



**Wiener - Anspach Foundation  
Activity Report  
2013**



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# Message from the President



Pierre Francotte

President of the Wiener - Anspach Foundation

2013 will be remembered as a landmark year in the history of the Foundation. After more than four decades of involvement in the Foundation, including more than a decade as its President, Jean-Victor Louis chose to step down in June 2013.

As per usual for him, he did it with class. He leaves behind an institution with a track record of achieving excellence in its goal of promoting academic cooperation. Not only has the ULB been the better for it, so have the Universities of Cambridge and Oxford, as the Vice-Chancellor of Oxford stressed recently when he came to Brussels to sign with the Rector of the ULB the new five-year Memorandum of Understanding providing the framework for the collaboration between the two universities.

In size, the Wiener-Anspach Foundation may not be in the same league as certain other academic foundations, but it has endeavoured to equal the best institutions in terms of the quality of the academic work it supports. This is Professor Louis' legacy and we are grateful to him for it.

Our ambition is to build upon this legacy, fostering further cooperation between the partner universities, strengthening our ties with the Alumni of the Foundation who have so much to give thanks to their professional or academic experience, and, in this way, continue to promote academic excellence.

## Tribute to Jean-Victor Louis



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An active member of the Wiener-Anspach Foundation from its early days – first as a member of the Board of Directors, then as its Executive Director from 1973 until 2002, and finally as its President for more than ten years – Professor Jean-Victor Louis decided to step down from his position in 2013.

At the Board meeting of June 2013, Professor Louis highlighted the progress made over the years by the Foundation and praised the clear-sightedness and determination of its founder, Mrs Beddington, who in the 1960's understood the importance of strengthening the bond between Belgium and the United Kingdom, then not yet a member of the European Economic Community.

The Foundation wishes to express its warmest thanks to Professor Louis for his long years of devotion to the project and the spirit of Mrs Beddington. The insightfulness and generosity that have always guided his actions will certainly be of inspiration to his successors.

Pierre Francotte, Professor at the Solvay Brussels Schools of Economics and Management and a Trustee of Belfius Bank, was appointed as the new President of the Foundation. He is a member of its Board of Directors since 2004 and is also a Wiener-Anspach Alumnus.

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# The Foundation

Since 1965, the Wiener-Anspach Foundation has been promoting scientific collaborations, in every field, between the Université libre de Bruxelles and the Universities of Oxford and Cambridge. These synergies have been strengthened through the signature of Memorandums of Understanding between the three academic institutions.

The Foundation:

- ◆ Enables graduates and researchers from the ULB to access the leading research centres of the Universities of Oxford and Cambridge, and vice versa.
- ◆ Supports two-year collaborative research projects.
- ◆ Organises lectures and chairs.
- ◆ Encourages contacts between researchers and academics by funding short-term visits.



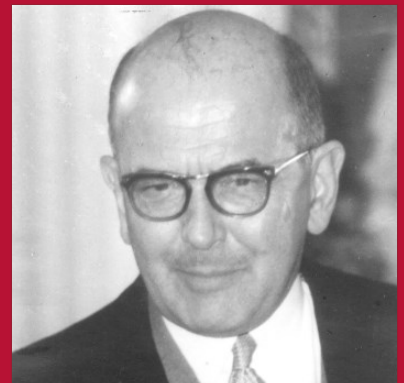
**Phyllis Agnès Beddington**

was born on July 12, 1903 and died on October 21, 1972. To honour the memory of her husband, Philippe Wiener, she established the Foundation in 1965. Two years later, after the death of Wiener's close friend, Maurice Anspach, who had taken care of her family during the war and administered her fortune, she modified the Foundation's statutes to add his name to her husband's.



**Philippe Wiener**

was born on November 30, 1904 in Brussels, where he worked as a stockbroker. In 1928 he married Phyllis Beddington. He was arrested by the German occupying forces on April 15, 1942 and charged with helping the enemy by transferring people out of occupied Europe. He was deported to Esterwegen, where he died on March 26, 1944 as a result of mistreatments.



**Maurice Anspach**

was Doctor of Law and a professor at the ULB. He was born on February 8, 1906 and became friends with Philippe Wiener in the 1930s. Following Wiener's arrest, he looked after his father, Charles Wiener, until his death. After the war, Mrs Beddington asked him to continue administering her finances in Belgium, which he did until his death in November 1967.

