EHESS: The Organizer of the Congress

Paris has been selected by the IEHA for organizing the 2021 WEHC. The bid was submitted by the EHESS and it had received the full support of the Association française d’histoire économique (AFHE). EHESS has embraced the heritage of promoting the ongoing and constructive dialog between economists, economic historians, and social sciences, in the wake of the Annales and Fernand Braudel. EHESS has fostered, along with AFHE, collaborations to stimulate the research in economic history conducted by universities, whether in Paris or across France, by high-profile higher education institutions, such as École Normale Supérieure, Paris-Saclay, Sciences Po Paris and Mines Paris-Tech, as well as by co-sponsoring institutions based on scientific cooperation, such as Paris School of Economics-PSE and Toulouse School of Economics-TSE. Thus, with the 2021 WEHC, the EHESS aims at highlighting the research in both economic history and social sciences as they are being carried out in France.

Campus Condorcet

The attractiveness of the Congress will be enhanced by EHESS active involvement into the Campus Condorcet (2019). It is meant to become an outstanding site where humanities and social sciences will flourish and which will strengthen EHESS position in the academic world along with that of its 10 co-founding institutions, namely INED, CNRS, and other universities, thanks also to the proximity to Maison des Sciences de l’Homme Paris Nord. The 2021 WEHC is to be a major event that will be the occasion to shed light on this newly-founded City of Humanities and Social Sciences meant to grow as a prominent place where research will be conducted, both in France and on a global scale. Campus Condorcet is located near one of the Paris airports (Roissy) and benefits from dense regional public transport links, it will include a major documentary resources center, a conference venue, halls of residence for students and visiting researchers, among many other facilities. The environment of the Campus Condorcet is highly attractive (National Archives, City of Sciences and Industry, Air and Space Museum, City of Cinema). The City of Sciences and Industry (Universcience) will host a major exhibition on “Industrial Revolutions” (Spring–Summer 2021) in which the EHESS is the leading scientific partner.

Patronage

For both corporate and institutional partners, the WEHC will represent an opportunity for making of the event a high-profile and sensible occasion in managing their communications. The congress will take place on a campus dedicated to the social sciences, which is also one of the leading developing hubs of activity in Ile-de-France.

During the congress, partners will be offered the following:
- Patronage via gala dinners, dedicated rooms, the cultural program;
- Corporate social responsibility actions (scholarships for students and young researchers, CIFRE Forum);
- One-week in-house training workshops;
- Meetings with local authorities and economic actors.

They Support

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Academic institutions
- Bernard Maris fellowship
- CNRS-InSHS
- École normale supérieure
- École normale supérieure Paris-Saclay
- École pratique des hautes études
- Fondation Maison des sciences de l’Homme
- GIS Amériques (Institut des Amériques)
- GIS Asie
- GIS Histoire et Science de la Mer
- GIS Moyen Orient et Mondes musulmans
- INALCO
- INED
- Institute of advanced studies (Paris)
- IRD (Institut de Recherche pour le Développement)
- Laboratory ICT (Paris)
- Maison des sciences de l’homme Paris Nord
- Mines ParisTech
- Paris School of Economics
- Sciences Po Paris
- UMR CRH (EHESS, Paris)
- UMR LEDA-DIAL (IRD-Dauphine, Paris)
- UMR IDHES (Paris)
- UMR FRAMESPA (Toulouse)
- UMR IRHS (Lille)
- UMR LARHDA (Lyon)
- UMR TELEMM (Aix-Marseille)
- University Paris 1 Panthéon Sorbonne
- University Paris 8 Saint-Denis
- University Paris 13 Villetaneuse
- University Paris Diderot
- University Paris Est Créteil
- University Paris Lumières
- University Paris Nanterre
- University Paris Sciences Lettres
- Sorbonne Université

Non-academic institutions
- Archives nationales
- Association française d’économie politique
- Association française de science économique
- Bibliothèque nationale de France
- Comité des travaux historiques et scientifiques
- Commission nationale pour l’UNESCO
- Communauté d’agglomération Plaine Commune
- CNRS-Institut de l’Aluminium
- Comité scientifique de l’image
- Mairie d’Aubervilliers
- Mairie de Paris
- Ministère de l’Europe et des Affaires étrangères
- Ministère de l’Education nationale
- Ministère de l’Enseignement supérieur, de la Recherche et de l’Innovation
- Ministère de l’Économie/CPDE
- Ricœur Ile-de-France
- Universcience

Companies
- Banque de France
- BNP Paribas
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- VINCI
- Saint-Gobain

xIXe congrès mondial d’histoire économique

xIXth World Economic History Congress
The World Economic History Congress

The International Economic History Association (IEHA) federates 45 economic history associations scattered across 38 countries (23 in Europe and 15 outside Europe). The Association française d’histoire économique is the French affiliate, and it is chaired by Pr. Guillaume Daudin. The IEHA main mission is to organize world congresses, to be held every other three years, whose objective is to assemble the researchers and scholars in economic history (1,500 participants in Kyoto). So far, 17 congresses have taken place. They have always constituted a world forum for economic historians and a prominent place for economists and historians to engage in a constructive dialog.

Since it was founded in 1960—notably by Fernand Braudel, who chaired it for many years—the IEHA has forged tight links with EHESS (Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales). Yet none of the WEHC has ever been held in Paris or at EHESS. It took place in France only once in the past: in Aix-en-Provence in 1962. The 2012 Congress took place in Stellenbosch (South Africa), that of 2015 was held in Kyoto (Japan), and the forthcoming event in 2018 will be organized in Boston (at MIT).

The Place Where Economic History Is Renewed

The WEHCs are international and interdisciplinary events placing close collaboration of economics and history at the core. These congresses appeal to managers, sociologists, geographers, ethno-anthropologists, psychologists, philosophers, but also to historians of science and technology, as well as natural and life scientists. All researchers across the world are more than welcome to participate.

Organizing the Congress in France will mean, for economic history, returning to its roots: indeed, the discipline has grown out of the dialog around historical investigations into economy and societies established by European historiographies (especially those of France, Germany, the UK, Italy and Spain) on the one hand, and those which have developed outside Europe, in the United States, in Asia, and in Latin America on the other hand.

The themes of the latest congresses testify to their inscription into today debates and the longue durée: “The Roots of Development” (Stellenbosch, 2012), “Diversity in Development” (Kyoto, 2015), and “Waves of Globalization” (Boston, 2018). Confronted to the challenges our planet as a whole faces today, economic historians and economists consider it indeed necessary to rehabilitate history and the longue durée.

The theme of the 2021 congress in Paris: the ‘Resources’

We will discuss the many ‘Resources’ which are and used to be a stake in economies, societies, cultures and environments. We will consider natural and modified, renewable and non renewable, material, immaterial and energetic resources, as well as their discoveries, exhaustion, recycling, constraints and limits. We include the role of labor involved in their exploitation, the institutional and financial dynamics and the involvement of scientific, technical and digital knowledge. A common reflexion on the political economy of resources is required to tackle the challenges of our modern world.

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