

Translating Cultures: Research Questions

The following four research questions have been developed to address the key aims and objectives of the Translating Cultures theme in the initial phase:

- 1) How can research into languages and cultures contribute to our understanding of, and progress in, international diplomacy and engagement in the context of increasingly multi-polar interactions and emergent global and inter-regional relations, particularly those within and between Europe, Russia, India and China?
- 2) How can research into languages and cultures develop our understanding of contemporary issues and interactions such as youth culture, popular culture, inter-generational relations and diasporic culture and of written and oral culture, both in the past and in the contemporary context of digital media and communications?
- 3) How can research into languages and cultures contribute effectively to key public policy concerns such as economic growth, security, immigration and the environment and how can this support the work of NGOs, third sector organisations and other bodies, including community groups concerned with language and intercultural issues?
- 4) How can research into languages and cultures help to build capacity and develop understanding of the process and nature of translation and interpreting across cultures, dialects and sectors (e.g. government/business/communities)?