



Hub "Cultures, societies and practices in transformation"

Call for projects 2021

CHAIR OF EXCELLENCE

In order to strengthen the international collaborations of Lille research units in the humanities and social sciences and promote projects with researchers with a strong international profile, I-SITE ULNE is launching a second call for « Chair of Excellence » projects.

This call aims to welcome researchers with demonstrated excellence in research and a strong international reputation.

This is an opportunity to strengthen links with privileged I-SITE partners and the European network InclusU (see list in the annex).

It is intended to strengthen collaborations between researchers from different disciplines and their respective laboratories on the Lille site.

The invited researcher will be hosted by a Lille SHS research unit. He or she will be involved with a team working on a scientific project that responds to one of the three challenges of the Hub Cultures, societies and practices in transformation:

CHALLENGE 1: institutions and organisations in transformation

The evolution of human institutions and organizations testifies to the constitutive historicity of societies, cultures and practices. This historicity is the result of dynamics of transformation specific to the social world, dynamics that can be analyzed by complementary disciplinary approaches concerning their origin, diffusion and functioning, the nature, place and interactions of the actors mobilized in them, as well as their impacts on all dimensions of individual and collective life.

This leads to the exploration of the following issues, though the list is not exhaustive. What are the explanatory factors ("natural", geographical, demographic, technical, economic, political, ideological, legal, cultural, psychological, etc.) of these dynamics of transformation? How do they interact? Do these dynamics also involve a creative dimension that can be reflected in organisational modes marked by innovation as well as in original cultural productions? How can we account for the representations and behaviors of the actors involved - individuals or more or less structured groups - as well as for the relations of cooperation or conflict that they maintain and that can involve them both as voluntary agents and involuntary heirs of the transformations in which they take part? Does the current imperative of social-ecological transition, which now conditions the problems of change, require us to re-examine the place of non-human subjects in the understanding of the ins and outs of this dynamic?

CHALLENGE 2- Vulnerabilities and inclusion

As a territory in transition, the Hauts-de-France Region is undergoing profound changes that require an interdisciplinary study of the effects that societal, historical or cultural changes can produce when they expose individuals, populations and territories to new or increased risks, thus producing new

forms of vulnerability. It is also a question of showing how these new forms of vulnerability may interact with the trajectories of individuals or human collectives to impact their well-being, reinforce inequalities or generate exclusion (sometimes from a very young age).

Exposure to risks is not, however, in itself inevitable. Individuals or groups, however vulnerable they may be, are not passive in the face of change. What are their capacities to react and cope with new living conditions? How can they be given the means to take control of their future? What are the personal, social and cultural resources that can be mobilized to resist becoming vulnerable?

What is at stake in the research of this axis of the Hub is understanding and analysing the logics of inequality and the forms of vulnerability linked to current or historical transformations in our societies. This is essential to stimulate and develop inclusive dynamics, which are likely to profoundly modify the relationship of subjects to their environment.

This strand is directly based on the specific regional context specificities and regional initiatives regarding a social and solidarity-based economy, individual and social support, public policy and territorial renewal, considered in their historical, social and cultural dimensions.

CHALLENGE 3: Europe, historical constructions and transition dynamics

Located at the crossroads of northwestern Europe, the Lille metropolitan area is at the heart of cross-border political, economic and socio-cultural dynamics. Its proximity to the major European capitals of Brussels, Paris and London favours research into the dynamics of European construction, both in terms of cooperation and the fault lines that cross it.

Political science, law, economics and sociology can feed such an analysis, which also highlights the displacement - and sometimes the resurgence - of borders within the European area, as Brexit's news items have reminded us in recent years.

Beyond a political approach to contemporary Europe, this line of research also aims to analyse its heritage in a reflexive way, in light of the historical sciences, literature, art and philosophy. The contribution of the humanities thus sheds long-term light on the current dynamics of integration of European territories and offers an original point of view on the transitions they are experiencing.

These dynamics of transition are an opportunity to reflect on the articulation of different levels of actors, from the local to the international. Northwestern Europe, through its internal dynamics and its past and present contacts with the outside world, presents itself as a laboratory of changes in the globalised world.

The project must be co-constructed by a researcher from a foreign institution in collaboration with a researcher from a host laboratory in Lille in the humanities, social sciences, law, economy or management.

The invited researcher must be involved in a research project co-designed with the Lille-based members of the project. The application must show the project's capacity to structure and disseminate research beyond the host laboratory. The invited researcher must participate in actions to promote and disseminate his/her expertise among the scientific community in Lille and the students of the site (conferences, seminars, courses, etc.), as well as in scientific mediation measures.



The terms and periods of stay are to be specified and adapted according to the sanitary conditions. A long stay is not required. The project may involve short stays, distance actions and interactions, provided that the forms chosen and described in the application allow for and require regular and effective collaboration.

A detailed calendar of research activities, seminars and conferences is expected.

The Chair project may solicit a maximum budget of 120,000 euros, including management costs (see "Eligible expenditures").

Additional funding for a doctoral contract may also be requested, in order to explore an original dimension in relation to the research project developed within the framework of the chair.

Eligibility rules

The allocation can be used to fund, in particular, post-doctoral contracts, research and/or engineer contracts, technician or assistant engineer contracts, temporary work, travel expenses, services, purchases of small equipment, and publishing costs.

This funding does not include the salary of the host researcher, which remains the responsibility of his or her home institution. Payment on an hourly basis may be granted for conferences, seminars and/or courses.

The funding requested must include an 8% management fee, of which 3% is returned to the I-SITE ULNE Foundation and remaining 5% to the host institution.

The maximum budget requested, including management fees, must be less than or equal to 120,000 euros. The sum of the actual expenditure planned for the project must therefore not exceed €111 111,11.

Example: an applicant estimates its provisional budget at €100,000 of actual expenditures. To this sum must be added $0.08 \times 100,000$, i.e. €8,000.00 in management costs. The total estimated budget (including management fees) is therefore €108,000. The application is considered valid.

Period of eligibility of expenditure :

Start of funding: 15 June 2021

End of funding (excluding PhD):

- 31/12/2021: end of eligibility of non-staff expenses (missions, small equipment, publication costs...)
- 31/12/2022: end of IR/IE/ASI and TECH staff costs and hourly work. Employment contracts in this category must be signed before 31 December 2021.
- 30/06/2023: end of post-doctoral contracts. Employment contracts in this category must be signed before 30 June 2022.

Submission of proposals

Proposals can be submitted in English or French, using the dedicated form.



They must be sent to the generic address cspm-chaire@isite-ulne.fr no later than Thursday 15 April 2021 at 12.00pm CET.

The selection of projects will be made by the CSPM Hub office, on the basis of a review by an external expert and by a member of the Hub.

The selected researcher agrees to participate in events organised by the CSPM Hub to present the projects and the results obtained.

An activity report will also be requested at the end of the funding period.

Contacts :

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