



Procedure for research proposals financed by undemocratic countries

Faculty of Archaeology

The following steps must be observed for research proposals funded by governments of undemocratic countries where human rights are violated (Note: This does not apply to research conducted in undemocratic countries funded by, for example, national and European funds). The onus is on the researcher to determine if and when this is the case (if in doubt, submit to the Faculty Board). Various indices can be used for this purpose, for example Freedom in the World (https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Freedom_in_the_World) or the Democracy Index <https://www.eiu.com/n/campaigns/democracy-index-2022/>.

Steps to be taken:

- 1) The Head of Department submits the proposal to the Faculty Board.
- 2) The Faculty Board discusses the proposal, advised by the Faculty Office. The Faculty Board then decides whether or not to proceed to the next stage.
- 3) The Dean requests advice from
 - a. the Security Affairs department (knowledge security and risk analysis) and the Legal Affairs department (contract/agreement) of Administration and Central Services.
 - b. various committees: the research committee, the ethics committee and the diversity committee.
- 4) If necessary, the submitters amend the proposal based on the recommendations received.
- 5) The Faculty Board takes a proposed decision.
- 6) Advice is sought from the Faculty Council (see Article 39.1c of the Faculty Regulations - "structural cooperation with partners within or outside the Faculty").
- 7) The Faculty Board takes a definitive decision.