

Centre de Recherches en Histoire Internationale et Atlantique (CRHIA)

Considered as a national and international reference on Atlantic history and the history of cultural exchanges and international relations, the CRHIA Research center conducts research at the crossroads between the maritime area and the continental French, European and global spaces. Its core subject is «Seas and coastlines».

The members of the CRHIA of La Rochelle Université study more particularly the exchanges and circulations of men and ideas between Europe, Asia and the «new worlds» (the Americas, Oceania), but also international relations, identities, from the modern era to today.

Disciplines—History . Civilizations . Anthropology
Languages . Literature



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Permanent research staff — **22**

Phd student — **23**

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— **1 team in La Rochelle Université**

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— Societal challenges

Coastal identity

Analysis of how a set of economic, social or cultural exchanges contribute to identity building of Atlantic littoral communities.

Atlantic worlds

Atlantic Worlds are, since the 15th century, at the heart of a

set of social and economic innovations that have deeply disrupted the cultural and ecologic balance in coastal communities. Examining societies that border this vast ocean, the research focus on traditional state and governmental actions but also on representations (image and literatures) of these different actors. The theme of experience and cultural models' circulation (in particular city building and their seaside aspect) is a central one.

Transversality

Study of the relations between France, Europe and the rest of the world are approached through the crossed views of historians and researchers in

literature and researchers in the civilization of the Americas. The cross-cutting themes (colonization, migration, racialization, sea / coastline relations, etc.) encourage a connected approach of said subjects.

Heritage

Analysis of the architectural and urban specificities of the Atlantic cities by comparing their evolution in time and space, with a particular emphasis on coastal and harbor cities.

Tourism

Study of tourism development as the main vector of important demographic and economic changes, in coastal and maritime areas.



– Research Network

The Center is part of the Laboratory of Excellence (LabEx) « Écrire une histoire nouvelle de l'Europe » (EHNE: writing a new history of Europe). To undertake this research project, CRHIA established scientific cooperation with Casa Velasquez in Madrid. Some other international research programs permit many agreements and structuring networks (with Argentina, Brazil, Mexico, Portugal...)

The Asia-Pacific University Institute (IUAP) initiate and support cooperation actions with partners of Asia-Pacific area through bilateral or multilateral conventions.



– Expertise Achievements

The CRHIA undertook the TERRIAT project, «Societies, mobilities, displacements: the territories of the waiting in the American worlds». Funded by the ANR, it examines the social games and spatial arrangements born from break times of groups on the move.

It also undertakes regional projects - for example «NAOM», the Senegalese university of Sine Saloum, a decentralized cooperation on Eco touristic development (Vietnam) - international projects Capes-Cofecub «BALNEOMAR» (France-Brazil), Campus France «INNOVART» (France-Argentina), coordinate international project «Cidades» (Casa Velasquez), ECOS-SUD project (South America). A new project ANR-FAPESP (Brazil) is currently being written about the become of common goods in Brazilian cities (CITYCOM).



Training

MASTER HISTORY

- ▶ course E-Tourism and cultural engineering of heritage
- ▶ course Projects or cultural institutions management

– Partnerships Collaborations



The international orientation of CRHIA's work involves many partnerships.

The Center collaborates with more than 40 universities and international research laboratories located in Europe (including the Spanish University of Las Palmas) and the rest of the world (including the University of Ottawa in Canada and Rio de Janeiro in Brazil).

In France, the Center is associated with about fifteen laboratories and research centers (five of which depend on the Paris I and/or Paris IV universities).

It is also a partner of the «Musée de la Corderie Royale de Rochefort» and is part of two groups of scientific interest (GIS Institute of the Americas and GIS Maritime History).



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