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# Our fellowship program

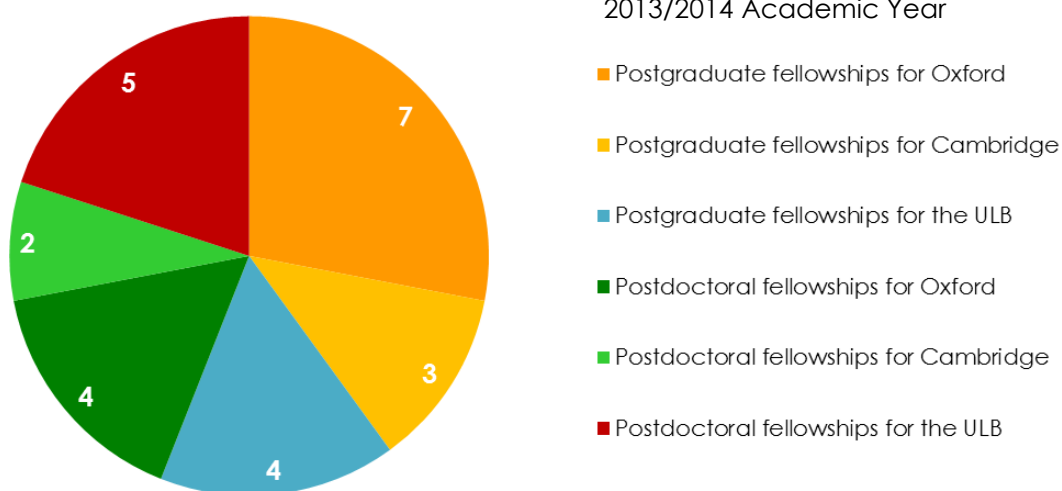
In line with its objectives, the Foundation promotes the development of academic activities between the ULB and the Universities of Oxford and Cambridge by awarding fellowships to students and researchers. Applications are examined by the Scientific Board.

Specifically, the Foundation awards:

- ◆ Fellowships to graduates from the ULB wishing to pursue their studies at the Universities of Oxford or Cambridge.
- ◆ Fellowships to DPhil/PhD students from the Universities of Oxford and Cambridge to undertake part of their doctoral research at the ULB, and vice versa.
- ◆ One-year research postdoctoral fellowships to researchers from the Universities of Oxford and Cambridge to work at the ULB, and vice versa.

Information about eligibility requirements and application conditions is available on the Foundation's website.

## Breakdown by academic destination







Fellows' meeting, Brussels, 11 September 2013





# 2013/2014 Fellows

## Postgraduate fellowships for Oxford



**ÂRASH AMINIAN TABRIZI**

MA in Modern Languages and Literature (ULB)

MSt in Modern Languages at Oxford University



**ANNE-ISABELLE BIDEGARAY**

MA in Engineering Science, Chemistry and Materials Science (ULB)

MSc in Archaeological Science at Oxford University



**GUILLAUME CROISANT**

MA in Law (ULB)

MJur in Law at Oxford University

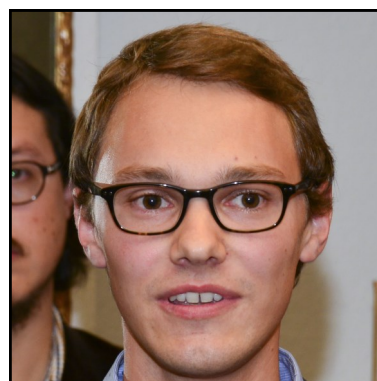
## Postgraduate fellowships for Cambridge



**FANNY STERCQ**

MA in Linguistics (ULB)

MPhil in Theoretical and Applied Linguistics at Cambridge University



**SACHA ZDANOV**

MA in Art History and Archaeology (ULB)  
MA in Law (ULB)

MPhil in History of Art and Architecture at Cambridge University

## Doctoral fellowships for Oxford



### **MARIE-ASTRID BUELENS**

Doctoral student in History (ULB)

Research on her doctoral thesis, entitled "Eastern Oracles and Local Resistances to Hellenistic Kingdoms and the Roman State (334-30 BC)", under the supervision of Dr John Ma at the Faculty of Classics.

