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A multi-site UMR

Mixed Research Unit (UMR) 7318 was established in 2004 through the merger of 4 teams and it operates on 3 university sites:

At Aix-Marseille University (AMU)

• Centre for International and European Studies and Research (Centre d'Etudes et de Recherches Internationales et Communautaires/CERIC)
CERIC was established in 1973 and was an associated research unit (URA 1391) from 1989 to 1996, then an associated research team (ESA 6108) from 1997, and it became a mixed research unit (UMR 6108) in 1999.

• Louis Favoreu Institute/Group for Comparative Studies and Research on Constitutional Justice (Institut Louis Favoreu/Groupe d'Etudes et de Recherches Comparées sur la Justice Constitutionnelle/ILF/GERJC)
GERJC was established in 1977 and became a mixed research unit (UMR 6055) in 1984. In 2004, it was named Institut Louis Favoreu, after his founder's name.

• Humanitarian Law and Crisis Management (Droit Humanitaire et Gestion des Crises/DHUGESCRI)
DHUGESCRI was established in 2000 and, from 2008 to 2011, was labelled as a theme research team on human security.

University of Toulon (Université de Toulon/UTLN)

• Jean-Claude Escarras Centre for Comparative Law and Politics (Centre de Droit et Politique Comparés Jean-Claude Escarras/CDPC Jean-Claude Escarras)
CDPC was established in 1985 and became a mixed research unit (UMR 6055) in 2000.

University of Pau and Adour Territories (Université de Pau et des Pays de l'Adour/UPPA)

• Institute for Iberian and Iberian-American

Studies (Institut d'Etudes Ibériques et Ibérico-Américaines/IE2IA)

IE2IA was founded in 1973 and became a CNRS-associated research unit (URA 1421) in 1990, Higher Education Proper Research Unit (UPRES-A 5058), then mixed research unit (UMR 5058) in 1995.

UMR DICE is also affiliated to two CNRS institutes: the Institute of Human and Social Sciences (Institut des Sciences Humaines et Sociales/INSHS, section 36) and the Ecology and Environment Institute (Institut Ecologie et Environnement/INEE, section 45).

The UMR numbers close to 100 teacher-researchers and researchers, and more than 150 doctoral and post-doctoral students.

Building a collective identity respectful of disciplinary diversity

Identity building

The UMR's scientific identity stems from its capacity to develop a type of research which is widely open to international and European issues and to the demands of pluridisciplinarity, and durably driven by comparative questioning.

The converging axes of our scientific developments

- new normative and institutional configurations,
- fundamental rights,
- environmental rights,
- security, defence, peace-keeping and state reconstruction.

Practical achievements

- UMR Days on subjects collectively determined and with result-specific publication support,
- UMR monthly seminars, video-conferenced over our three sites,
- The UMR doctoral thesis award,

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- common projects (research programmes, conferences and scientific events, publications)
- Two book series: « À la croisée des droits » (Law systems at the crossroads) at Editions Bruylant (Brussels), and our new-born series of digital publications « Confluence des droits » (Confluence of laws) developed by the UMR,
- a biannual newsletter.

A centre of excellence

The UMR members achieve a high rate of publishing production (more than 850 papers in peer-reviewed journals, 515 conference presentations with proceedings, 524 books, book editorships or book chapters, 2,058 publications between 2008 and 2015, according to the latest five-year survey).

More than sixty conferences and seminars have been organised by our teams in the past four years.

The AERES (the former French evaluation agency for research and higher education) commented: «The UMR is a particularly exemplary group; it has been built harmoniously, the scientific and human relationships among its component units are excellent; the UMR enjoys high recognition beyond national borders and ranks among France's excellence research centres; the quality and volume of publications is impressive; the number of doctoral theses in preparation and the supervision of doctoral students are worthy of praise; the drive towards teaching support, notably through the creation of Master's degrees is to be commended; the collaboration between component units both, for document gathering and common research, express a federative and original strategy» (Excerpts from the AERES 2011 report, our translation).

