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**Projects:** PTDC/CPC-TEL/3276/2012

**Title:** Encounters Culturais: Figurações do 'Outro' em Representações de Portugal, da Grã-Bretanha e dos EUA no Poesia e no Romance Portugueses e Anglo-Americanos do Século XIX.

**FCT’s decision** (Artigo 11º do Regulamento)

**Not Recommended for Funding**
In face of high competition for funding, the proposal did not reach a position to be funded.

**Evaluation Panel Statement and Rating**

**Criterion A:** Scientific merit and innovative nature of the project from an international standpoint, including but not limited to: i) Relevance and originality of the project proposed (based on the state-of-the-art in a determined scientific area and previous work done by the proposing team); ii) Methodology adopted for carrying out the project; iii) Expected results and their contribution to scientific and technological knowledge; iv) Resulting publications and articles; v) Contribution towards promoting and disseminating science and technology; vi) Production of knowledge that can be incorporated into and applied to the business sector.

**Rating:** Excellent
**Comments:** Beginning with the necessary groundwork on primary as well as secondary texts, these researchers would succeed in providing an extensive bibliography, one that will then enable them (and others) to pursue further investigation into what reflections of and by the "other" has meant historically and what they might mean for the future. In a time of expanding globalization, studies such as these are particularly worthwhile.

**Criterion B:** Scientific merit of the research team, including but not limited to: i) Scientific productivity of the team (ranging from references to publications and citations in published works as used by the basic and engineering sciences, to performance and artistic work in the arts of monographs and books in the humanities and social sciences); ii) Abilities and skills to adequately execute the proposed project (team configuration, Principal Investigator's qualifications); iii) Ability to involve young researchers in training; iv) Availability of the team and non-duplication of objectives in relation to other projects underway; v) The degree of internationalization of the team; vi) Degree of success in previous projects in relation to the Principal Investigator (PI) in the case of young PIs, this requirement must be assessed based on the potential revealed by the PI's curriculum vitae in the absence of prior concrete accomplishments; vi) Level of commitment of any companies participating in the project (if applicable).

**Rating:** Excellent
**Comments:** The named investigators have excellent academic credentials, both in teaching and in research. They have been impressively active in the areas of professional meetings and in scholarly publication. Nonetheless, the panel believes that the inclusion of foreign scholars could substantially enhance this project. This seems all the more important to me because of the comparative strategy undertaken by the project, and its inherent international focus.

**Criterion C:** Feasibility of the plan of work and reasonableness of the budget, including but not limited to: i) Organization of the project in terms of the proposed objectives and resources (duration, equipment, size of the team, institutional and management resources); ii) Institutional resources of the participating entities, in particular of the Principal Contractor (PC) (technical, scientific, organizational and managerial and, when appropriate, co-funding capacity on the part of companies).

**Rating:** Outstanding
**Comments:** Four months to put together lists of the available materials (especially at the time of the year indicated) seems to the panel to be cutting it rather close. Otherwise the plan and the proposed controls, including periodic meetings, etc., seem feasible.
Criterion D: Contribution to the body of knowledge in this field and improvement of competence of the scientific community in general, including but not limited to, Contribution to the body of knowledge and competence of the National Science and Technology System (expected effects and results).

Rating: Excellent

Comments: Literary testimony from the past has always been the sine qua non for social science investigations that go beyond the complex collections of statistical data that have been available for only a short period of historical experience. Needless to say, students of literature have professional ways of approaching questions of the "other" and interpreting them. Here is where this team can make a valuable (and unique) contribution to knowledge.

Overall Rating: Outstanding

Overall Comments: This team proposed to carry out some valuable work in the intercultural relations (agreements, misunderstandings, prejudices, dependencies, exploitations) involving Anglo-Portuguese and Portuguese-American literary publications. The PI of this proposal has had the initiative to gather these interested and well-qualified scholars into a group capable of outstanding work. Although the proposal is classified by the panel as "high impact," its ranking falls below the budget cut line.

Position of the PI relative to FCT's decision and panel evaluation (to be completed by 09-01-2013)

Do you accept FCT’s decision? Yes

Administrative or procedural comments (optional)

0/3000

Technical or scientific comments (optional)

0/3000

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