This project is meant to enliven collaborative research and teaching on a high-priority social science theme, by inviting an accomplished "practitioner" to UC Santa Barbara for a two- to four-week intensive residency.

The invited practitioner will: a) deliver one major public lecture; b) work in collaboration with at least one Division faculty member, through active participation in his or her classes; and c) facilitate a "studio" or "workshop" open to the UCSB academic community in a topic relevant to the theme.

Until this project is permanently supported by an endowment, monies from the Social Sciences Dean’s fund will allow for one such visitor per year. A call for proposals will circulate to all Social Sciences faculty each spring quarter, and the practitioner will be selected by an ad hoc faculty and staff committee. The criteria for “practitioner” are broad and flexible. The person must be actively engaged in “hands-on” work in the thematic area; academic expertise is welcome but not required.