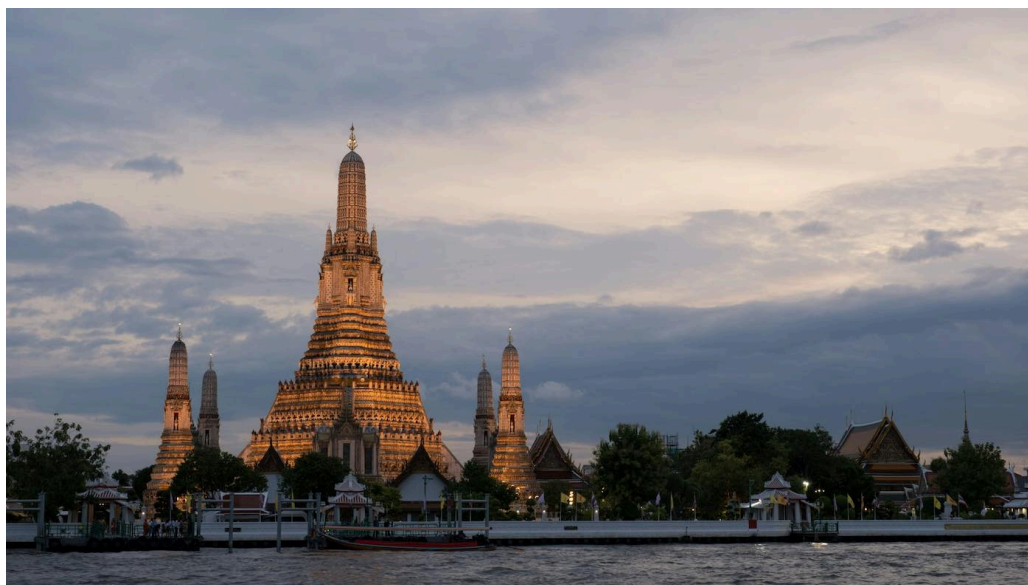


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World Cities Culture Forum and the British Council are seeking a researcher, either an individual or a team, to produce a report on cultural policy in five Southeast Asian cities: **Jakarta, Bangkok, Hanoi, Kuala Lumpur, and Metro Manila.**

The project aims to deepen understanding of the **cultural policy landscape in the region**, highlight **leadership and best practice** in culture-led approaches to sustainable urban development, and strengthen long-term collaboration between Southeast Asian cities and the wider World Cities Culture Forum network. The final report will include **trends analysis, city profiles, case studies, expert interviews, and visual storytelling**. It will be launched in 2026 at British Council events marking the UK's Dialogue Partnership with ASEAN and at the World Cities Culture Summit.

The opportunity supports high-quality research that is **policy focused and accessible**, encouraging applications from those with proven expertise in urban and/or cultural policy and professional experience in Southeast Asia. Applicants should demonstrate strong research and communication skills in English, with regional language ability desirable.

The research is scheduled to **begin in December 2025**.

This call is open to **individuals or teams** with relevant expertise; applicants must be able to cover all five cities.

The commission offers a fee of 12,000 GBP, inclusive of all fees, taxes, and expenses. A report designer will be provided by the organisers, and the researcher will be expected to collaborate to ensure the publication is consistent and accurate.

Position description

Deadline: 24 October 2025

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