### **ZANETA KAZSTA**

Doctoral student at the Institute for Environmental Management and Land-use Planning (ULB)

Research on her doctoral thesis, entitled "Modeling Space Use by Large Herbivores in Savannah Ecosystems under Different Land Uses, Using Fine-Scale Spatial and Temporal Habit Heterogeneity", under the supervision of Dr Jorgelina Marino at the Department of Zoology.



### **FRANCISCO MENA PARRAS**

Doctoral student at the Institute for European studies (ULB)

Research on his thesis, entitled "Impact of National Margin of Appreciation on the EU Constitutional Architecture of Fundamental Rights", under the supervision of Prof. Paul Craig at the Faculty of Law.

### **CHRISTOPHE SNOECK**

Master in Engineering Science, Chemistry and Materials Science (ULB)  
MSc in Archaeological Science (Oxon)

Third year of research on his doctoral thesis, entitled "Cremated Bone: What Is Hidden within its Isotopic Content", under the supervision of Dr Rick Schulting at the School of Archaeology.



## Doctoral fellowships for Cambridge



### **NICOLAS RUYTENBEEK**

Doctoral student in Linguistics (ULB)  
FNRS Research Fellow

Research on his doctoral thesis, entitled "Allusive Communication: Theoretical and Empirical Study of its Interpretative Correlates", under the supervision of Dr Napoleon Katsos at the Department of Theoretical and Applied Linguistics.

## Doctoral fellowships for the ULB



### **ALICE HOLT**

Doctoral student in 20th century French political thought at Oxford University

Research on her doctoral thesis, entitled "Simone Weil in her Time: Modernity, Revolution, Rootedness", under the supervision of Prof. Pieter Lagrou at the Department of Political Sciences.



### **ALEXANDRA KASSERI**

Doctoral student in Classical Archaeology at Oxford University

Research on her doctoral thesis, entitled "Archaic Trade in Northern Aegean: The Case of Methone", under the supervision of Prof. Athéna Tsingarida at the Department of History, Arts and Archaeology.



### **SALIHA METINSOY**

Doctoral student in Politics at Oxford University

Research on her doctoral thesis, entitled "International Organisations and Democracy: Assessing the Impact on Domestic Policies", under the supervision of Prof. Barbara Delcourt at the Department of Political Sciences.



### **VALERIA RIEDEMANN**

Doctoral student in Classical Archaeology at Oxford University

Research on her doctoral thesis, entitled "Greek Mythology Abroad: A Comparative Study of its Funerary Uses in the Italian Peninsula (400-300 BC)", under the supervision of Prof. Athéna Tsingarida at the Department of History, Arts and Archaeology.



## Postdoctoral fellowships for Oxford



### **NATHALIE BRACK**

PhD in Social and Political Sciences (ULB)

Research project entitled "Poor Linkage and Lacking Representation: A Thorn in the Side of the European Parliament Only?", under the supervision of Prof. Kalypso Nicolaidis at the European Studies Centre.

### **MARTIN DELEIXHE**

PhD in Social and Political Sciences (ULB)

Research project on "Irregular Migrants Political Mobilizations in Contemporary Democratic Theories", under the supervision of Prof. David Leopold at the Department of Politics and International Relations.



### **SIMON DELLICOUR**

PhD in Sciences (ULB)

Research project entitled "Development of an Analytical Framework to Compare Viral Genetic Information and Ecological Landscape Data", under the supervision of Prof. Oliver Pybus at the Department of Zoology.

### **SHARON WEINBLUM**

PhD in Social and Political Sciences (ULB)

Research project on "The Construction of the Polity and the 'Other'. The Israeli Political Discourse on the Management of Migrant Workers and Asylum Seekers", under the supervision of Prof. Derek Penslar at the Department of Politics and International Relations.



## Postdoctoral fellowships for Cambridge



### **STEFAN GOLTZBERG**

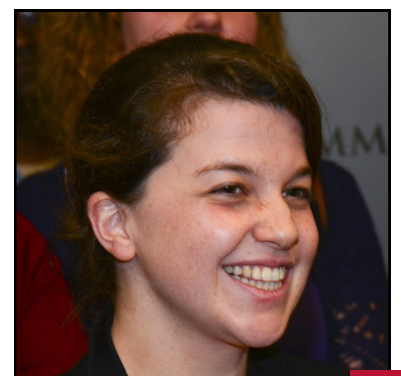
PhD in Philosophy (ULB)

Second year of research on the topic "Two-dimensional Theory of Argumentation: Study of Neglected Arguments and Epistemology of Evaluative Concepts", under the supervision of Prof. Geoffrey Khan at the Faculty of Asian and Middle Eastern Studies.

