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# PRAXIS Publication Launch: Heritage for Global Challenges (Feb 2021)

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An aerial view of Pagodas in Myanmar. Source: Unsplash. Photo Credit: Ray Rui

ross the Global Challenges Research Fund (GCRF) and Newton Fund portfolio. Specifically, its aims are to consolidate learning across research projects funded by the [Arts and Humanities Research Council](#) (AHRC), to amplify their impact and policy relevance, and to champion the distinctive contribution that Arts and Humanities research can make to tackling urgent development challenges.

In recent decades, tangible and intangible heritage has been widely recognised as not only important in its own right but also as an enabler and driver of sustainable development. Yet heritage remains largely absent from the most recent international development agenda (2030 Agenda), adopted by the United Nations. To that end, PRAXIS is delighted to share ‘Heritage for Global Challenges’, a report written by PRAXIS Post-doctoral Researcher [Dr Francesca Giliberto](#), to address this research gap and demonstrate the relevance of heritage research to tackle global challenges and to foster sustainable development.

The comprehensive report examines 87 Arts and Humanities projects implemented in 49 countries funded by the UK’s Global Challenges Research Fund (GCRF) and the Newton Fund. It features 32 case studies, 21 short focus case studies and 11 in-depth case studies, showcasing how tangible and intangible heritage research in different contexts is addressing all 17 of the [Sustainable Development Goals](#) (SDGs). The report presents best practice, lessons learnt, and a series of recommendations and future research areas with the aim of maximising the potential of heritage research for international development and operationalising the SDGs on the ground.

Building on the Heritage for Global Challenges report, with support from the AHRC, the [UK National Commission](#) for UNESCO and PRAXIS will host '[Heritage and Our Sustainable Future: Research, Practice, Policy and Impact](#)' on 22 February – 2 March 2021, a virtual event exploring key report themes from Heritage, Disaster Response and Resilience, to Cultural Heritage for Climate Action, and Decolonising Heritage Practices. The event will bring together cultural heritage and sustainable development contributors, including policymakers, practitioners and researchers, but also non-governmental organisations (NGOs), museums, private sector representatives and other stakeholders from across the globe. United by the shared goal of collaboration for sustainable progress, the conference, in much the same way as the report, will explore how best to utilise cultural heritage research on the ground to drive forward the SDGs, especially in Official Development Assistance (ODA)-eligible countries.

Download Heritage for Global Challenges [here](#).

Register to attend the Heritage and Our Sustainable Future event [here](#).

For more information about Heritage for Global Challenges, please contact [changingthestory@leeds.ac.uk](mailto:changingthestory@leeds.ac.uk).

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