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Place of scientific life & Laboratory of ideas



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The Paris IAS is

an association created under the French Law of Associations of 1901, whose president is Dominique Schnapper, director of studies at EHESS. **Saadi Lahlou**, professor of social psychology at the London School of Economics and Political Science, has headed the IAS since September 2018.

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The Paris Institute for Advanced Study (Paris IAS) is a research center in the field of human and social sciences and cognitive sciences. Inspired by the institutes of advanced studies in Europe and North America, based on the original Princeton model, its vocation is to promote the advancement of knowledge and its dissemination.

As a focal point for scientific life, the IAS welcomes international researchers from a variety of disciplines and cultural backgrounds in residence, and facilitates their exchanges and accompanies their interactions with the scientific community in the Ile-de-France region and the non-academic world. Freed from the obligations of university life, these researchers conduct interdisciplinary and innovative scientific projects, individually or in groups, thus enjoying a unique space of freedom and exchange, conducive to the development of new perspectives. Since its birth, the Paris IAS has welcomed more than 250 researchers of 45 nationalities working in 26 disciplines and coming from 155 prestigious international institutions. Several hundred publications have been made possible by these research residencies.

The IAS also organizes and hosts about a hundred scientific events each year (symposia, workshops, seminars...), mostly open to the public, organized by its residents and university partners, thus promoting moments of interdisciplinary exchange.

As a laboratory of ideas, the Paris IAS encourages work on transdisciplinary and intersectoral forms of knowledge production in order to foster the impact of human and social science research on society. Its META program thus aims to provide scientific knowledge relevant to socio-economic actors (politics, industry, NGOs or the general public). It also aims to design and experiment with innovative methods and formats for constructing research projects and disseminating its results. The "Territorial Resilience and Innovation" projects, the support of the City of Paris in hosting CIFRE doctoral students within its departments, or the very recent creation of the global infrastructure WPRN.org on the societal impacts of Covid-19, are concrete examples of actions carried out in favour of decompartmentalizing research.

The Paris IAS was created in 2008 by the Fondation Maison des Sciences de l'Homme (FMSH), the École des Hautes Études en Sciences Sociales (EHESS) and the École normale supérieure (ENS). In 2011, it became an independent and autonomous institution, supported by the City of Paris, the main universities and research institutions in the Paris region, as well as the FMSH and the Île-de-France Regional Council. It also receives funding from the Ministry of Research, Higher Education and Innovation, granted as part of the "Investments for the Future" program through the RFIEA (French Network of Institutes for Advanced Studies) Laboratory of Excellence, as well as from the European Union.