### **CAROLINE VINDRY**

PhD in Sciences (ULB)

Research project entitled "Role of PKA Phosphorylation of Pat1 Protein on Post-Transcriptional Control and P-bodies Assembly during Survival of Quiescent Cells", under the supervision of Dr Nancy Standart at the Department of Biochemistry.



## Postdoctoral fellowships for the ULB



**MARCO DI NUNZIO**

PhD in Anthropology (Oxon)

Second year of research on the topic "Tales of the Unequal City. Political Control and Social Inequality in Addis Ababa", under the supervision of Prof. Mathieu Hilgers at the Laboratoire d'Anthropologie des Mondes Contemporains.



**KATE FAYERS-KERR**

PhD in Social Anthropology (Oxon)

Research project on the topic "'Our Way of Learning': Knowledge of Self, Other and the Environment in Mursi Childhood Education", under the supervision of Prof. David Berliner at the Laboratoire d'Anthropologie des Mondes Contemporains.



**HANNAH HOECHNER**

PhD in Development Studies (Oxon)

Research project on the topic "Ambiguous Adventures: Traditional Qur'anic Students in Nigeria and Senegal", under the supervision of Prof. Joël Noret at the Laboratoire d'Anthropologie des Mondes Contemporains.



**LUCY WADESON**

PhD in Archaeology (Oxon)

Research project on the topic "Tombs with a View: The 'Royal' Necropolis of al-Khubthah at Petra", under the supervision of Prof. Laurent Tholbecq at the CReA-Patrimoine.



**SOPHIA XENOPHONTOS**

PhD in Classics (Oxon)

Research project on the topic "Galen's Moral Philosophy: The Socio-Cultural Impact of his Medical Ethics in the Roman Empire", under the supervision of Prof. David Engels at the Departement of History, Arts and Archaeology.

# The 2013 Ganshof van der Meersch Chair

## Kevin O'Rourke

Chichele Professor of Economic History  
University of Oxford



In 2013 the Ganshof van der Meersch Chair was held by Professor Kevin O'Rourke on the recommendation of Professor Paola Conconi, Head of the European Economic Section of the Institute for European Studies.

Kevin O'Rourke is the Chichele Professor of Economic History at All Souls College (University of Oxford) and the Director of the Centre for Economic Policy Research Economic History programme. He is a Research Associate of the National Bureau of Economic Research. He received his PhD from Harvard in 1989, and has taught at Columbia, Harvard, University College Dublin, Sciences Po Paris and Trinity College Dublin. He is currently a member of the Scientific Committee of Bruegel.

Professor O'Rourke's research lies at the intersection of economic history and international economics, particularly international trade. He has written extensively on the history of globalization, and his *Globalization and History* (co-authored with Jeffrey G. Williamson) won the 1999 American Association of Publishers/PSP Award for the best scholarly book in economics. *Power and Plenty: Trade, War and the World Economy in the Second Millennium*, co-authored with Ronald Findlay, was published by Princeton University Press in 2007. Kevin is currently running an ERC-funded project on international trade during the Great Depression.

The chair was established in 1995 in memory of Walter J. Ganshof van der Meersch, founder and president of the Institute for European Studies, Professor of Public Law at the ULB, Attorney General at the Belgian Court of Cassation and Vice-President of the European Court of Human Rights. Mr Ganshof van der Meersch, who understood from the very beginning the potential of the Foundation, was its second President after the death of its founder, Mrs Beddington.

The chair is held by a visiting professor from Oxford or Cambridge. The course must focus on the economic, historical, political and legal aspects of European integration or on public law.



