

Research Internships “*Brasiliana* in European collections” Summer/fall 2022



Museo di Antropologia e Etnologia di Firenze, Italy. Photo: C. Ariese, 2019.

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This internship is part of the ERC-funded research project [BRASILIAE. Indigenous Knowledge in the Making of Science](#), led by dr. Françaço at the Faculty of Archaeology, Leiden University. A small group of students will be selected to conduct research into the profile and provenance of Brazilian indigenous collections in European heritage institutions, focusing mostly on museums but also open to include libraries, galleries, and the like. Students will be assigned a case-study based on their linguistic and academic skills as well as personal preferences.

Internship Aims and Activities

The aim of this internship is twofold: 1) to generate and collect data about the scope, profile, and provenance of Brazilian indigenous collections in European museums and 2) to familiarize students with research methods in collection and museum research. Starting from the foundational work by S. Dorta (1997), who compiled the first comprehensive list of Brazilian ethnographic collections sent abroad, we will develop a set of research questions to expand the inventory of collections, with special attention to materials collected during the colonial period (ca. 1500-1800).

A subproject of the internship focuses on identifying networks and/or doing statistical analysis of the provenance of these materials. This part will be supervised by Dr. Martin Berger and will focus on the collectors, dealers, and researchers who supply museums with their material. The aim is to better understand the overlap/lack of connections between collections of *Brasiliana* in European museums.

The internship is organized in two parts. Part A will begin with a training workshop in Leiden to introduce students to a) basic knowledge on the history of Brazil as pertinent to this research, b) the history of anthropology/museums and c) research methods in museums and collections. We will also collectively discuss case-studies and planning. Then, students set out to do their library and deskwork research, and will be supervised by Dr. Françaço and Dr. Ariese. Individual meetings and consultations are possible during this part of the internship. At the end of the research period, the group meets again to share research results. Depending on the results, for Part B students could develop a more in-depth program to visit museums and collect data in situ (pending museum authorizations).

Last but not least, a final workshop will be organized for students to share their final results and insights.

Some of the possible case-studies for this internship are:

- Museum of World Cultures (Gothenburg, Sweden)
- Museum der Kulturen Basel (Basel, Switzerland)
- MEG (Geneva, Switzerland)
- Humboldt Forum (Berlin, Germany)
- Museum Fünf Kontinente (Munich, Germany)
- Welt Museum Wien (Vienna, Austria)
- Naprstek Museum (Prague, Czech Republic)
- Collections outside Europe: Osaka Museum of Ethnology, Japan

Credits

In accordance with the regulations at the Faculty of Archaeology:

- Basic internship (Part A) will last 15 workdays = 5 ECs.
- If students continue to Part B, we add 15 workdays = 10 ECs.

Time Frame

Part A:

- Start of internship (training workshop): late June/ early July 2022.
- Library and deskwork research: to be carried out according to students' schedules, but to be completed no later than 15 October 2022.

Part B:

- To be discussed with involved students.

Who Can Apply

MA and RMA students in Archaeology, Anthropology, History, Literature, Linguistics, Arts, Art History, Latin American Studies and similar fields are welcome to apply.

How To Apply

Please submit your CV, transcript of grades so far (BA and MA), and a 1-page letter of motivation to Dr. C. Ariese at c.e.ariese@arch.leidenuniv.nl **until 15 May 2022**.

Depending on the number of applicants, an interview may be organized (either in person or online). We will strive to give students feedback on the application process within 3 weeks.

For questions, please contact Dr. M. Françoze at m.francozo@arch.leidenuniv.nl or Dr. C. Ariese at c.e.ariese@arch.leidenuniv.nl