analysis than the nation-state. Moreover, major cities provide

¹ This summary assumes there will still be EU funding opportunities post-2020. If this proves not to be the case, alternative funding can be sought for the project's later, wider version.

particularly important, dramatic examples of S2C, for they are particularly important centres of immigration and/or particularly important showcases of its effects.

Glasgow makes for an ideal focus for an S2C pilot study. Its long-standing, erstwhile status as the second city of Empire means its history and present-day development were and remain unusually affected by immigration. Historical examples of immigration relevant to Glasgow include the Atlantic slave trade, Irish immigration during the nineteenth century, the arrival of Jewish refugees from the Nazis, post-war Asian immigration, and, most recently, immigration from other EU countries. Moreover, there remains much scope for Glasgow, like Scotland generally, to examine further its past and ongoing relationship with immigration, as exemplified by recent and ongoing debates about Scotland's role in the slave trade.

The incoming fellow and host institution

The incoming fellow will be a suitably specialized historian, or a sociologist with a strong historical dimension to their work, and will:

- i) conduct the main academic historical research for the project, in consultation with the History and Sociology partners on the project team;
- ii) work closely with the team's Media Studies and non-academic creative partners, to ensure the completion of the project's creative outputs;
- iii) liaise with the team's Tourism and Education academic specialists, and with its non-academic partners in the tourism and heritage sector and the schools sector, over how such output can be best disseminated.

The incoming fellow will spend two years based in Glasgow, with Glasgow Caledonian University as his/her host institution. In addition to the specific core tasks listed in the table and the three aforementioned broad activities, the fellowship will also involve a significant amount of networking travel to institutions in other EU countries, where associate partners for the project will be situated. Associate partners will already have been identified and selected at application stage. The incoming fellow will liaise with the associate partners over the project's progress and, at a suitable stage, organize a GCU-based symposium involving the Glasgow-based project partners and the EU-wide associate partners. This will facilitate general discussion about how the S2C project might be applied across other EU countries, thereby strengthening the framework of an application for an EU-wide version of the project.

The successful candidate will ideally:

- i) come from a non-UK EU country (though can also come from worldwide);
- ii) meet the eligibility criteria for a MSCA-IF scholarship in a UK university;
- iii) work in the academic discipline of History, or approach his or her discipline in a way that encompasses a strong historical dimension, such as historical Sociology;
- iv) be a mid-career scholar with a strong professional reputation, who seeks to use the fellowship to take their career to the next level by developing new research expertise, networking experience and leadership skills within the context of a significant interdisciplinary and inter-sector project;
- v) have an imaginative, eclectic approach to fellowship and dissemination;
- vi) have a strong affinity with the longer-term history and culture of the immigrant community, or of one of the immigrant communities, featuring in the project.

The varied, relevant expertise present in the Department of Social Sciences, Media and Journalism at Glasgow Caledonian University makes it particularly well placed to act as a host institution for the incoming fellow, as well as a coordinating centre for the further development of S2C beyond the two years of the fellowship. The project will also benefit from the presence at GCU of the Moffat Centre for Travel and Tourism Business Development.

The EU's closing date for applications is 12th September, but depending on the chosen applicant's preference, there is also the option of completing the project proposal in time for the September 2019 round.