## Why Flexibility Matters: Some Historical Lessons for Europe

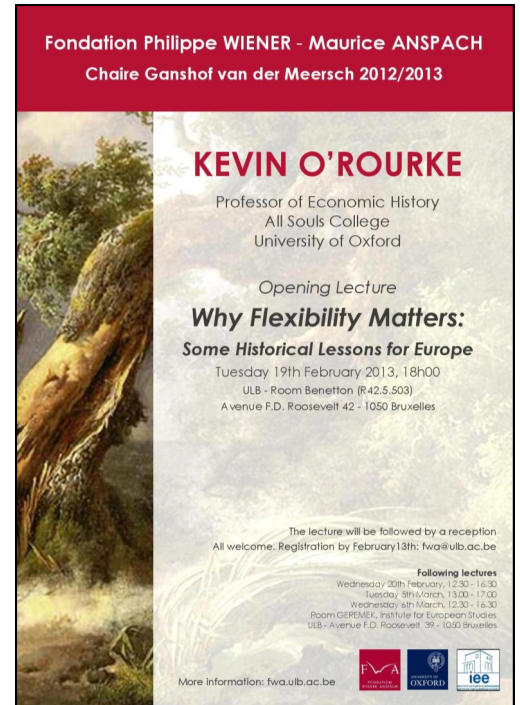
19 February 2013  
Opening Lecture

20 February 2013  
19th Century Trade and Protectionism  
Migration in the 19th Century: Causes and Consequences

5 March 2013  
Capital Markets and Imperialism in the 19th Century  
World War I and the Great Depression

6 March 2013  
The Great Depression and Deglobalization  
The World after 1945: Growth Miracles, Reglobalization and Crises

The audio recording of the opening lecture is available on our website.



Kevin O'Rourke spent part of his youth in Brussels. In this interview by Francesca Spinelli from March 2013, he remembers those years and gives an economic historian's perspective on the Eurozone crisis.

*You lived in Brussels back in the Seventies. What are your memories of the city?*

We moved here in 1973. I was ten at the time, so my memories of the city are childhood memories. We lived in Uccle and I went to the European School, in the very first English section. I remember playing soccer, first in the bois de la Cambre and in the Wolvendael park, then in an English club, the Eurobrits: an awful name, but a good club. I remember the car-free Sundays in 1973, when the oil crisis struck, and weekends spent picking mushrooms in Luxembourg with one of my Dad's colleagues. It was a pleasant but slightly boring life, the typical life of a diplomat's child.

*What did Europe mean to you at the time?*

It was very different. My father, for example, worked with people who had been on different sides during the war, whereas Ireland had been neutral. This is something that impressed me. I also remember that in 1974, when Pompidou died, the flags in our school were lowered to half-mast. A few months later the Irish president died and nothing happened. I went to the school principal, and he did what was necessary. Politics were often present in my childhood.

*Let's come back to the present. You are not a big supporter of the policies currently being enforced by EU leaders. What could be a possible solution to the Eurozone crisis?*

As an economic historian, I believe current policies cannot work. Imposing deflationary adjustment on big countries like Spain and Italy can only end badly. What else can be done? In the short run, I see two possibilities. First, restructuring the debt of Greece, and probably also of Ireland, Portugal and some other countries. Nothing in the treaties forbids it. Then there is the European Central Bank and its monetary policy: nothing prevents the ECB from immediately lowering its interest rates and adopting a more expansionary policy. We could also try adopting a more expansive fiscal policy via the European Investment Bank, but I think this would be politically less feasible.

*Is lack of political will the main obstacle?*

No, I think the real problem lies elsewhere: there are people who honestly believe that current policies can work, even though it's clearly impossible. Even in the Twenties, when our economies were less modern, deflationary adjustment didn't work. There are many reasons for this. In the first place, nominal wages don't fall, except in countries like Greece, which is on the brink of social explosion. In Ireland, for example, nominal wages haven't decreased. And even if wages did decrease, this would increase the real burden of debt.

*Would you say this situation is the result of our inability to learn from history?*

If these people had studied the history of the interwar period, they would see the danger of their policies. But this is also an ideological problem. Europe, which was originally a social-democratic project, has become a very liberal project as regards both macroeconomics and microeconomics. Its leaders reason like Chicago economists, and this is very dangerous. When the world goes through a Keynesian phase, as it is the case now, Keynesian policies are necessary.

*Is the end of the euro a likely outcome?*

No human institution is permanent. It would be a gross mistake to think that the euro doesn't face this risk. What I hope is that, should the monetary union explode, we will succeed in maintaining the other elements of the European project, which is the most optimistic project of the postwar period. But if we let the problems in the periphery drag on too long, exit from the monetary union will be regarded as a liberation and not as a disaster. Europe will be considered as the enemy, and in that case anything could happen.

