PROJECT ACRONYM AND TITLE: Deindustrialization and the Politics of Our Time

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CALL: -

HOST DEPARTMENT: DSU

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ABSTRACT:
Brexit, the election of Donald Trump as US President, and the rise of right-wing populism in Europe have refocused attention on deindustrialized working-class communities, positioning them as central to an understanding of the times we live in. While the political revolt in deindustrialised places is often understood as a phenomenon that crosses borders, there is still very little transnational comparative research on deindustrialisation and its legacies. Moreover, the significance of deindustrialisation has often been framed by over-simplified or stigmatising media narratives about post-industrial places. There is a pressing need therefore to establish a transnational research base that will provide a genuinely comparative, in-depth and nuanced understanding of the implications of deindustrialisation in a long-term perspective. The proposed SSHRC partnership "Deindustrialization and the Politics of Our Time," led by Steven High, a former CRC in Oral History at the Centre for Oral History and Digital Storytelling at Concordia University, consists of 33 partner organizations and 24 co-applicants and collaborators from six countries in Western Europe and North America. The partnership will examine the historical roots and lived experience of deindustrialization as well as the political responses to it. The overall goal is to understand deindustrialization's "half-life" in transnational and comparative perspective, its causes, the responses to it, its effects, and its legacies. These are long-term processes, so to understand them we need the deeper temporal perspective that historical research can offer.
The project's overarching objectives are to: (1) Understand the long-term consequences of deindustrialization and the underlying reasons for the rise of populist movements in Western Europe and North America; (2) Situate the regional and local experience of deindustrialization within a wider transnational framework; (3) Examine the ways that race, gender, the environment, and settler colonialism structure and otherwise get bound-up in the class politics of deindustrialization; (4) Forge connections between the leading researchers and partners in deindustrialization studies across six countries and forge a transnational community of practice as well as a space where the next generation of deindustrialization researchers is nurtured and connected across borders.

Planned Start date	Planned End date

PARTNERSHIP:

1.	Concordia University - Centre for Oral History and Digital Storytelling (COHDS)	CANADA	Coordinator
2.	Archives nationales du monde du travail	ITALIA	Partner
3.	AVIGNON UNIVERSITE	FRANCIA	Partner
4.	Cape Breton University	FRANCIA	Partner
5.	Centre d'histoire et d'archives du travail	AUSTRALIA	Partner
6.	Confédération française démocratique du travai	CANADA	Partner
7.	Deutsches Bergbau-Museum Bochum	FRANCIA	Partner
8.	General Federation of Trade Unions	GERMANIA	Partner
9.	German Confederation of Trade Unions	GRAN BRETAGNA	Partner
10.	Hiram College	GERMANIA	Partner
11.	Ingenium: Canada's Museums of Science and Innovation	STATI UNITI	Partner
12.	Institute for Social Movements	CANADA	Partner
13.	ISEC Foundation (Institute for the history of contemporary age)	GERMANIA	Partner
14.	Laboratoire Institutions et Dynamiques historiques de l'économie et de la société	ITALIA	Partner
15.	Le Centre de Recherche Universitaire Lorrain d'Histoire	FRANCIA	Partner
16.	L'Institut CGT d'histoire sociale (IHS-CGT)	FRANCIA	Partner
17.	LWL-Industriemuseum	FRANCIA	Partner
18.	Ruhr Museum	GERMANIA	Partner
19.	The Queen's University of Belfast	GERMANIA	Partner
20.	The University of Akron	GRAN BRETAGNA	Partner
21.	TICCIH	STATI UNITI	Partner
22.	Unama'ki College	GRAN BRETAGNA	Partner
23.	Unifor	CANADA	Partner
24.	Université du Québec à Montréal	CANADA	Partner
25.	University of Calgary	CANADA	Partner
26.	University of Glasgow	CANADA	Partner
27.	University of Kent	GRAN BRETAGNA	Partner
28.	University of Strathclyde	GRAN BRETAGNA	Partner
29.	University of Toronto - Department of History	GRAN BRETAGNA	Partner
30.	University of Warwick	CANADA	Partner
31.	University of Wolverhampton	GRAN BRETAGNA	Partner
32.	Youngstown Historical Center of Industry and Labor	GRAN BRETAGNA	Partner