

The *Centre d'histoire sociale du XX<sup>e</sup> siècle* (CHS) was founded in 1966-1967 by Jean Maitron, with support from Ernest Labrousse. Initially called the *Centre d'histoire du syndicalisme* (Centre for Labour History), the Centre was unique in involving the main French labour unions, even including them in its Board of Directors. This choice illustrated a way of researching history that was open to scientific cooperation and debate with actors from the labour movement, and was distinct from activist history, but enriched by these exchanges. While these arrangements have changed, our conception of history remains unchanged. Thus, the Centre continues to work not only with labour unions, but also with many organisations and institutions covering the vast field of social, cultural or urban public policies.

The Centre has evolved substantially over time. Its permanent staff has gradually grown in size, and it welcomes associate and guest researchers, as well as PhD students, attesting to the Centre's appeal as a research laboratory.

The Centre's five-year programme (2014-2018) reflects the diversification of the issues we deal with. Our three main research units all belong in the field of social history, addressing: politics in contemporary societies, representations, and the territories of the contemporary city. These research perspectives are similar in that they all focus on today's political and social issues, working to trace these topics back to their origins and to grasp the roles and viewpoints of various kinds of actors, citizens and groups.

The Centre is also an important location for archives and documentation that contribute to its transversal research approach and its reputation. By creating image databases and implementing an active cooperation policy, both nationally and internationally, the Centre has become a leading research laboratory in the digital revolution in the social and human sciences (SHS).

Several projects and programmes are attached to CHS:

- *Matrice*, an Equipment of Excellence focusing on trans-Atlantic, transdisciplinary studies and the interconnections between individual memory and social memory
- The DYNAMITE Labex (Laboratory of Excellence), dealing with territorial and spatial dynamics around four focus areas: environment, the city, development and exchanges
- Maitron – *Dictionnaire biographique, mouvement ouvrier, mouvement social*, a biographical dictionary of the labour movement
- Several other projects backed by the French State, the Île-de-France region, the City of Paris, or Caisse de Dépôts (CDC).

#### jean-maitron library

hours  
monday 10am-7pm  
tuesday, thursday and friday 2pm-5pm

<http://histoire-sociale.univ-paris1.fr/Document/Docu.htm>



The Jean-Maitron Library's collection is specialised in the social history of the 20th and 21st centuries (work, social movements, labour unions, immigration, gender, teaching, urban and cultural history). This collection has been built up alongside the research and teaching activities of CHS. It continues to be enriched based on the research units defined in the five-year plan for 2014-2018, notably thanks to numerous donations from organisations and individuals.

The collection includes 16,000 monographs, including a collection of 2,850 student research dissertations defended in French universities since 1947 (including theses and dissertations from DES, DEA, maîtrise and Masters' programmes). It also holds nearly 2,000 periodicals and brochures, plus proceedings from political and union conventions, as well as archives from militants, political organisations and labour unions.

References for these documents are available via the University of Paris I catalogue (<http://sushi-new.univ-paris1.fr/>) and Sudoc (<http://www.sudoc.abes.fr/>) for monographs and periodicals. For other documents, please consult the CHS website (<http://histoire-sociale.univ-paris1.fr/>). The full text of some master's and *maîtrise* dissertations can be consulted via the DUMAS database (<http://dumas.ccsd.cnrs.fr/>) and several inventories of archives are available in the CALAMES database (<http://www.calames.abes.fr/Pub/#details?id=FileId-1254>).

Electronic resources can be consulted via the digital space of the CHS website, including an image library, virtual expos, bibliographies and thematic databases.

Also available via the CHS website:

- a blog dedicated to publications by researchers at the Centre (<http://publications-chs.eklablog.com/>);
- videos written and produced by CHS, in collaboration with Médiapart, and dedicated to current topics viewed from the perspective of historians and researchers from other fields (<http://histoire-sociale.univ-paris1.fr/spip.php?rubrique105>).