# The 2013 Philippe Wiener Lecture

Established in 2007, the Philippe Wiener Lectures are delivered at the Universities of Cambridge and Oxford by academics and researchers from the ULB, and vice versa.

One Philippe Wiener Lecture was held in 2013.

**University of Oxford, Tuesday, December 3, 2013**

**Jean-Victor Louis, Honorary Professor at the Université libre de Bruxelles**  
"The Reform of the European Court of Justice"

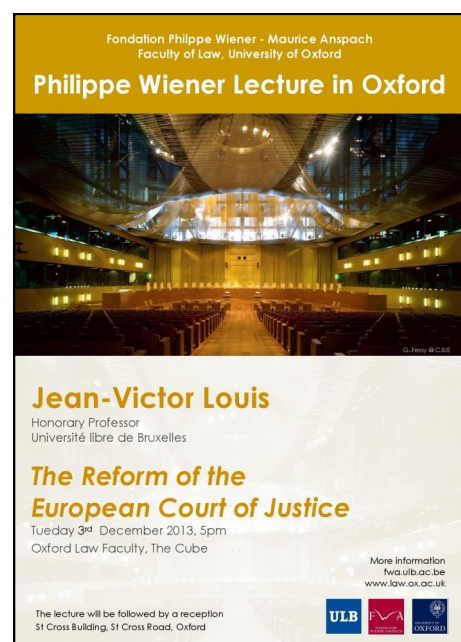


Jean-Victor Louis, Honorary Professor at the ULB, was the President of the Institute for European Studies of the ULB from 1980 to 1992 and a part-time Professor at the European University Institute in Florence from 1998 to 2003. Hon. Degree at the University Paris II (2001) and hon. General Counsel at the National Bank of Belgium, he was the President of the Wiener-Anspach Foundation from 2002 until 2013.

He was welcomed by Professor Paul Craig, from the Faculty of Law of the University of Oxford.

## Abstract of the lecture

In 2011, the Court of justice introduced a request to the EU Council for a revision of the statute of the Court which essentially aimed at increasing the number of judges in the General Court in order to reduce the judicial backlog. This revision seems to be now in an impasse as no agreement has been reached within the Council on the selection of additional judges. Alternative solutions of a managerial nature were suggested which would perhaps be more efficient. An ambitious revision of the status of judges should also be envisaged. In this context, a debate is open on transparency and democracy in selecting judges.





# Research Projects

The Wiener-Anspach Foundation supports two-year collaborative research projects in any field between the ULB and the Universities of Cambridge and/or Oxford. Five projects were granted support for the 2012-2014 period.

## Ammonia Collision Mechanisms - ACME

Oxford Promoter: Tim Softley

Softley Research Group

ULB Promoters: Michel Herman and Nathalie Vaeck

Service de Chimie quantique et Photophysique (Faculty of Sciences)

The teams are seeking to develop further the joint effort that was truly initiated about one year and a half ago, focusing on the understanding of collision mechanisms of ammonia (NH<sub>3</sub>) and of related very deep cooling processes at interstellar space temperatures and beyond. More experiments are required and planned to feed the theoretical analysis (and vice versa) on both initially anticipated and unexpected research tracks. The unprecedented wealth of information that will be experimentally and theoretically jointly produced will be merged in the final period, producing deeper understanding of the ultracold molecular collision regime and opening new views and opportunities for controlling and chemically exploiting ultracold matter. Side projects, e.g. about the in situ detection of ammonia, will also be finalized. An international workshop is planned around the ACME collaboration that will be a major event in the field.

## Beyond the polis. Ritual Practices and the Construction of Social Identity in Early Greece

Oxford Promoter: Irene Lemos

Ioannou Centre for Classical and Byzantine Studies

ULB Promoter: Athéna Tsingarida

CReA-Patrimoine (Faculty of Philosophy and Letters)

