



CNRS Humanities & Social Sciences

Humans in society: describing, analyzing, understanding

Throughout their history, human beings have created speeches, languages and signs. They have devised forms of expression and representation, sustained and transmitted cultures, and built up knowledge and theories. They have participated in complex political, social, legal and economic organisations. They have lived on the Earth, explored it, and transformed it, often triggering conflict, with major consequences for other species and the resources of the planet. It is this entire set of elements that the research activities of CNRS Humanities & Social Sciences laboratories, networks and programs aim to grasp.

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MISSIONS

CNRS Humanities & Social Sciences implements the CNRS scientific policy in its research fields. Within national research programs and in its laboratories, its scientific policy focuses on a set of disciplines, methods, and topics (see below). In partnership with universities and other major research institutions, it promotes multidisciplinary within the humanities and social sciences, as well as interdisciplinarity with other scientific disciplines. It promotes open science at every step of research making. It fosters research networks both at the national and international levels. In addition to networks, it contributes to developing the international dimension of France's humanities and social sciences through various tools and with laboratories abroad (see below).

SCIENTIFIC POLICY

CNRS Humanities & Social Sciences supports the following methodological approaches:

- areal studies, comparative approaches, global studies ;
- conceptualization and formalization, qualitative and quantitative;
- data analysis, experimentation;
- digital humanities;
- shared sciences.

In terms of disciplines, it supports archeology, anthropology and classical studies.

Finally, it supports research on education, health, digital transitions and artificial intelligence for the humanities and social sciences, and the planet's habitability.

RESOURCES/INSTRUMENTS

Sharing scientific and technological information is one of the Institute's main concerns. CNRS Humanities & Social Sciences is committed to developing a large network of platforms (*Maisons des Sciences de l'Homme, Instituts des systèmes complexes*), Research Infrastructures (IR) and Very-Large-Scale Research Infrastructures (IR*). These resources contribute to driving and fuelling France's contribution to European Initiatives.

CNRS Humanities & Social Sciences supports a range of dissemination tools aimed at increasing the visibility of its research: scientific dissemination with the HAL open archives; training sessions (*écoles thématiques*). Its newsletter promotes the research results for the academic community at large. It has also established an open-access publishing strategy for scientific works through the web portals proposed by the OpenEdition Center. It has created an observatory (RIBAC) that publishes yearly data on CNRS HSS scientific production. CNRS Humanities & Social Sciences facilitates the transfer of knowledge to society, especially through economic or social initiatives as well as cultural partnerships. Since 2013, it has organised a biennial HSS Exhibition (*Innovatives SHS*) aimed at cultural, political and industrial stakeholders.

INTERNATIONAL PRESENCE

CNRS Humanities & Social Sciences contributes to the internationalization of its research fields through four actions:

- managing international research laboratories (IRL) and a network of research laboratories abroad, in partnership with the Ministry of Europe and Foreign Affairs. These laboratories offer opportunities for mobility for researchers, teacher-researchers and doctoral through temporary assignments, delegations or long-term or long-term assignments;
- support for international networks;
- support in the search for European project funding;
- support for the international mobility of researchers.

KEY FIGURES



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