GENERAL PRESENTATION

Formed in January 2011, the CENTRE ÉMILE DURKHHEIM groups together political scientists and sociologists. Its parent institutions are the CNRS (French National Centre for Scientific Research), Sciences Po Bordeaux and Bordeaux University. Over and above the interdisciplinary character of the research laboratory, its defining feature lies in using the comparative method at each level of analysis, from the logic of action of individuals to the content of public policies, and this within national, European and international contexts.

MAJOR POLES of RESEARCH

- INEQUALITIES
  Question of how individuals experience inequalities with comparative sociologies of public action

- IDENTIFICATIONS
  Collective identities and processes of identification through mobilizing varied sites of fieldwork and ethnographic or socio-historical research methods

- MARKETS
  Through combining tools from political and sociological economy, fundamental reflection over the relationship between the practices of firms, their markets and sectors

- INSTITUTIONS
  Public organizations from the angle of their institutionalization, highlighting the role played by their actors, rules and actions

- INTERNATIONAL
  - Interaction between security, borders and conflict
  - The synergies between regionalisms and regionalization
  - Transformations of world governance
■ PUBLICATIONS and COMMUNICATION

- A constant increase in the number of publications in a variety of forms.
  In 2012, the CENTRE ÉMILE DURKHEIM’s 45 faculty staff produced:
  - 45 articles in peer reviewed journals (18 of which were in English)
  - 20 books (of which 6 were single or joint authored)
  - 70 book chapters
  - numerous other publications in specialized or ‘trade’ journals.

- Wide participation in national and international conferences, with more
  than 400 papers in 2012.

■ TEACHING and TRAINING

Members of the research laboratory participate in 2 research Masters:
- “International Politics”, takes place solely within Science Po Bordeaux
- “Social problems and public action”, run jointly by Science Po Bordeaux and
  Bordeaux Segalen University, has ‘Societies, Power and Representations’ as
  its research theme.

At any one time, the Centre has 80 doctoral students who are also members
of the transdisciplinary doctoral school “Societies, Politics and Public health”.
Doctoral students are expected to be intensely involved in the Centre’s research
poles. Moreover, they are eligible for funding that enables them to participate
actively in national and international scientific events. Around 10 Phds are
completed each year.

■ KEY FEATURES

- The laboratory is mostly funded by research contracts awarded by various
  sources: the European Union, Agence Nationale de la Recherche, the Aquitaine
  Regional Council, etc.
- Intense involvement in national and international networks
- Longstanding partnerships, notably with the Céreq over professional trainings
  and with the University of Stuttgart
- Development of methodological innovation, in particular databases (e.g. for
  political agendas)
- Training in quantitative analysis and collective reflection over qualitative
  methods – ARCHIPOLIS’ network
- Collaboration with the biomedical sciences through a local cluster called
  Bordeaux-Santé-Société financed by an IDEX - Initiative d’excellence launched by
  the University of Bordeaux, using a national award for the high quality of research in
  the city.