The two-year program funded by the Wiener-Anspach Foundation focused on communal rites and feasting activities performed in a selected number of geographical areas and sites, and had already answered to a significant part of the questions addressed at the beginning of the project. The results will be published in a collective volume to be submitted by the end of the first phase of the program, in September 2014, and will provide a high visibility to the scholarly collaboration between both Universities. Nevertheless, the project needs to be expanded to other geographical areas of the Greek world to go beyond the selected sites of Mainland and Aegean Greece. It has to consider sites both from the core (Cyclades and Thessaly) and the fringe (Northern Aegean and Western colonial Greece) of the Greek world in order to complete our conclusions and answer to important questions, especially related with mixed cultural contexts where collective rituals are often used to build a new multi-cultural identity or to strengthen the power and territory claim of distinctive social groups (Greek colonists and indigenous population). [Website of the project: crea.ulb.ac.be/Polis.html](http://crea.ulb.ac.be/Polis.html)

*Fellows' Meeting in Brussels, 11 September 2013.*

*From left: Nathalie Vaeck, Athéna Tsingarida, Thierry Visart de Bocarmé, Jacqueline Leybaert, Christian Hermans.*



## Experimental and Theoretical Studies of Chiral Adsorption over Metallic Surfaces

**Cambridge Promoter:** Stephen John Jenkins

The Surface Science Group

**ULB Promoter:** Thierry Visart de Bocarmé

The Chemical Physics of Materials Group (Faculty of Sciences)

The purpose of the project is to investigate the interaction of chiral organic molecules with the surface of nanoparticles modelled as sharp metallic tips. It is advanced that the latter exhibit at the atomic scale chiral orientations which cause a preferential adsorption of chiral molecules according to a so called "lock-and-key" mechanism. In the frame of the CHIRAL project (2012-2014), field emission microscopy show the repeatable appearance of contrasts over platinum facets of the same chiral symmetry upon adsorption of L-alanine. In Cambridge, cross experiments by infrared spectroscopy on the Lalanine indicate that the molecule dissociates over chiral platinum but remains intact on chiral copper. Since the concepts expressed in the first proposal turned out to be valid, the aim of the CHIRAL2 project is to provide an in-depth understanding of our measurements. Emphasis will be put on copper-based chemical systems which will demand new experimental developments in Brussels and theoretical ones in Cambridge.

## The influence of Language on Numerical and Arithmetic Development. An Intervention Study

**Cambridge Promoter:** Dénes Szűcs

Numerical Cognition Laboratory

**ULB Promoters:** Alain Content and Jacqueline Leybaert

Laboratory of Cognition, Language, and Development

(Faculty of Psychological Science and Education)

The aim of this research is to gain a better understanding of the relation between language and arithmetic skills. In a first study, we collected data of typically developing 7-year old children. The results showed links between language-related tasks and arithmetic-related tasks. In a second study, we tested two groups of children who experience maths learning difficulties: children with developmental dyscalculia (DD) and children with specific language impairment (SLI). Preliminary results showed a dissociation between the two groups. We found evidence for impaired visuospatial short-term and working memory in DD, and impaired verbal short-term memory in SLI. Children with DD had poor arithmetical skills, whereas children with SLI showed poor mathematical reasoning. In the second part of this research, we designed interventions to improve arithmetic skills of children who face maths learning difficulties.

## Nitrate-related Root Architecture in the Model Species *Arabidopsis thaliana*

**Cambridge Promoter:** Jim Haseloff

Department of Plant Sciences

**ULB Promoter:** Christian Hermans, Plant Physiology and Molecular Genetics

(Faculty of Science - Interfaculty School of Bioengineering)

Nitrogen (N) is the quantitatively most important nutrient in cropping systems; however a considerable fraction of mineral N got lost as runoffs with detrimental consequences to the environment. The project provides promising routes for redesigning root architecture by uncovering molecular mechanisms of lateral root growth stimulation or repression by nitrate availability. The initial output of our research with the model species *Arabidopsis*, supports the nomination of a number of genes identified in the cell cycle and hormonal pathways. These genes will be further functionally characterized. The project extension will also translate that knowledge to close parented Brassica crops. Detecting oilseed rape cultivars with root traits indicating a high potential for N acquisition and identifying the genes associated with these traits could be highly relevant for crop breeding against the background of maintaining the crop productivity and minimizing harmful effects of N fertilization.

# The Ganshof van der Meersch Prize

Established in 1994, the Ganshof van der Meersch Prize rewards a student from the Faculty of Law and Criminology of the ULB who achieved academic excellence in the study of public law and who obtained a Master's degree in this field with at least a "Grande Distinction" (*magna cum laude*). In 2013 the prize was awarded to Céline Estas.