The UMR is part of two excellence laboratories: LabexMed «Les sciences humaines et sociales au cœur de l'interdisciplinarité pour la Méditerranée» (Human sciences at the core of interdisciplinarity for the Mediterranean), and «OT-Med « (Objectif Terre : Bassin Méditerranéen/Objective Earth: Mediterranean Basin).

Documentary holdings unique in France

● **On the Aix-en-Provence site** («Espace Cassin»), the CERIC and l'ILF/GERJC documentary holdings are freely accessible within the René Cassin Library.

CERIC holdings: 8,900 books, 43 periodicals together with the collected publications of the European Union and of the foremost international and European jurisdictions.

ILF/GERJC holdings: 4,500 books and 14 periodicals.

● **On the Toulon site**, the CDPC library boasts France's largest documentary holdings in Italian law (5,000 books-monographs, miscellaneous, collections, conference proceedings, theses, Master's reports, 40 periodicals, 5 full-set legal encyclopedias, the integral collection of the Rassegna Stampa of the Italian Constitutional Court since 1990).

● **On the Pau site**, the library of the IE2IA numbers 8,000 books mostly in foreign languages. The large majority cover Spain but a significant part also covers Portugal (about 500 books), Latin America (also 500), comparative law (300 books) and recent documents on the rights of non-nationals and fundamental rights (about 100 books). The library also subscribes to about thirty periodicals in Spanish.

Offering diversified training programmes and a dynamic doctoral policy

The UMR's training offer is highly diversified with 11 specialties in the Master's 2nd Year and excellence programmes founded on international collaborations.

Our doctoral policy is based on recruiting contract-holding doctoral students and on finding alternative sources of doctoral funding (CNRS, Region, CIFRE, ADEME...). The key points of our rich offer in doctoral training include inserting doctoral students into collective research programmes, providing material support and organising doctorials: at the Summer International University of Mercantour since 2008; at the Ecole Doctorale des Juristes Méditerranéens (EDJM) (Doctoral School for Mediterranean lawyers) since 2009; at the Summer school on the «Practice of the international law of human rights» (Ecole d'été sur la pratique du droit international des droits de l'homme d'Aix-en-Provence - <http://www.aixglobaljustice.org/ecole-d-ete>) and at the Summer University for transitional law (Université d'été sur la « Justice transitionnelle ») since 2015.

The UMR DICE seminars: seminars focused on interdisciplinarity

The 2016 seminars have been organised around:

Isabelle Hachez, Professor at Saint-Louis University, «From pyramid to network, and vice versa? Soft law and human rights» (12 December 2016)

Ferdinand Melin-Soucramanien, Ethics officer, National Assembly, «Virtue in politics, from the example of the French National Assembly» (25 November 2016)

Jean-Christophe Martin, Professor Nice University and, **Thierry Renoux**, Professeur at

Aix-Marseille University (ILF-GERJC)

«What law for fighting against terrorism?» (17 October 2016)

Dominique ROUSSEAU, Professor at University Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne, «Radicalising democracy: proposals for a refoundation» (29 April 2016)

Alberto LUCARELLI, Professor at the University of Naples Federico II «Common goods: A contribution for a legal theory» (22 April 2016)

Thomas HOCHMANN, Professor of public law at the University of Reims Champagne-Ardenne, «The legal theory of racist jokes» (1st April 2016)

Arnaud Van WAEYENBERGE, Assistant Professeur at HEC Paris and member of the Perelman Centre of the Free University in Brussels, « Nouveaux instruments juridiques de l'Union européenne – évolution de la méthode communautaire » (11 March 2016)

Roberto LOUVIN, Professor of comparative public law at the University of Calabria, «The 'Renzi-Boschi' constitutional reform and its impact on the evolution of the regional Italian state» (3 March 2016)

Jacques COMMAILLE, Emeritus Professor at the Ecole Normale Supérieure of Cachan, «What is the function of law?» (10 February 2016)

Fernando Arlettaz, Researcher at the University of Saragossa and Post-doc researcher at CERIC-UMR DICE, FMSH/LabexMed-» Fernand Braudel» Programme, «Religious freedom and international law: recent perspectives at the European Court of Human Rights» (8 January 2016)