



Géographie-cités
UMR 8504

Géographie-Cités, an interdisciplinary laboratory at the crossroads of human geography and urban studies

Located on the Condorcet Campus in Aubervilliers, a site dedicated to research and research training in the humanities and social sciences, Géographie-cités brings together eighty professors, researchers, engineers, and technicians, along with as many doctoral students. Together they conduct research that combines theoretical and epistemological reflection, quantitative and qualitative methods, empirical work, and comparative approaches. Géographie-cités shares data sets, source codes and materials produced by its researchers. The laboratory is involved in numerous scientific programs and partnerships, both in France and internationally.

The Géographie-Cités laboratory is a joint research unit (UMR) that was formed by the merger of several research centers including the Center for Theoretical and Quantitative Geography and the CRIA (both created at the University of Paris I in 1980) and the Center for Geohistory (created in 1969). It has four co-supervisors: the CNRS, the University of Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne, the Université Paris Cité, and the École des Hautes Études en Sciences Sociales. Géographie-cités is also present on the Olympe de Gouge site of the Université Paris Cité and at the Institut de Géographie in Paris.

Géographie-cités is composed of three teams – [CRIA](#), [EHGO](#) and [PARIS](#) – which develop both their own research and common themes. This research articulates reflexivity, human geography, urban studies, and urban planning.

The PARIS team places spatial and social interactions at the heart of its analyses as driving forces at different scales and temporalities. The fields of study are distributed across time and space scales and on all continents. Actor practices and representations are also mobilized, as well as new data from digital platforms. The research relies on a diverse set of methods ranging from interviews to spatial modeling.

The EHGO team conducts research in epistemology, history of geography and geohistory. By not limiting itself to academic knowledge, it makes the analysis of the production of geographical knowledge in the long term one of the keys to its work. The team is also interested in spatial processes at various scales of time and space.

The CRIA team focuses on transformations in urban production, management, and materiality in a context of the renewal of urban planning and development actors, political and economic mutations and environmental changes. Work is conducted in a variety of cultural areas: Europe, North America, and Northeast Asia.

Exchanges between the three teams are structured around four transversal themes:

- Mobilities and territories: towards a relational approach to space;
- Stability and fluidity of geographical objects;
- Making the city: processes, actors, practices;
- Data and protocols in digital humanities.