## Other funded initiatives

Academics and researchers from the ULB, Oxford and Cambridge who wish to conduct research for a limited period of time or participate in conferences organized by one of these universities can apply for funding.

### 2013 Recipients

- Daniel Andersson, Anna P.H. Geurts and Chloe Jeffries (University of Oxford) participated in the workshop "War and Tourism in Modern European History", held at the ULB on January 14. They were welcomed by Thomas Williams, who was a Wiener-Anspach Fellow at the ULB from 2011 until 2013.
- Thomas Thornton (University of Oxford) gave a lecture on "Resilience, Adaptation, and Transformability among Indigenous Communities in Dynamic Environments" at the ULB on March 8. He was welcomed by Edwin Zaccai.
- In the framework of his doctoral training, Baroj Abdulkarim spent two months (March-April) at the Institute of Metabolic Science (University of Cambridge).
- Mark Edwards and Anna Marmodoro (University of Oxford) participated in the international conference "Divine Powers in Late Antiquity", held at the ULB on October 12-13. They were welcomed by Irini-Fotini Viltanioti (2011/2012 Wiener-Anspach Fellow).
- Ramon Sarro (University of Oxford) gave a lecture entitled "The Landscape of Hope: Prophetic Inscriptions in the Congo Religions" on October 18 at the ULB. He was welcomed by Joël Noret.
- In the framework of her doctoral research, Alexandra-Maria Bocse spent two months (November-December) at the Department of Political Sciences (ULB). She was welcomed by Barbara Delcourt and Mario Telò.
- In the framework of her doctoral research, Gina Aït Mehdi spent two months (November-December) at the Institute of Social and Cultural Anthropology (University of Oxford). She was welcomed by Ramon Sarro.



# Communication

In 2013 the Foundation pursued its communication strategy by adding new sections to its website ("Fellows" and "Research projects"), expanding its Alumni network and launching a Facebook page.

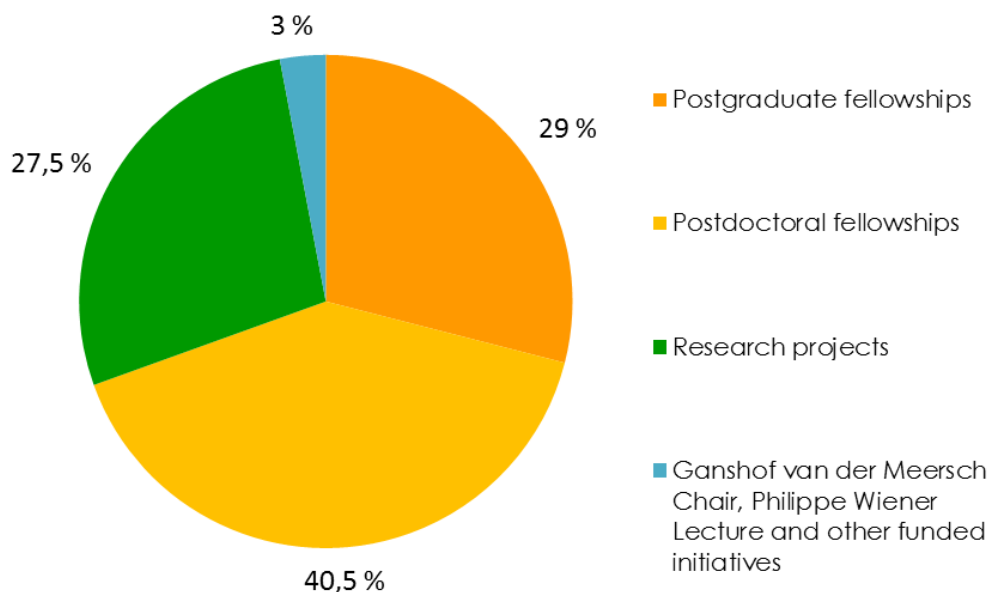


The website now features original interviews with the Foundation's Fellows and Alumni, and with invited Oxbridge academics.

Audio recordings of some lectures were made available on the online audio distribution platform SoundCloud.



## Breakdown of expenses



## **The year in numbers**

14 postgraduate fellowships

11 postdoctoral fellowships

5 research projects

1 Ganshof van der Meersch Chair

1 Philippe Wiener Lecture

7 other funded initiatives



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