To consult archive collections or for any other information related to documentation, please contact the library curator: Rossana Vaccaro (email: [vaccaro@univ-paris1.fr](mailto:vaccaro@univ-paris1.fr)).

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Research Unit 1



social history of politics  
in contemporary society.  
Perspectives

At the crossroads of the social and the political spheres, this division focuses on the ties between contemporary social actors, as well as their interactions with institutions and collective organisations. Applied to the working world, this approach investigates the history of professions and salariat, labour unions and social security. In all these fields, our approach is attentive to gender issues, while contributing to a history of the state, i.e. a history of its agents, procedures and institutions. This history concerns the production and social uses of norms, the drafting of public policies, State contestation, and various exceptional situations such as dictatorships, wars and colonisation. Lastly, this social history of politics requires to pay special attention to the sociology of activists, their relationships and movements, notably between Europe, Africa and the Americas. This research fits in the long history of the State and colonial dominations, also focusing on times of crisis, social mobilisations and wars.

Research Unit director:  
Michel Pigenet

Research Unit 2



representations: politics,  
systems, relationships

Fundamentally rooted in cultural history, this research unit brings together research on the epistemology of cultural history, contemporary social representations and the social history of cultural production. The first of these themes considers questions such as the relationship between memory and history, the building of historical knowledge and intangible forms of heritage. The second theme focuses on the mythologies of the contemporary world, audiovisual narratives, as well as the anthropology of the body and the beginning of political ecology, through ecological thinking and representations. Lastly, the third theme brings together research on the history of professions in the cultural field, leisure time policies, culture and the audiovisual as social realities. This classification of our research themes should not overshadow their strong transversal aspect from a theoretical and practical standpoint. All these research themes incorporate gender issues and Paris as a study field.

Research Unit director:  
Pascal Ory

Research Unit 3



territories of the  
contemporary city.  
The diachronic construction  
of urban and metropolitan  
territories

Focused on cities and urban populations, their administration and government, this unit's research falls within the scope of urban history. Seeking to enlighten the public debate, Research Unit 3 scholars reflect on the social, political and economic stakes of urban transformations, often in a comparative perspective. Urban history is examined at all levels, from the State down to the district, and from various angles, from top-down institutional history viewed through public policies, to bottom-up social history of the practices caused by such policies. This research numerous other fields of research nourished by social sciences: migrations, immigration, housing, administrative knowledge, social actions, history of the social sciences, etc.

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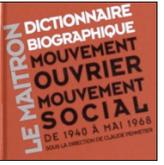


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The Equipment of Excellence (Equipex) programme MATRICE, "Memory Analysis Tools for Research through International Cooperation and Experimentations", is funded as part of the French government's "Investments for the Future" programme and spearheaded by héSam Université, a group of French universities. MATRICE studies the interconnections between individual memory and collective memory in a transdisciplinary approach between researchers and engineers in social sciences and humanities, life sciences and engineering sciences. Twenty-four partner institutions are associated with this programme. Favoured events: the Second World War and September 11, 2001. Objectives: on the one hand, to pick out and study the major national narratives of these important events, and to compare/contrast them with the words of witnesses and their changes, as well as the reactions of the general public. On the other hand, to study the behaviours of memorials visitors, using eye trackers and electronic sensors that enable precise monitoring of eye movements, postures and movements.

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For 50 years now, Maitron has compiled the trajectories of the actors of the labour movement. The publication of the French dictionary's fifth period (1940-1968) continues, and the website maitron-en-ligne, developed with support from the ANR (the French National Research Agency), provides access to all biographies published since the very beginning of the project (140,000 entries). Maitron is enriched through continuous contributions covering the 19th and 20th centuries and unpublished materials (from anarchists, gas and electricity company employees). Projects under way focus on people executed during the Second World War, workers in the publishing sector, and pro-immigration activists. Developments include the Maitron international collection (Algeria, Great Britain and Ireland), supplemented with materials published online (Belgium, the French-speaking labour movement in the US, Sub-Saharan Africa and Madagascar). The digital version increases the audience of universities and research institutions and will provide scholars with new prosopographic tools.