

Press release Call USIAS 2014

Strasbourg selects 20 new fellows at the Institute for Advanced Studies (USIAS)

The University of Strasbourg Institute for Advanced Study (USIAS) has selected 20 new Fellows in its annual call 2014. In the coming 2 years, the 20 Fellows will work on 16 USIAS-funded research projects as part of their USIAS Fellowship. The projects cover a large spectrum of disciplines and research topics, such as the role of oxytocin in pain, the conceptual history of religious diversification, and the microfluidic control via unprecedented liquid-liquid interface channels. New innovative methods will be developed and tested, such as the use of optogenetics and of eye tracking technology in animals. The projects have been chosen based on originality and excellence, in a competitive selection process including in-depth international peer review.

The USIAS 2014 projects and Fellows are the following:

- **Deformation of Europe Evaluated from the Perspective of Active Tectonics, Postglacial Rebound, Sea Level Rise and Hydrology**
Dr. Donald Argus, Jet Propulsion Laboratory, California Institute of Technology (United-States)
- **Globalising Practices in the Governance of Higher Education and Research**
Prof. Dietmar Braun, Institute of Political and International Studies, University of Lausanne (Switzerland)
Prof. Merle Jacob, Research Policy Group, Department of Business Administration, Lund University (Sweden)
Dr. Niilo Kauppi, CNRS Research Director, Laboratory of Societies, Actors and Government in Europe (SAGE), Strasbourg (France)
- **Deciphering the oxytocinergic neuronal population involved in the pain matrix**
Dr. Alexandre Charlet, CNRS Researcher, Institute of Cellular and Integrative Neurosciences (INCI), Strasbourg (France)
- **Microfluidics without walls**
Prof. Michael Coey, Department of Physics, Trinity College Dublin (Ireland)
Prof. Bernard Doudin, Institute of Physics and Chemistry of Materials (IPCMS), University of Strasbourg
Dr. Thomas Hermans, Institute for Supramolecular Science and Engineering (ISIS), Strasbourg (France)
- **Controlling the entitled: a new watchword of the welfare state?**
Prof. Vincent Dubois, Institute for Political Studies, University of Strasbourg (France)
- **Light regulation of retinal clocks : from cell to visual function**
Dr. Marie-Paule Felder-Schmittbuhl, CNRS Researcher, Institute of Cellular and Integrative Neurosciences (INCI), Strasbourg (France)
- **The Battle Narratives of Herodotus, Thucydides, and Xenophon: A Rhetorical Study**
Prof. Edith Foster, Department of History and Political Science, Ashland University (United-States)

- **'In your ruins I find shelter': Samuel Beckett and Emil Cioran**
Dr. Benjamin Keatinge, Language Centre, South East European University (Macedonia)
- **Antiviral innate immunity : from the Drosophila model to the vector mosquito Aedes aegypti**
Prof. Jean-Luc Imler, Institute of Molecular and Cellular Biology (IBMC), Strasbourg (France)
- **Nietzsche, from the Philology to the Philosophy**
Dr. Anne Merker, Faculty of Philosophy, University of Strasbourg (France)
- **Comparative study between human infants and nonhuman primates on the track of the "Theory of Mind" precursors - Discrimination of prosocial versus antisocial behaviours**
Dr. H  l  ne Meunier, Primatology Center, University of Strasbourg (France)
- **Understanding the Emergence of the Individual in urban China since the Dismantling of the Working Unit System: Economic Transition, Social Transformation and Reconfiguration of Social Norms**
Prof. Pierre Mi  ge, School of Social Development and Public Policy, Beijing Normal University (China)
- **(Re)thinking religious in the plural : towards a new anthropological history of the forms and dynamics of religion**
Prof. Lionel Obadia, Center for Anthropological Research and Studies (CREA), University of Lyon 2 (France)
- **AxLAB — Axially Chiral Lewis Acids and Bases for Frustrated Lewis Pair-type Reactivity**
Dr Armen Panossian, CNRS Researcher, School of Chemistry, Polymers and Materials, Strasbourg (France)
- **In Remembrance of Slavery: Tchamba Vodun in Togo (West Africa)**
Dr. Dana Rush, Center of African Studies, University of Illinois (United-States)
- **Allosteric regulation of the mitotic Polo-like Kinase 1 (PLK1) during development**
Dr. Izabella Sumara, CNRS Researcher, Institute of Genetics and Molecular and Cellular Biology (IGBMC), Illkirch (France)

About the institute

The University of Strasbourg Institute for Advanced Study (USIAS) strives to support original, potentially path-breaking research in all disciplines, and to enable reflection and synthesis at the highest level, by means of fellowships, seminars and visiting grants. Created in 2012, the Institute is a place for intellectual innovation, which brings together local and foreign scholars from different disciplines, so as to foster interactions among themselves and with the community of the university. For more information, please see www.usias.fr/en or contact Dr. Rifka Weehuizen, info@usias.fr, +33 3 68 85 61 84.