



Dr. Aurelia Martín becomes a member of the International Scientific Committee of the UNESCO

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Dr. Aurelia Martín Casares has been made a member of the International Scientific Committee of the UNESCO Slave Route Project.

The UNESCO Slave Route Project aims to break the silence surrounding human trafficking and slavery and is advised by the International Scientific Committee, which comprises 20 members



Dr. Aurelia Martín Casares, a Senior Lecturer at the Department of Social Anthropology of the University of Granada, has been appointed as a member of the International Scientific Committee of the UNESCO Slave Route Project.

The UNESCO Slave Route Project aims to break the silence surrounding human trafficking, contributing to a better understanding of how slavery occurs, and fostering a culture of peace through critical reflection on cultural pluralism and the construction of new identities.

Dr. Martín Casares believes that “this appointment reflects significant international recognition” of her research career and that participating in the Committee will allow her to “supervise and conduct multidisciplinary research on the causes, modes and consequences of human trafficking and slavery, while also establishing new collaborations with academic and cultural institutions, and civil society organisations.” The Project includes educational initiatives designed to improve and reinforce knowledge of these topics. Dr. Aurelia also reaffirmed her “commitment to promoting UNESCO activities and designing educational programmes and materials related to human trafficking and slavery.”

Members of this Committee are appointed by the Director-General of UNESCO after prior consultation with the National Committees of UNESCO Member States and other established institutions. They are selected on the basis of their experience in slavery research. These members not only come from various disciplines such as history, anthropology, archaeology, sociology and law, but also different regions of the world, such as Africa, the Americas, the Caribbean, Europe, Asia, and the Middle East. Their term of office lasts for four years, with the possibility of renewing for a second 4-year term.

Dr. Aurelia Martín Casares’ research is currently focused on slavery and the abolitionist movement from the 16th to the 19th centuries in Spain, as well as the impact of this movement on the slave trade in the Mediterranean and Atlantic regions. Many of her papers on slavery and abolitionism have been published by prestigious publishing houses such as Cambridge University Press. Moreover, she has lectured at renowned research centres such as the University of Oxford and L’École des hautes études en sciences sociales in Paris.

Dr. Martín Casares has also participated in the UGR “Bringing science closer” Programme with an episode entitled “Who was Juan Latino? Slavery in modern Europe”, which is available via the following link:

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