During the 2012-2013 academic year, the France-Stanford Center for Interdisciplinary Studies pursued several avenues in the realm of humanities, science, and technology. What follows is a detailed outline of the activities supported by the Center over the course of this academic year.

1. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING, APRIL 19, 2013

The Center’s annual executive committee meeting took place on Friday April 19, 2013 at Stanford. Present at the meeting were: Amallia Kessler (Stanford University), Gérard Bonneaud (CNRS/Laboratoire de Physique Nucléaire et des Hautes Energies, Paris), Arthur Bienenstock (Stanford University), Denis Bisson (French Consulate), Bernadette Bensaude-Vincent (Université Nanterre), Thomas Deschamps (French Consulate), Mark Granovetter (Stanford University), RobertGray (Stanford University), Chloé Mugler (Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Paris), Jessica Riskin (Stanford University), Chiara Sabatti (Stanford University), Annick Suzor-Weiner (French Embassy, Washington D.C.), Isabelle Collignon (Stanford University).

2. CONFERENCES

• The conservation of historic cities and sustainable development. Lynn Meskell/Sophia Labadi/Cécile Doustaly (Department of Anthropology/Research Center ‘Civilisations & Identités Culturelles Comparées, Cergy Pontoise).
• Philosophy in the making: early receptions of and reactions to pre-socratic thought, up to Plato. Chris Bobonich/André Lachs (Philosophy Department, Stanford/Université Paris-Sorbonne, Paris).
• French Republicanism and the Atlantic tradition (1680-1830). Keith Baker/Dan Edelstein (Department of History/Department of French and Italian, Stanford University).
• Theories of Evolution and Their Applications. Jessica Riskin/Paul-André Rosental (Department of History, Stanford/Sciences Po, Paris).

3. 2012-2013 FRANCE-STANFORD COLLABORATIVE PROJECTS GRANT RECIPIENTS

In Spring 2012, the France-Stanford Center sent its seventh call for proposals for collaborative work in interdisciplinary issues. Among thirty-eight proposals received, thirteen were selected. Priority is given to projects with the potential to develop new collaborations involving younger researchers, and to those leading to collaborative work on interdisciplinary issues. The proposals were reviewed and selected during the Center’s Executive Committee Meeting on May 4, 2012.

• Evaluating climate adaptation options for agriculture in West Africa. David Lobell/Benjamin Sultan (Department of Environmental Earth System Science, Stanford University/Université Pierre & Marie Curie, Paris).
• Growth, remodeling and aging of human skin: mechno-biological theory and biomedical applications. Ellen Kuhl/Pasquale Ciarietta (Department of Mechanical Engineering/Bioengineering, CNRS, Paris).
• Beckett on Aging. Rush Rehm/Joëlle Chambon (Department of Drama/Classics, Stanford University/Université Paul Valéry, Montpellier).
• Integrating drug safety surveillance between US and EU. Paea LePendu/Olivier Curé (Stanford Center for Biomedical Informatics Research, Stanford University/Université Paris Est, Marne La Vallée).
• Circadian cycles in cancer treatments. David Spiegel/Francis Lévi (Department of Psychiatry, Stanford University/Université Paris XI, Paris).
• Synergy of targeted and immune therapies combination: proof of concept. Ronald Levy/Christophe Caux (Department of Oncology, Stanford University/INSERM, Lyon).
• From fundamentals to applied medical diagnostics. Drew Endy/Franck Molina (Department of Bioengineering, Stanford University/CNRS, Montpellier).
• New development in myelin imaging with application to multiple sclerosis. Brian Rutt/Thomas Toudias (Department of Radiology, Stanford University/Hopital Pellegrin, Bordeaux).
• Calibration for a next-generation gamma-ray camera. 
  Stefan Funk/Sonia Karkar (KIPAC Physics, SLAC, Stanford/CPPM, Aix-Marseille University, Marseille).
• Charged particle identification for the SuperB experiment with the focusing detector of internally reflected Cerenkov light - the ‘FDIRC’. 

4. UNDERGRADUATE FELLOWSHIPS
Applicants for the Undergraduate Fellowship Program must be Stanford undergraduate students – i.e., they must be pursuing a Bachelor of Arts (B.A.), Bachelor of Sciences (B.S.) or a Bachelor of Arts and Sciences (B.A.S.) degree. The FSCIS Undergraduate Fellowships are intended to fund those undergrads interested in undertaking research or pursuing an internship at a French institution (including universities, nongovernmental organizations, and corporations).
• Joshua Wong, Department of Economics, Stanford University.
• Edmondson, Chloé, Department of French and Italian, Stanford University (DLCL).

5. GRADUATE FELLOWSHIPS
Visiting Graduate Student Researcher
Applicants for the Visiting Student Researcher Fellowship must be graduate students – i.e., they must be pursuing either a master’s or doctoral degree. Visiting Student Researcher Fellowships are available to French students interested in pursuing a course of research at Stanford, or to Stanford students interested in undertaking research or pursuing an internship at a French institution.
• Zhang, Yanshuo, Department of Comparative Literature, Stanford University.

6. FRENCH CULTURE WORKSHOP
The French Culture Workshop brings together participants from different disciplines, including French Literature, History, Comparative Literature, and Art History, to examine questions relevant to French culture and society from the modern period (1650 to present), political and intellectual history, imperialism and colonialism, nationalism and national identity, immigration and minorities, gender, and francophonie. The French Culture Workshop is co-sponsored by the Stanford Humanities Center, the Division of Literatures, Cultures and Languages Research Unit, the France-Stanford Center for Interdisciplinary Studies, and the Europe Center at the Freeman Spogli Institute.

7. VISITS
• Europe: A Continent in Decline or a Model for the Future? 
  Lecture by Lionel Jospin, Former Prime Minister of France, April 16, 2013.

8. ORGANIZATION
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