Paris 2021’s Candidacy

EHess: The Promoter of the Candidacy

EHess has decided to apply for organizing the 2021 WEHC in Paris and has received the unanimous and full support of the Association française d’histoire économique et de social sciences, in the wake of the Annals of Economy and History and the Société d’histoire économique de France. 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. 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, Sciences Po Paris and Mines ParisTech, 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, EHESS’s candidacy aims at highlighting the research in both economic history and social sciences as they are being carried out in France.

Campus Condorcet

The appeal of the Congress will be enhanced by EHESS’s active involvement into the Campus Condorcet project (2019). It is meant to become an outstanding site where humanities and social sciences will flourish, which will strengthen EHESS’s 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 will be located near one of the Paris airports (Roissy) and will have dense regional public transport links, it will also be equipped with a major documentary resources center, a conference venue, halls of residence for students and visiting researchers, among many other facilities.

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 Île-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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- Archives nationales
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- Commission nationale française pour l’UNESCO
- Communaute d’agglomérations Plaine Commune
- Mairie d’Aubervilliers
- Mairie de Paris
- Ministère de l’Europe et des Affaires étrangères
- Ministère de l’Éducation nationale
- Ministère de l’Enseignement supérieur, de la Recherche et de l’Innovation
- Ministère de l’Économie
- Région Île-de-France

Academic institutions

- Association française d’économie politique
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- École d’économie de Paris
- École d’économie de Paris – Thomas Piketty
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- Ecole normale supérieure Paris-Saclay
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- Fondation Maison des sciences de l’Homme
- GIS Amériques (Institut des Amériques)
- GIS Asie
- GIS Histoire maritime
- GIS Moyen Orient et Mondes musulmans
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The World Economic History Congress

The International Economic History Association (IEHA), chaired by Pr. Tetsuji Okazaki (University of Tokyo) and whose headquarters are currently located in Utrecht (The Netherlands), 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 Cecilia d’Ercole, Professor at EHESS.

The IEHA’s 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). 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 (École des Hautes Études en Sciences Sociales). Yet none of the WEHCs 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, on occasion of the very first world event. 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. As a matter of fact, these congresses appeal to managers, sociologists, geographers, ethno-anthropologists, psychologists, philosophers, but also to science and technique historians, 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’s 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.