

SES Anniversary Small Grant Scheme

Project: British Students Study Abroad: From Robbins to Erasmus

Final Report

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I began this project in January 2019 as planned and after some substantial delays due to the serious illness of my eldest son (who has required ongoing treatment throughout 2019 and into 2020) I have completed the research I intended to carry out. As stated in the interim report delivered in July 2019, in the period from March to July 2019 I completed three of the five research trips outlined in my original application. To fit around my son's hospital stays I changed the order of the research trips. So, instead of beginning with a month in London, then a two-week trip to Washington, followed by week-long stays in Berlin, Paris and Amsterdam, I began with a week-long trip to Berlin between 5th and 13th May where I consulted the archives of the *Verband Deutscher Studentenschaften*, German Academic Exchange Service and the German Foreign Ministry (*Auswärtiges Amt*). This was followed by a week in Paris between 19th and 27th May during which I visited the *Archives Nationales* as well as the archives of specific government departments including the Ministry of Education, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Ministry of Culture. Between 3rd and 30th June 2019 I completed the month's stay in London consulting the National Archives at Kew, in particular, the records of the British Council.

I was able to complete the two outstanding research visits to Amsterdam (1 week) and Washington DC (2 weeks) in the latter part of 2019. I visited Washington DC to consult the archives of the Institute of International Education, the Council of International Educational Exchange and the US Department of State between 24th November and 11th December. After this, I spent a week in Amsterdam between 15th and 21st December to consult the Archives of the Ministry of Education, Culture and Science. Due to the changes to my research schedule set out above, I was not able to hold the planned two-day conference in November 2019. I did, however, organise a two-day student workshop on the history of study abroad on Saturday 26 and Sunday 27 October 2019 at which I talked about the initial findings of my project. I also presented papers connected with the results of the project at the SES Colloquium at Oriel College in September and the History of Education Society conference at UCL in November 2019. I am planning to give further talks related to this research at the Social History Society 2020 conference in Lancaster (29 June – 1 July 2020) and at ISCHE 42 in Örebro (19 – 22 August 2020). I am currently finalising an article based on the project for submission for consideration to BJES.

I would like to thank the Society for Educational Studies very much again for the opportunity to carry out this very interesting research project.

Best wishes,

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